

9<sup>TH</sup> UNPLUGGED

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Hi, I'm Judge Latimore.

MS. DRUMMOND: And I'm Patty Drummond.

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

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JUDGE LATIMORE: All right, so before we get started and get unplugged, can you tell me your job title and the department you work in.

MS. DRUMMOND: I am a computer specialist three. I work in the audio/visual department, court reporting as their support team, official and digital, and the IT department as their support system.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So you have lots of jobs.

MS. DRUMMOND: I do.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And how long have you been working in the 9<sup>th</sup>.

MS. DRUMMOND: 37 years.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Wow that is wonderful. Is there anything that you wanted to do other than court reporting and what you do now?

MS. DRUMMOND: Yeah, actually I wanted to be a profiler.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, let's just totally get unplugged on that one, okay. So how is it that you became interested in becoming a profiler?

MS. DRUMMOND: I love the human aspect of – people have such interesting lives and I like to sit back and watch their behaviors. And wonder how did that person get to the point where they would react this way.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. DRUMMOND: And that's always intrigued me. Human behavior is just amazing.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. So where did you grow up?

MS. DRUMMOND: I grew up in Lima, Ohio until I was 12. And then I moved down to Ocoee, Florida.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Now, what do you remember about Lima, Ohio the most?

MS. DRUMMOND: Well, Lima, it was lots of snow, lots of cold, lots of snow. My mom and dad ran a bar called the Robin Hood.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. DRUMMOND: They were real close friends with the policemen, fire department, so we would have parties over at our house. We rented a farmhouse. I guess it was in the mid-seventies, '75, something like that and we'd just have a really good time.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And you have siblings.

MS. DRUMMOND: I do. I have nine brothers and sisters, six brothers, three sisters.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And where do you fit in all of that?

MS. DRUMMOND: I am number ten. I am the baby.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You are the baby.

MS. DRUMMOND: They saved the best for last.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes. I'm sure. What do you remember the most about your childhood?

MS. DRUMMOND: My family are lunatics in a good way, in a good way.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And you are the best.

MS. DRUMMOND: Huh?

JUDGE LATIMORE: And you are the best.

MS. DRUMMOND: Best of them all. We would play football on Thanksgiving Day in the snow. We didn't have to have anybody else join us because there was enough between us kids and then our uncles and aunts that we wouldn't have to have friends. We had each other and to this day, some of us do have friends outside, but mostly we're just each other's friends and best friends and companions and confidants. It's nice.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What type of kid were you?

MS. DRUMMOND: I was very shy.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, wow.

MS. DRUMMOND: That's a true story.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes.

MS. DRUMMOND: Very shy, very insecure. So I got my legs in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit, my self-confidence in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. I grew up here.

JUDGE LATIMORE: If you could use one word to describe yourself, what would that be?

MS. DRUMMOND: Humorous.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes.

MS. DRUMMOND: Yes, humorous.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And how is it that you became to be someone who is just full of humor?

MS. DRUMMOND: A think a lot of times people hide their insecurities with sarcasm and I think it became a habit, quite honestly. I think it became a habit. But I actually think those things and sometimes I don't have a filter so it just comes out.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. DRUMMOND: Which you know it can be a good thing and it can be a bad thing sometimes as well, but it's a true thing regardless.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What's been a challenge for you in life?

MS. DRUMMOND: Probably, it was a fight to get that self-confidence. I had some things in my childhood that stifled it and sometimes you have to let it beat you or let it create you.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, so what do you do for fun? Like really to have a good time.

MS. DRUMMOND: To have a good time I like to go deep-sea fishing.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Really.

MS. DRUMMOND: I do.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, I didn't know that.

MS. DRUMMOND: I like to gamble. I love the Hard Rock. That is a lot of fun. My husband and I go there all the time.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Do you win?

MS. DRUMMOND: Sometimes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What's the largest you've won?

MS. DRUMMOND: Was actually a couple of months ago, I won \$5,500.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, wow.

MS. DRUMMOND: Two jackpots right in a row.

JUDGE LATIMORE: That's interesting.

MS. DRUMMOND: \$2,700 and \$2,800.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So go back to the deep-sea fishing. You know, how long have you been doing that?

MS. DRUMMOND: I actually, a couple ago, probably five or six years ago, my friend Gary said, do you want to go fishing. I said, sure. And I just got into it. It was just peaceful. It was just comfortable; just made me relax.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, and what's the largest fish you've caught and what type?

MS. DRUMMOND: Oh, don't get too excited. It was really – it was probably –

JUDGE LATIMORE: See and I was going to ask you –

MS. DRUMMOND: Truth be told it was probably a foot long but when I told the story, it was much bigger.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So what you enjoy is the peace of it all and just being out –

MS. DRUMMOND: I do. I do. It lets me enjoy myself.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Have you ever had a side hustle? I just figured you would.

MS. DRUMMOND: A side hustle.

JUDGE LATIMORE: A side hustle.

MS. DRUMMOND: Well, I can tell you in junior high, girl, I used to flip nickels.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You flipped nickels. There you go.

MS. DRUMMOND: I did flip nickels. And I have to tell you, that's the one and only time I got in trouble in school.

JUDGE LATIMORE: In school.

MS. DRUMMOND: Because I got caught.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes.

MS. DRUMMOND: In school. They called my parents and my dad didn't realize I had so much extra lunch money, I could flip nickels so my lunch money became brown bag lunch.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I heard that. Do you have anything on your bucket list?

MS. DRUMMOND: I do and I'm going to probably fulfill it this summer. Travel the United States, Mt. Rushmore, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Now, do you plan to do that with an RV?

MS. DRUMMOND: Nope. It's going to be me, my husband and my daughter.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. DRUMMOND: And we're going to hit the happy trails.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Sounds like it would be exciting.

MS. DRUMMOND: And then once we come back, I'll figure out what I'm going to do with the rest of my life.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What makes your family proud of you?

MS. DRUMMOND: Probably my career here that I have stuck with it for so long. One of the things my father always wanted us to do was to work some place long enough to retire and so I promised him ten years and I gave him 37.

JUDGE LATIMORE: There you go.

MS. DRUMMOND: So I think –

JUDGE LATIMORE: I think you fulfilled your promise.

MS. DRUMMOND: I did. I did. He would be very proud of that.

JUDGE LATIMORE: If a genie gave you three wishes, what would they be?



MS. DRUMMOND: I would wish for health. I would wish for comfort for my daughter for the rest of her life. I would wish that the world would get back to unity.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Now, you provided this to me and I think I can share, you were part of the foster care system, correct?

MS. DRUMMOND: I was for – well, from foster care – I was in foster care for, well, until I was old enough to go into the children’s home and –

JUDGE LATIMORE: What is the greatest lesson you learned from that experience?

MS. DRUMMOND: Be happy for what you have and adapt to your situation because there are things that you learn, that I learned in that situation that I wouldn’t have known otherwise. Responsibility. How to clean, how to cook, how to share, how to smoke.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Have a long list I’m sure of a bunch of other things.

MS. DRUMMOND: A long list.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Thank you so much.

MS. DRUMMOND: It was fun.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Thank you. I appreciate you taking the time to be unplugged with me.

MS. DRUMMOND: Thank you very much for having me.

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