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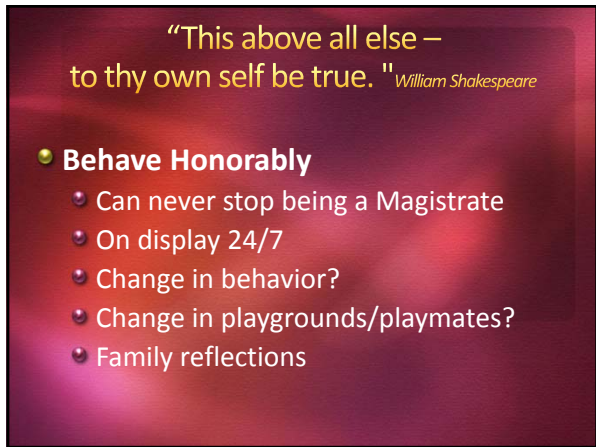
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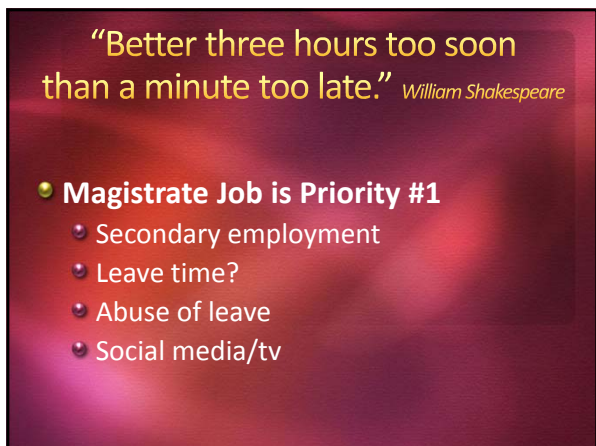
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“How poor are they that have not  
patience? What wound did ever heal  
but by degrees?” *William Shakespeare*

● **Patient, dignified, courteous**

- Having a bad day?
- Once spoken, cannot take it back
- Respect is contagious
- If they get louder – you get softer
- Use “I hear what you are saying”

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“Give thy thoughts no tongue.”  
*William Shakespeare*

● **Avoid *ex parte* communications**

- With parties interested in a proceeding
- Only as allowed by law
  - Scheduling
  - Administrative

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“But if it be a sin to covet honour, I  
am the most offending soul alive.”  
*William Shakespeare*

● **Impartiality = Non-negotiable**

- Appearance
- Questionable rulings
- Reality is that in every case most likely someone is upset

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“ ‘Tis one thing to be tempted,  
another think to fall.” *William Shakespeare*

● **Never allow relationships to influence you**

- Family
- Social
- Personal
- Exit rather than fall

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“Love all, trust a few,  
do wrong to none.” *William Shakespeare*

● **OK to engage in public service**

- Can be civic or charitable
- Can be teaching/writing/speaking
- No fund raising
- No issue of impartiality

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“An overflow of good  
converts to bad.” *William Shakespeare*

● **Do not accept payments/gifts**

- Not you OR your family
- Timing of gift
- Value of gift
- How not to offend

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**“For I can raise no money  
for vile means.”** *William Shakespeare*

- **Direct fundraising**
  - NO! NO! NO!
  - Why?
  - But what about civics or church?

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**“Some are born great, some achieve  
greatness and some have greatness  
thrust upon them.”** *William Shakespeare*

- **Candidates for office**
  - Danger zone
  - Contributions?
  - What is an endorsement?
  - Family members' involvement?

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Magistrate Stumper has been an active member of the Agricultural Union Party for many years and is known for her campaign skills. (She believes she got her appointment as a magistrate by virtue of her active participation in politics.)

One of Magistrate Stumper's closest political allies, Farmer John, is running for the state senate. Stumper wants to contribute money to his campaign. Should she give the money?

What if her husband donates money to the campaign and then decides to put a poster in their front yard? What if Stumper's husband puts a bumper sticker on the family car, which happens to be the car she drives to the office?

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Magistrate Goodbody is on the Board of Deacons of his church. His church undertakes a major fundraising program and all of the Board of Deacons are requested to solicit funds. Does this create any problem for Goodbody?

The local Kiwanis asks Magistrate Goodbody to speak at their meeting on how small claims court works. Does this create any problem for Goodbody?

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Magistrate Loyal's best friend is a policeman in the town where he holds court. The two played on the same high school football team. Before he became a magistrate, Loyal maintained social contacts with the policeman, and after he was appointed a magistrate, the relationship continued. Both regularly entertained each other's families. Loyal and the policeman frequently go on fishing trips together, using the policeman's boat and staying at his lake cabin.

The policeman appears before Loyal at least once a week to seek an arrest or search warrant. Are there ethical problems? What should Magistrate Loyal do?

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One of the local professional bondsmen gives each magistrate and employees of the clerk's office a \$50 gift certificate to the local Belk's. Is that a problem?

What about a box of candy?

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Magistrate Money takes a \$500 cash bond in the office on Friday night. When he works on weekends, he keeps the money he collects in his pocket and turns it in on Monday morning.

On Saturday, Money goes to the grocery store and discovers he doesn't have enough money for the groceries. He takes \$50 from the cash bond money to pay the grocery bill.

On Monday he goes to the bank and gets \$50 and then takes the \$500 to the clerk. Are there any problems for Magistrate Money?

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**"Brevity is the soul of wit."**  
*William Shakespeare*

● **AND THAT'S ALL FOLKS!!!!**

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