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**A JUDGE SHOULD BE BRAVE AND UPRIGHT:**  
**MR. JUSTICE MANZOOR AHMAD MALIK**

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Mr. Justice Manzoor Ahmad Malik of Lahore High Court has said that a judge should be brave and upright. For an adjudicator reputation should be a hallmark for him.

His lordship was speaking at the inaugural ceremony for a 4-weeks Pre-Service Training Course to be held at the Punjab Judicial Academy for the newly appointed 180 Civil Judges-Cum-Judicial Magistrates. Mr. Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan, Director General of Academy Mr. Sohail Nasir and Director Mr. Nasir Ali Shah were also present on the occasion.

Hon'ble Judge said that conduct of a judge should be ideal for the society to follow and he should be adjudged by his behaviour and dress even in his private life. Justice Manzoor Ahmad Malik said a judge should never provide opportunity to people to be discussed publicly about his conduct below to his stature. "There may be a personal grudge of a person or lawyer against a judicial officer but the perception of the whole Bar against him cannot be wrong because Bar as well as masses also act as a judge for the judiciary besides the greatest JUDGE in the heavens", Justice Manzoor maintained.

Speaking to the Civil Judges, he said that you people are not an ordinary government servant but Almighty Allah has bestowed upon you the responsibility to resolve the grievances of the litigant public and you have been selected purely on merit. Therefore, you have to exercise utmost care while discharging your obligations purely on merit. Any lapse on your part or decision of a case on any consideration will be painful for the Lahore High Court because a judge having stigma on his reputation is very shameful. Addressing the female judicial officers, Hon'ble Justice Malik said that in the present era the woman folk are not restricted to the household boundaries but are equally capable like their male counterparts and should be a role model and ambassador for other women of the society willing to join the judiciary. Hon'ble Justice advised the judges to work bravely and don't feel fear of losing job and decide the cases as per the voice of their conscience as Almighty Allah has entrusted them with this responsibility. DG Sohail Nasir assured the Hon'ble Justice on behalf of the trainee judges that they will try to come up to the expectations of the selection board formed by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Lahore High Court, Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial. The Hon'ble Chief Justice had appointed a committee headed by Mr. Justice Manzoor Ahmad Malik with its members Mr. Justice Amin-din-Khan, Mr. Sohail Nasir and two senior psychologists Ms Mohsina Najeeb and Ms Tanveer.

Earlier, Registrar Sardar Ahmad Naeem administered oath of office to the above said Civil Judges who also submitted their charge assumption reports to their concerned District & Sessions Judges through the Director General of Academy. **(MEDIA CELL)**