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HONORABLE CARLY WISH

ORANGE COUNTY JUDGE

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Hi, I'm Judge Alicia Latimore.

JUDGE WISH: I'm Judge Carly Wish.

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

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Welcome, Judge Wish. We're glad to have you here at Unplugged.

JUDGE WISH: Thank you so much.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You're very welcome. Would you share with our audience the division you're assigned to and the responsibilities you have?

JUDGE WISH: Sure, I'm Division 82. It's a criminal county court division so we deal with misdemeanor offenses that includes traffic as well as ordinances, also traffic infractions. So nothing too serious but can be serious in some cases.

JUDGE LATIMORE: How long have you been on the bench?

JUDGE WISH: Since January of 2019 so –

JUDGE LATIMORE: We don't do math in the podcast --

JUDGE WISH: Yeah, I'm not good at math.

JUDGE LATIMORE: We don't do math in the podcast. Okay, with that let's get unplugged and find out what is it that you love to do when you leave work or on the weekends when you're away from your job?

JUDGE WISH: Sure, I love yoga so I spend a lot of time at the yoga studio and that's time to unwind, get out of the house. I do yoga at home but it's nice to get out of the house and into the studio where there's no distractions, no, you know, no dogs barking, no nothing like that. I love to spend time with my dogs.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I love the fact that you have Havanese. I didn't know that. So how long have you had them? What are their names?

JUDGE WISH: Murray and Milo. And yes, they are both Havanese. And I've had them probably six and five years, so Murray is older than Milo and so we – no kids, just dogs.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes. Have you always had dogs?

JUDGE WISH: I grew up with dogs. And then when I went to college, I inherited cats. And so I had one cat Juliet who was with me for almost 20 years and then when she passed, my husband and I got the dogs.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Do you think you'll ever get a cat again?

JUDGE WISH: Probably not. My stepmother is allergic so –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

JUDGE WISH: Yeah, I'd probably be out of the will.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Don't want to do that one. All right. So where did you go to college?

JUDGE WISH: Well, I started the University of Arizona in Tucson and I loved it. I went from Boston to Tucson, pretty much as far away as you could go.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

JUDGE WISH: And big school and had a great time. I ended up getting ill and left and took some time off and then I transferred to the University of Tampa, in Tampa and finished up there and then took a year off and then went to law school.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You were born and raised in Boston?

JUDGE WISH: Yes, just outside of Boston, yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And what you do miss about Boston?

JUDGE WISH: Everything. The food, the people, the sports, the seasons changing, not the winter. But pretty much everything, yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Now, are you a sports fan?

JUDGE WISH: Huge.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Hugh sports fan. Who --

JUDGE WISH: Boston teams.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

JUDGE WISH: So hockey is number one, baseball number two, football, then basketball. But my dad and I still go back to Boston for big games so if the Bruins are in the Stanley Cup, we'll travel back there together and do our thing, or the World Series, we went a couple of years ago up there. So we tend to travel for sports.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Nice.

JUDGE WISH: Yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Any Florida teams' kind of catch your eye since you've been here?

JUDGE WISH: Well, my husband grew up with the Magic. He grew up here so he always had season tickets to the Magic. We just got rid of our tickets last year but we you know might get them again at some point. So I will watch the Magic because he suffers through watching all my Boston sports.

JUDGE LATIMORE: That's fair.

JUDGE WISH: Yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: That's fair. I always thought you were such a beautiful person, not just outside but inside as well. I'm curious as to how do you define beauty?

JUDGE WISH: Well, I appreciate that. That means a lot. I think if you are a genuine person, you'll radiate beauty. If you are, you know, you purport to be who you are, right and you're not fake. And I'm one of those people, I don't really hold back.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes.

JUDGE WISH: I'm pretty honest, sometimes to my detriment. But I think that when you know who you are inside and you know what your limitations are and your faults, and you can admit to them and you can laugh about it, then I think that you'll you know, some people might think that you're a beautiful person.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes, and I also admire the courage. I see a lot of courage in you. One of the things that kind of emphasize that is you were one of the few guests who filled out the questionnaire that I received from my guests that indicated that you couldn't really think of anything that you wouldn't talk about. And that's very unique because most will stay away from

certain topics which is understandable. You were one of the first people and that caught my eye because I knew that you had lots of courage. Where do you get your courage from?

JUDGE WISH: Well, I've been through a lot in my life. And my dad says it's grit and he always says that to me. I've had a lot of uphill battles with different types of illnesses throughout my life. You know when I was in college, I almost went blind and so that was really an uphill battle, from there diagnosed with MS you know and had to overcome a lot of obstacles with that and have to deal with those things every day. So I think because you just have to get up every day and go to work, whether you're feeling good or whether you're not feeling good. It's just sort of – you have to do it and you have to know your limitations as well and acknowledge those things and sometimes ask for help. So I think you know you can be strong but you have to know that you have to have a good support system around and I think that that gives you courage.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What makes you laugh and smile the most?

JUDGE WISH: Um – I –

JUDGE LATIMORE: I know your husband. I know the husband –

JUDGE WISH: Yeah, yeah, I mean, I have a good set of friends and you know those are the people you can be most honest with and joke about. My family, you know I didn't grow up with any brothers or sisters so I don't really have that to lean on but I do have cousins that I'm very close with. I love – I'm a big T.V. person and movie person so –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Are you?

JUDGE WISH: Yeah, and I think that that is like – sometimes it's just like bubble gum for the brain after the days that we have at work. You want to go home and watch like Below Deck or you know something silly and that's not real serious.

JUDGE LATIMORE: In your group of friends, what role do you play?

JUDGE WISH: I'm probably the comedian.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

JUDGE WISH: Yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I can see that.

JUDGE WISH: Yeah, the other day one of my clerks said you should do stand up comedy and I'm like that'd be fun, yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, that is funny. I can see you doing that. What are some of the most memorable experiences that you've had with your family?

JUDGE WISH: I love to travel. Growing up we kind of – we did a lot of cruises and my parents are divorced so I would go on separate trips with different sides of the family. But always traveling. We – I skied a lot as a kid and went on cruises and did things like that but you know I always had to entertain myself because I had no siblings. So I'm very close with my parents. So yeah, probably like the traveling and going to sporting events with my dad. That was a big thing, going – we did a lot of that.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What was your favorite destination that you've been able to experience?

JUDGE WISH: Well, in the last couple of years Alaska was amazing. I went on a cruise there with my dad and my stepmom and my husband. And we did a land tour and then we did the cruise and that was beautiful. Things that you don't think you'll ever see you see.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Is there an irrational fear that you have?

JUDGE WISH: An irrational fear.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I'll just tell you, I'm terrified of roaches. Like you – I will turn this room out if a roach appears anywhere and it could be the smallest roach ever. That's just my –

JUDGE WISH: Um, I don't like rodents I guess, I don't know. I'm usually the one to kill the bugs in the house.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, okay.

JUDGE WISH: Yeah, so –

JUDGE LATIMORE: There's that courage again.

JUDGE WISH: Or my dogs will end up with one in their mouth or something and then I'm like that's disgusting. But yeah, rodents maybe.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

JUDGE WISH: Furry with a tail that's not a pet.

JUDGE LATIMORE: That's a great way to describe a rodent. Thank you so much for being unplugged with me today.

JUDGE WISH: Thank you so much. I really appreciated it.

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