

## Humility and Resolve: The Chase for Success

Written By: Soham Jadhav  
Speaker: Hon Judge R. K. Sandill  
Harris County Civil Courthouse  
December 15, 2018

True leaders hone their skills through life changing experiences. These experiences tend to be different from those of an average person, making the individual unique. Judge Sandill describes his unique experiences through references to pain, hardships and close decisions. However, throughout the ups and downs of his life, Judge R. K. Sandill carries a high level of humility and resolve, and therefore is able to chase down success.

Judge Ravi Kumar Sandill was born in Canada to Indian immigrant parents. He was forced to move around Canada and the United States throughout his childhood due to his father's enrollment into the US Military. He completed his high school education in England, and attended the University of Texas at Austin where he received an undergraduate degree in politics. On his journey to the Harris County Civil Court, he was also fortunate enough to strike an internship with President Bill Clinton's Economic Policy Advisors. Eventually, Judge Sandill pursued law school at the University of Houston, before being at the Texas First District Court Appeals.

At the Harris County Civil Court, Judge Sandill built an impressive reputation and succeeded in multiple degrees, achieving massive success over his young career. At this point, his optimism and resolve were tested due to a diagnosis of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He elaborated on his thoughts throughout the treatment process and reflected on his determined mindset to live life. Judge Sandill described this as a tipping point in his life. He described how his resilience, resolve, and determination were built through this key experience, and throughout the rest of his career, these values helped him succeed.

Ultimately, Judge Sandill related his life experiences to the lives of YLDP students. He inspired to be a platform for which young students could build effective values in order to achieve success. He also contrasted on how our problems can actually turn out to make us better and more successful people, but this can only be achieved by showing respect and having a drive to succeed. At the end of the day, this lecture helped YLDP students reflect upon their outlook of life and build certain values that will one day help them lead the movement to make a difference in the world.