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Judicial Decision Making

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Judges play a crucial role in ensuring that our society runs effectively and fairly. They can decide whether or not to punish an accused who is at fault for a collision or who gets custody of a child. But questions remain about how they do this. For instance, do judges merely apply the law? Or do they create new law? Is there any scope for bias to creep in at any point? And does a judge's background matter?

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