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according to how structural reforms take place and how courts adapt case management processes online dispute resolution systems and justice apps significant shifts are also occurring with the development of more sophisticated forms of artificial intelligence that can support judicial work or even replace judges these developments together with shifts towards online court processes are explored in judges technology and artificial intelligence what underlies this development in this concise and highly engaging work federal appeals court judge and noted author from brown to bakke j harvie wilkinson argues that america s most brilliant legal minds have launched a set of cosmic constitutional theories that for all their value are undermining self governance

virtually all american judges are former lawyers this book argues that these lawyer judges instinctively favor the legal profession in their decisions and that this bias has far reaching and deleterious effects on american law there are many reasons for this bias some obvious and some subtle fundamentally it occurs because regardless of political affiliation race or gender every american judge shares a single characteristic a career as a lawyer this shared background results in the lawyer judge bias the book begins with a theoretical explanation of why judges naturally favor the interests of the legal profession and follows with case law examples from diverse areas including legal ethics criminal procedure constitutional law torts evidence and the business of law the book closes with a case study of the enron fiasco an argument that the lawyer judge bias has contributed to the overweening complexity of american law and suggests some possible solutions there is constant talk of a trial of strength between ministers and judges some politicians think that getting tough with the judges is a guaranteed vote winner some judges think that they should behave like members of the parliamentary opposition in this book joshua rozenberg argues that it is time for both sides to call a truce at risk is justice itself the main theatre of war is judicial review ministers expect their proposals to be enacted by parliament for centuries though judges have been laying down the law where parliament fears to tread the judges sometimes step in should unelected judges take the lead in creating new rights does parliament have a monopoly of wisdom in laying down the law can it ever be justifiable as some judges have suggested for the courts to ignore legislation the author draws lessons from key cases decided by the courts ranging from thompson and venables the boys who challenged their punishment for murdering james bulger to jaymee brown the girl whose father wanted the courts to allow her life saving treatment also included are detailed accounts of how ministers attempted to ban spycatcher a full analysis of sir richard scott s report on arms exports to iraq which damaged judges as well as ministers mohammed al fayed s successful attack on the home secretary s refusal to grant the harrods chairman british citizenship and a look at the effect of enacting the european convention on human rights into british law

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