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full of my condemnations and I have here, I have a sheaf of papers in my hand which constitute successfully brought complaints and actions taken by me against other misbehaving judges; more than any other person or combination of persons on this floor or in the legal profession has done. And yet there is an affectation of superiority by certain people of a complexion different from mine when their courts and their judges misfire. What is it that I would like to see in the legal profession, in the courtroom, and among the judges? I would like to see that which those who administer these systems have sworn to do. That's to uphold the constitution, the laws of the state, to comply with their ethical obligation to do justice, and where appropriate show mercy, to be impartial, to be objective, to be the kind of judge whom nobody needs to fear because of sexism, racism, religious intolerance. The judge has agreed to comply with all those requirements. If he is a judge who hates Catholics, he must be able to do justice when a Catholic comes before him seeking justice. If he is a Catholic and he hates those who believe in abortion or a woman's right to choose, he must be able to do justice to that person who comes to him for justice. Those are basic but a judge who behaves in this fashion is given high praise which indicates that such a judge is viewed as an exception to the rule. That kind of conduct should not be exceptional. They agreed to do this and they are paid to do it. Brothers and sisters, judges should never have a bad day because they are paid not to have bad days. They are paid not to be sharp, rude, and disrespectful towards litigants, witnesses, employees, and/or the public. They're paid not to do that. They are not volunteers. And every time they accept that salary, they're acknowledging that the pay is why they are doing it and society is living up to its part of the bargain by paying him or her, but the judges don't live up to their end of the bargain. They threaten. They bully. They disregard the law. They feel they are accountable to nobody. They are a little robed tin god sitting up on a bench feeling that they are all-powerful, and lawyers even come before them and tremble. Lawyers will tell their client now I'm not going to be able to say much to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...this judge because we will be in trouble.