

Being a Lawyer, Becoming a Hero

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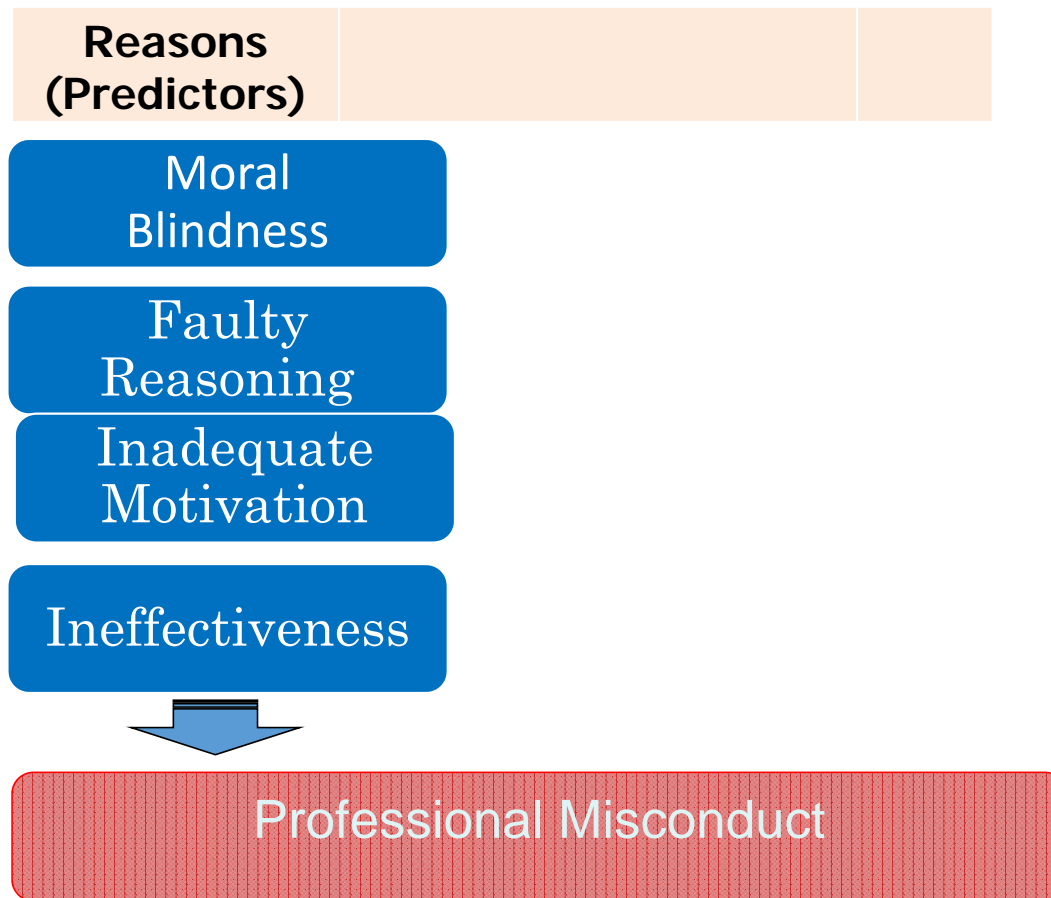
Carnegie Report

- Students need **examples** of professional *ideals*
- Connected to *models* of ethical commitment
- And then *reflect* on *their own emerging professional identity* in relation to those **ideals** and **models**

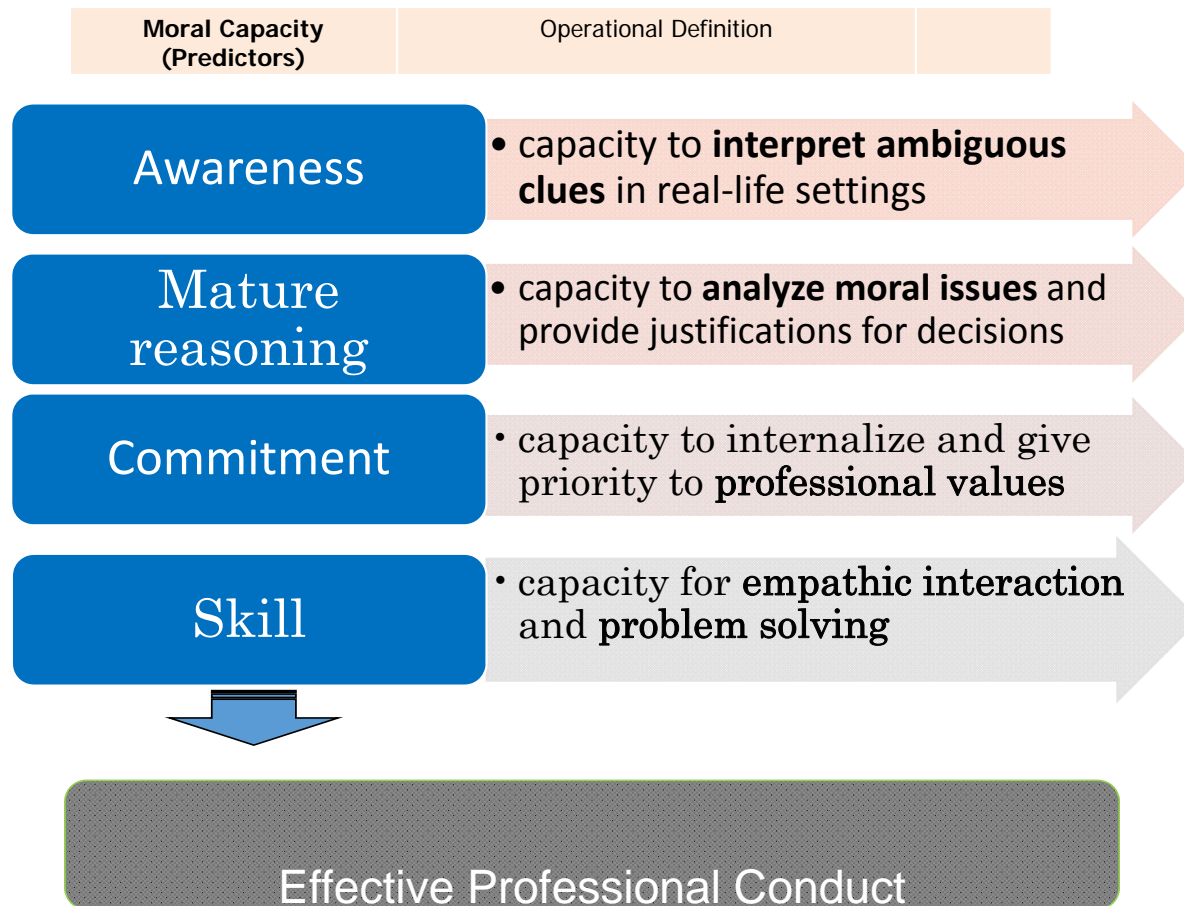
Professional Responsibility: Heroes & Villains

- Current course web site:
 - <http://clarkcunningham.org/PR/index.htm>
- History of the course
 - How to Explain Confidentiality
 - www.teachinglegalethics.org/how-explain-confidentiality Search “how to explain”
- Learning Professional Responsibility: the Way Forward
 - www.teachinglegalethics.org/learningpr
 - Search “way forward”

Four Component Model of Morality (FCM) (Rest, 1983)



Adapted from Four Component Model of Morality



Joseph Campbell: The Power of Myth (1979)

- Star Wars – a very old story in a very new costume
- The hero called to adventure
- Facing trials and ordeals
- Returning with a boon for the community

Being a Lawyer, Becoming a Hero – in progress

Chapter introductions at: www.teachinglegalethics.org/becoming-hero

- Lt. Commander Charles Swift: Representing Osama bin Laden's Driver
- Suellyn Scarnecchia and the Baby Jessica Case
- Kapila Hingorani: Creating a Totally New Jurisprudence for the Disempowered
- Sonia Sotomayor: Being a Hero, Becoming a Lawyer
- Chief Gani Fawehinmi: Conscience of a Nation
- and ...

Who is This?

- His father was a prominent civil servant
- His older brother was a successful lawyer
- He wanted to be a doctor but his father and brother persuaded him to be a lawyer
- He received the most prestigious legal education that was available
- Then observed the leading lawyers of his jurisdiction practice in court

But then came his first case –
in small claims court

- I was ashamed of myself,
- and decided not to take up any more cases
- until I had courage enough to conduct them.”



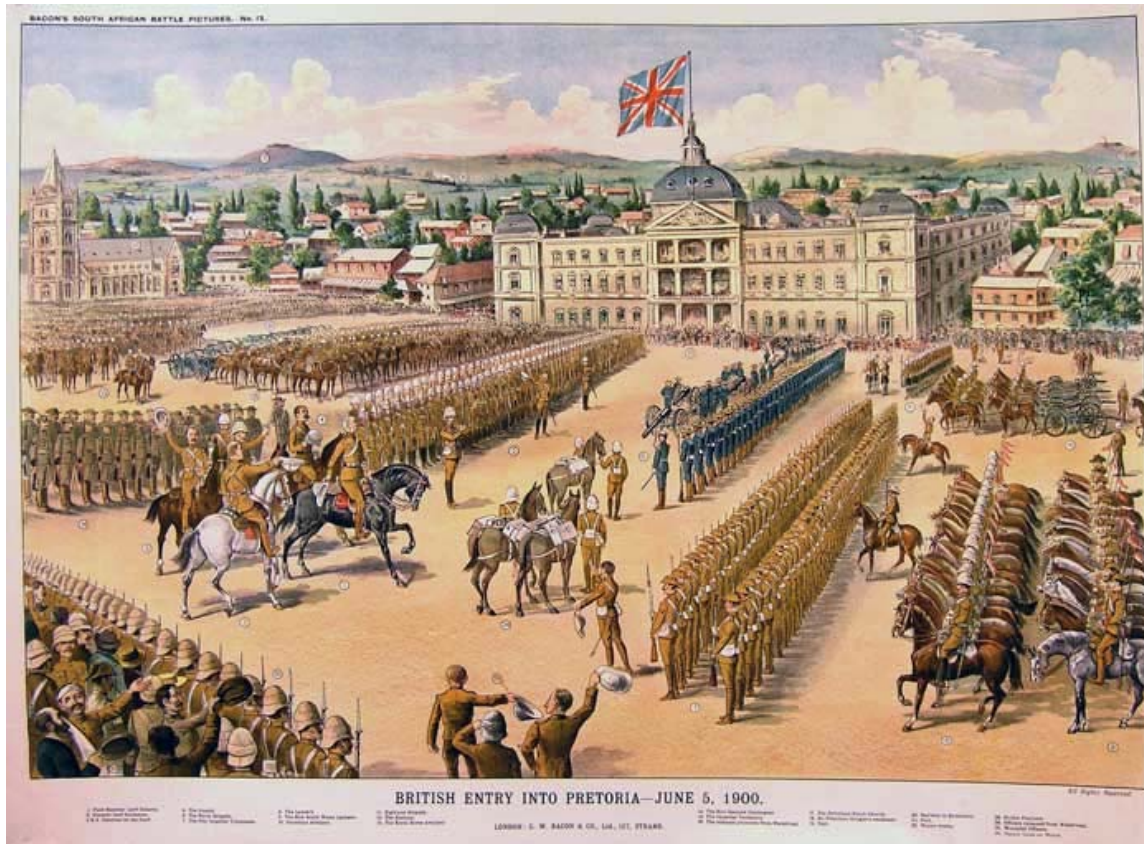
Another client, another chance

- He thought his brother had sent him a white elephant.
- How far could he trust my ability and honesty?

The opportunity to take responsibility

- Abdulla Sheth asked me if I would go

Pretoria



On the cold, dark train platform

- “I had gone to South Africa only for a single case prompted by self-interest and curiosity.
- I was on the horns of a dilemma.

Two courses were open to me.

- Or I might bear all hardships, and fulfil my engagement.

Sleep was out of the question ...

- I must accomplish what I had undertaken.
- I must reach Pretoria, without minding insults and even assaults.

Pretoria was my goal

- but I did not get any sleep

The Stage Coach

- “He was strong and I was weak.
- ‘Man, let him alone. Don’t beat him. He is not to blame. He is right.’
- Full powerpoint:
www.teachinglegalethics.org/lessons-gandhi Search “Gandhi”

Thirteen Years Later

September 11, 1906

- “Certificate of registration”
- Must present the certificate at all times on penalty of imprisonment
- Fingerprinting
- Police officers authorized to enter a private home and demand that the woman of the house produce her certificate even if her husband was not present

Father: I assume you now regret choosing Dauntless

**Tris: “How to be selfless.
Often they’re the same
thing.”**



**Tris: “There were some
things I needed to learn.”**

**Her Abnegation father:
“How to be brave?”**

