This article talks about the variety of leadership roles and approaches that must be used by a Judge inside and outside of the courtroom. There are basically only two contexts in which a Judge can view their leadership approach, 1) while on the bench and 2) when not on the bench (so basically everything else). This article examines the roles a judge plays and how their leadership approaches must be considered carefully when dealing with other people outside of a court setting. The focus of the article is on the approach of servant leadership.

It sums up servant leadership as, “a philosophy and set of practices that," among other things, "enriches the lives of individuals [and] builds better organizations.”[3] In some respects, servant-leadership is counterintuitive to the general stereotype of a leader. Servant leadership is people centered, and relinquishes power to the community of followers. The point of the article focusing on servant leadership qualities for a judge is to provide some guidance on how they might make better out of court decisions in regards to their leadership approaches and endeavors. More specifically in these areas: (1) listening, (2) striving to understand, (3) healing, (4) awareness, (5) persuasion, (6) conceptualization, (7) foresight, (8) stewardship, (9) commitment to the growth of people, and (10) building community.

I thought this article was compelling because I usually think of a judge as very authoritative and someone who has the power to have the last word. When examining how a judge could use servant leadership it sheds light on a different side of this authority figure and how they could encourage discussion and through open and frank communication create lasting change and development in those around them. I thought it was a good approach to consider for a judge and although there is no perfect form of leadership, I think the article makes some good points on why a judge should consider bringing more servant leadership into their endeavors.

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