

9TH UNPLUGGED

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Hi, I'm Judge Latimore.

MS. PAINTER: And I'm Allison Painter.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And you're listening to 9th Unplugged.

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JUDGE LATIMORE: So before we get unplugged, would you please tell our audience what is your title and what are your duties at the courthouse?

MS. PAINTER: My title is a civil court specialist, basically, a case manager.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. PAINTER: For all the civil cases.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. PAINTER: Right now I'm going back to 2001 and going through all the old traffic cases –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. PAINTER: -- that are 20 years old or older. Yeah, and seeing where they are, seeing if people owe money so I just put it into a spreadsheet. A lot of times we do PIP, we do small claims, stuff like that.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. PAINTER: We go through, you know, the process of looking at them and what they need.

JUDGE LATIMORE: How long have you been doing that?

MS. PAINTER: Since August.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. So you're brand new on that one.

MS. PAINTER: Brand-new.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right, so before you came to join the wonderful 9th Circuit family, what did you do?

MS. PAINTER: I did a lot of things actually. I – I have a hospitality background, so been in hospitality a long time.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah. Do you miss it?

MS. PAINTER: I do miss being with like people. I miss you know helping people, but I'm helping people in a different way.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes. In a different –

MS. PAINTER: In a different way.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes.

MS. PAINTER: So I worked at a pawnshop actually, before I came here.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. PAINTER: That was a very interesting experience.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Interesting. Interesting –

MS. PAINTER: Yes. I mean, it wasn't hospitality but it was working with people. Before that I was in – I've been a concierge for companies like, the Dolphin Hotel.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I remember, yes.

MS. PAINTER: Yeah, that's a Marriott.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah.

MS. PAINTER: At Disney. And just different stuff like that. I worked for a company also called the Ocean Reef Club.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. PAINTER: Which is down in Key Largo.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. So when you're not at the 9th Circuit, and when you're unplugged –

MS. PAINTER: Right.

JUDGE LATIMORE: -- all right, what are you doing? What can we find you doing most of the time?

MS. PAINTER: I don't know. I mean, I was born and raised in Winter Garden.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Winter Garden has changed a lot, hasn't it?

MS. PAINTER: It has changed a lot.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Tell me how it was before when you were growing up. Because I've only seen all the nice condos and the Dillard Street, and all of that.

MS. PAINTER: It was not like that at all.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah.

MS. PAINTER: The train came through. My mother was a bank teller right in – right on Plant Street. She'd give me a roll of pennies and I'd put – I'd put the pennies around and the train would roll over them and I mean, it was just everybody knew everybody.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes.

MS. PAINTER: I mean, my mother was a bank teller so she knew everybody and what everybody –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Anybody who has the money.

MS. PAINTER: Oh, and she knew what they were doing with that money.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes, yes.

MS. PAINTER: So – but you know, I just – I have lots of friends and just kind of hang out with them. I love to watch hockey.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Do you. How did you get into hockey?

MS. PAINTER: An ex-husband. So yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Okay, have you ever played?

MS. PAINTER: We used to play pick-up.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Pick-up.

MS. PAINTER: Yeah, street hockey.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, okay.

MS. PAINTER: Street hockey, yeah, with a ball.

JUDGE LATIMORE: In Winder Garden?

MS. PAINTER: No, no, no. No, up in like – up in Virginia Beach.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. So you've lived some places other than Florida.

MS. PAINTER: I have lived all over the place.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Where? Tell me some places you've lived.

MS. PAINTER: I've lived in Maine.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Nice.

MS. PAINTER: Love Maine. It's a great place to raise a family. I've lived in Texas. Lived in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire.

JUDGE LATIMORE: If you could pick a place in the U.S. or international that you'd like

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MS. PAINTER: Besides Florida?

JUDGE LATIMORE: Besides Florida. And besides those places as well, even including those places, where would be your favorite spot to settle down, if you could choose?

MS. PAINTER: Internationally, I would go to Salzburg.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. PAINTER: Salzburg, Austria.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, why?

MS. PAINTER: It's kind of like how Winter Garden used to be. Very small. Very quaint. Seemed like everybody knew everybody. I did a study abroad there.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. PAINTER: And it was just – I mean, 2:00 in the morning you could walk home from the pub and not have any problems and it was just very nice. In the states, a cross between Maine and Texas.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So what is it about those two states that you find interesting?

MS. PAINTER: Maine was just, I mean, we left our doors open.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Beautiful.

MS. PAINTER: We didn't – you know, unlocked. Texas was the same way. I mean, very

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Where did you live in Texas? What city?

MS. PAINTER: Dallas, Fort Worth area.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, okay.

MS. PAINTER: Yeah. Are you from close to Texas?

JUDGE LATIMORE: Born and raised a Floridian right here, okay. Miami born.

MS. PAINTER: Oh, are you?

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes, ma'am. So when it comes to food, what is your favorite type of food?

MS. PAINTER: Oh, Mexican.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Mexican is your favorite.

MS. PAINTER: Oh, yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, wow.

MS. PAINTER: Mexican.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Do you make – do you cook Mexican food?

MS. PAINTER: I have, um-hum. Like enchiladas and tacos, but oh, yeah. My son probably should have been born with sombrero on his head.

JUDGE LATIMORE: There you go.

MS. PAINTER: I ate it – I ate it every day. Chi-Chi's, if you remember Chi-Chi's –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes.

MS. PAINTER: Oh, yeah, Chi-Chi's.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. PAINTER: It was fun.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah.

MS. PAINTER: Fun, fun.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So the second thing that I believe that you indicated that you really like are steak and seafood.

MS. PAINTER: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: But if you had to pick between the two, which one would be the top?

MS. PAINTER: Oh, probably steak and seafood.

JUDGE LATIMORE: If you had pick between the two –

MS. PAINTER: Oh, yeah, surf and turf, absolutely.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah, you're going to have that combination going on.

MS. PAINTER: Oh, yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What famous person would you love to spend the day with and what would you do?

MS. PAINTER: Oh, my gosh. Does it have to be dead or alive?

JUDGE LATIMORE: No, it can be anybody.

MS. PAINTER: It can be anybody.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Um-hum.

MS. PAINTER: I would like to spend the day probably with President Reagan.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. And what would you do, just talk with him?

MS. PAINTER: Yeah, just talk with him. I would just say really, why, I mean you had a great career you know in Hollywood, why did you want to, you know, switch over to the political scene. And just ask him about what those days were like in Hollywood. I mean, what is this person like? What is that person like? You know, he was such – I mean, I – I was, you know, I was in high school when he was in office so you know, just watching him, it was just you know, he actually kind of inspired me to join the military.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, really.

MS. PAINTER: Yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. Which branch of government did you serve?

MS. PAINTER: United States Navy.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I know I always get in trouble when I start asking that question. It depends who's sitting across the table. And how long did you serve with the Navy?

MS. PAINTER: Six years.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Where was the interesting place that you were able to travel with the Navy?

MS. PAINTER: Well, I was stationed in Oceania, Virginia Beach.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. PAINTER: And Brunswick, Maine. Been all over the world.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah.

MS. PAINTER: Been all over the world.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Any favorites?

MS. PAINTER: Not really. I mean, I was mostly in an airplane.

JUDGE LATIMORE: In an airplane?

MS. PAINTER: In an airplane.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, okay.

MS. PAINTER: Yeah, flying all over so it was fun.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Thank you for your service.

MS. PAINTER: Absolutely. Best time of my life.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Best time of your life. That's great. What do you like to do for adventure?

MS. PAINTER: I like to hike.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Do you. Okay.

MS. PAINTER: I like to hike. I just like to you know hang out with friends and go boating and I like to bike and so –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Friends and family seem really important in regards to the things that you do.

MS. PAINTER: Yeah, they are.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah.

MS. PAINTER: You can't enough of those.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Absolutely.

MS. PAINTER: Can never have enough friends.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Absolutely. Now, so once you – once you are done with your assignment here, is there anything else that you'd like to do that's on your bucket list?

MS. PAINTER: I don't know. I'd like to find a job that travels.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Do you still want to work?

MS. PAINTER: Sure.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes.

MS. PAINTER: Sure. I mean, I like working.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah.

MS. PAINTER: I mean, I really –

JUDGE LATIMORE: You enjoy it.

MS. PAINTER: I enjoy working. I mean, I don't see why you know I wouldn't like working. I just – if you enjoy your job, you know –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Absolutely.

MS. PAINTER: You're going to never work a day in your life.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yep, exactly. You enjoy it and it doesn't really seem like a job, right?

MS. PAINTER: I do. No, it's not a job.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And you're getting paid for it.

MS. PAINTER: And you're getting paid for it.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Amen.

MS. PAINTER: And it has to do with the people you work with as well.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah, well, thank you for being unplugged with me today.

MS. PAINTER: Absolutely, my pleasure.

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