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What is meant by judicial legislation? In this context, discuss the verdicts of the apex court allowing "passive euthanasia" and a "living will".

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Article 21 of the Constitution

Guarantees protection of life and personal liberty, interpreted by the Supreme Court to include the right to a dignified death.

Article 142 of the Constitution

Empowers the Supreme Court to pass such decrees or orders as is necessary for doing complete justice in any pending matter.

Common Cause v. Union of India (2018)

Landmark Supreme Court judgment that recognised passive euthanasia and the validity of living wills as part of personal liberty.

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