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SENATOR SCHIMEK: So did the Attorney General bring that suit, do you recall?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't know who else would have.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Thank you. Because I don't recall either whether that happened or not. Senator Chambers, do you agree with the principle here that we're dealing with, that people who work for local subdivisions should be allowed to run for the Legislature, just like any other citizen?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's what I'm not sure of. I really am not sure. That's why I said, if we were doing it in the context of a possible statute, then we could discuss it, and my whole approach would be different.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, let me ask you another question then. Are attorneys officers of the court?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, but not in sense of one who exercises any of the duties and powers of the court, but insofar as they are ruled and regulated by the court. That's the only sense in which they're officers. Otherwise they're just like any other citizen.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So they aren't what you would consider an officer of the judicial branch?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, definitely not. No.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I mean, that question does come up again and again.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the court itself has said they are officers of the court not in the sense of employees of the court or exercising any of the duties and powers of the court, but only insofar as the court determines the licensing requirements and will discipline them should they misbehave. Because they must be placed somewhere. They are not under the executive branch, they are not under the legislative branch; they must be governed by the court. And that's how it assumed for itself the