

9<sup>TH</sup> UNPLUGGED

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Hi, I'm Judge Latimore.

MS. JOHNSON: Hi, I'm Angie Johnson.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Nice to meet you. And you're listening to 9<sup>th</sup> Unplugged.

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JUDGE LATIMORE: So before we get unplugged from work and dive right into life outside the courts, tell us a little bit about you, what's your title and which department do you work in.

MS. JOHNSON: I am the court operations manager in Osceola County. I oversee facilities in Osceola for court administration and I also oversee mediation for the circuit in Orange and Osceola as well as Juvenile in Osceola, and I'm the ADA coordinator for Osceola.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You do a lot.

MS. JOHNSON: I do.

JUDGE LATIMORE: How long have you been doing all that?

MS. JOHNSON: Three and a half years. Prior to that, I was the teen court coordinator in Osceola for a little over 20 years.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. Wonderful. So let's do the favorites. What's your favorite color?

MS. JOHNSON: I want to say blue, but I don't want you to think I'm a Gator fan.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Was that personal? Because I am – I'm a Gator.

MS. JOHNSON: Oh, no.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You started this right off the top. Let's do this. Okay. What's your favorite drink?

MS. JOHNSON: Diet Pepsi.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What's your favorite dessert?

MS. JOHNSON: Ice cream.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What tries your patience?

MS. JOHNSON: Unintelligent people.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, okay. So what do you do for quiet time?

MS. JOHNSON: I like to read.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You do. Tell us some of the things that you like to read.

MS. JOHNSON: My favorite author is Harlan Coben. Writes mystery novels, things like that. Kind of classics, Native Son is my favorite book so I kind of re-read a lot of those things. Literature has kind of always been my thing.

JUDGE LATIMORE: When did you realize that that was something you really enjoyed?

MS. JOHNSON: Probably in high school.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, and so what is your most – the happiest childhood memory that you have?

MS. JOHNSON: Oh my goodness. I spent every summer when I was younger, I moved here when I was four from Michigan and I spent every summer in Michigan until I was 16, 17 with my grandparents. And then the rest of my mom's family. So I would say one of my happiest

memories would be going to Mackinac Island with my aunt. We went on a family vacation with her and her family and just kind of went around the island. We swam in Lake Superior, which was very cold and things like that.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Nice. Okay, and so if you were able to go anywhere in the world, what's the location you'd like to spend a weekend?

MS. JOHNSON: Probably Europe. We were supposed to go there this past summer but that didn't work out.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah. Had this like pandemic thing going, right.

MS. JOHNSON: Yeah, that horrible thing.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah.

MS. JOHNSON: We were supposed to go to France and Italy, and England. That did not happen.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You need more than a weekend, right?

MS. JOHNSON: I know. Well, it was going to be two weeks.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. That would have been fun right there. If you win the lotto, I mean, the big lotto, the huge one where you know it's just so many deci – I mean, zeros you can't count, what's the first thing you'd do with all that money?

MS. JOHNSON: Pay off all my bills.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Other than that.

MS. JOHNSON: Because my husband would say that. I would travel.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. And other than Europe, where do you want to go?

MS. JOHNSON: I want to go everywhere. I want to – my like most favorite place I want to go is the Grand Canyon, but I would go to Alaska. I would go everywhere in our country and then I would visit everywhere else and I just wouldn't stop.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, that sounds exciting. It really does. And so I notice what you – since you mentioned colors and we got on the Gators, uh-huh, what is your favorite sport?

MS. JOHNSON: Football for sure.

JUDGE LATIMORE: For sure. Which one, college or pro?

MS. JOHNSON: College.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And who's your favorite team?

MS. JOHNSON: Well, I went to Florida State and I also –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Who arranged this?

MS. JOHNSON: I don't know, right. Judge Myers is aware of this. Thank you. Testing. Testing. I also went to UCF so my daughter just graduated from UCF. So I cheer for the Knights when necessary and I love them, but I'm a Seminole.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You are a true Seminole.

MS. JOHNSON: I believe garnet and gold.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. I heard that. And so – do you ever experience or take part in any sports yourself? Do you do sports?

MS. JOHNSON: I played tennis when I was in school. And I clearly need to do some more sports, but I mean, I just – I guess I'm kind of just active when it presents itself. I mean, we played like yard football, things like that, especially when the kids when were younger.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And so what do you do around the house when you're not doing sports or tennis or with the kids, what are you doing?

MS. JOHNSON: I work.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What – we're unplugging, okay. Let's get unplugged.

MS. JOHNSON: It's so awful. I know it's sounds so bad. Well, I'm married and so we kind of like just to explore new areas, not stay in our town where we live. Go to different restaurants and things like that. Just kind of get away for the day. Yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And what is your best tip for making the world a better place?

MS. JOHNSON: Be kind. Life is all about presentation, whether you're giving a gift, whether you're talking to somebody, that's what I taught my daughter growing up. I think so matter how you present yourself or your gift or anything to anyone, I think it's most important about how your wrap your package.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. So I learned somewhere that you do do-it-yourself hobbies, or home projects, right?

MS. JOHNSON: Who told you that?

JUDGE LATIMORE: I heard that. I little bird told me that.

MS. JOHNSON: Oh, my goodness.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So what was your last project?

MS. JOHNSON: Oh my gosh, what did I do? I made a headboard for my daughter's bed.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Wow.

MS. JOHNSON: But I'm like a nerd when it comes to that because I look everything up on YouTube and Pinterest, and then I hit pause as I move to the next step. So it came out really well.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I'm sure.

MS. JOHNSON: It was good.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I don't think I've ever made a headboard before. So does it entail woodcutting and all of that?

MS. JOHNSON: Oh, girl, you can go to Home Depot and they will cut the wood for you.

JUDGE LATIMORE: See, I learned something new already.

MS. JOHNSON: I act like a girl at Home Depot.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right, if life were made into a movie, which actor would play you?

MS. JOHNSON: Melissa McCarthy.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, yeah, why would you pick her?

MS. JOHNSON: I want to be proper so I will say that in her more robust days we might resemble each other, but she tends to speak a little like me. I'll just leave – I'll say that.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You'll say that. Okay, that's great. Okay, so what's your secret talent other than building headboards?

MS. JOHNSON: You know I don't know that I have one, other than I try to be a really good listener with people but I also tend to talk a lot too. I try to find the good in a situation and be an optimist even though sometimes I just need to vent like everybody else. I think as I'm getting older I try to simplify things. I've very basic now. When I was in my thirties, I wasn't that way. Everything was high strung and whatever, and now I'm just trying to mellow out.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah, so what did you think – what profession did you think you were going to be in as opposed to the one you're in now?

MS. JOHNSON: So, I – my bachelor's degree is in criminal justice and my plan was to go to law school to be a judge.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Well, nice to meet you.

MS. JOHNSON: Hello. So the irony is that my daughter went to – she did dual enrollment in high school. She's 20, she just graduated from college. And she just took her LSAT. She's going to law school and she met Judge Draper. And Judge Draper said what do you want to be when you grow up? Do you want to be a lawyer? And she said no, I do not. I'm going to be a judge. And it kind of shocked me because I thought she would do something else. But kind of came full circle.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Had you ever shared that with her that you wanted to be a judge?

MS. JOHNSON: I guess when she was younger, but she always said she wanted to be a doctor.



JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah, that sounds familiar. All right. So when you think about – let me ask you this. Do you watch a lot of movies?

MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, and if you were to – do you like to watch fantastical movies, any type things like that?

MS. JOHNSON: Like Harry Potter.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Not necessarily Harry Potter but anything that –

MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Okay, I'll go with it.

JUDGE LATIMORE: No, if you don't, don't worry about it because I have another question for you. What's your favorite car?

MS. JOHNSON: My favorite car?

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes.

MS. JOHNSON: My husband works for Ford so I'm supposed to say something that's a Ford.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, if he's not listening to this podcast –

MS. JOHNSON: He's not going to.

JUDGE LATIMORE: -- which he should listen to the podcast.

MS. JOHNSON: I'm going to tell him to pause right here and fast forward, so I'm going to say a Chevy Tahoe.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Really?

MS. JOHNSON: I am, just because I really like it.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Well, if it's your favorite car, you should really like it.

MS. JOHNSON: I know, but I drive a Ford.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And maybe one day you'll sneak that Chevy Tahoe home.

MS. JOHNSON: Maybe.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Well, it was really nice to speak with you.

MS. JOHNSON: It was so nice talking to you.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I'm so glad you came to be unplugged with me. I hope you have a good rest of your day.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, you too.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Thank you.

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