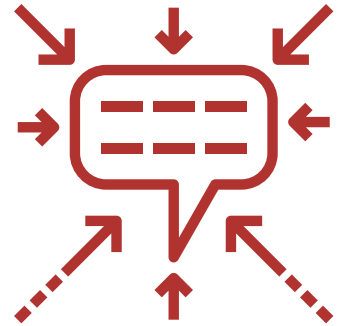


What do we mean when we talk about judicial independence?



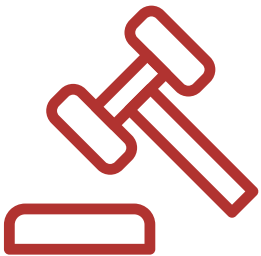
Judicial Independence refers to the ability for judges to make decisions free from external influences or pressures.

Judicial independence ensures judges make impartial decisions based on the law and not other outside pressures.



For our justice system to work, a judge's decision can't be influenced by public pressure, media campaigns, or individuals & organizations with interests in the outcome.

That means judges need to make decisions in accordance with the law, whether their decision is popular or not. Judges need to be able to interpret the law without fear of retribution from other branches of government or powerful individuals.



If a party feels that the judge has made the wrong decision - one that is not in accordance with the law - our court system provides the ability to appeal the decision.