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CONVERSATIONS BEYOND THE COURTROOM

AROUND THE WORLD

A JOURNEY WITH JUDGES

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NARRATOR: Welcome to another episode of “Open Ninth: Conversations Beyond the Courtroom” in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. And now here’s your host, Chief Judge Lisa Munyon.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Hello, and welcome to Open Ninth. Now that many travel restrictions have been lifted for some months, going somewhere new is fresh on everybody’s mind. And I’m here with three of our judges who know a thing or two about traveling. Joining us today are our Judges Mark Blechman, Tarlika Navarro, and Mike Murphy who are going to tell us about their favorite memories of traveling and why they travel at all. I’m excited to get started on this topic. Thank you all for joining me.

JUDGE MURPHY: Thank you for allowing us to be here.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So tell me, what got you interested in travel? Was there a first trip when you were young that got you really interested in traveling?

JUDGE MURPHY: My father used to work for Eastern Airlines, not as a pilot or whatnot, so we had travel benefits from him working for Eastern Airlines, so when I was a kid I wanted to be a pilot. And I remember on the way to the airport, I had like a little joystick, whatever, pretending like I was flying on the way to the airport. So I think ever since I was a kid with that benefit it’s kind of made me want to travel.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Judge Navarro.

JUDGE NAVARRO: You know it’s similar. My father and I, we would always come to Orlando on Wednesday nights to see his patients in the hospital because in our town they only had a very small hospital with a certain number of beds. And we would always pretend that we were flying and where we would go next. We would always talk about travel similarly. He was

in the mission field and so was my mother so they traveled all over the world in the mission field and they encouraged me to travel. So in law school I actually received the scholarship for a semester at sea to be an ambassador journalist and go around the world. So I did two semesters around the world and actually circled the globe and that really started off the travel bug for me.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Wow, we'll talk a little bit more about that. That sounds interesting. Judge Blechman.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Our family couldn't really afford to travel far. We had relatives in New York City and that's the extent of my traveling as a kid. We'd get in our 1965 non-air conditioned Oldsmobile car, and they would chain smoke cigarettes and we would sit in the back without seatbelts and drive to New York, and spend a week there. And then, we would come back. So that was the extent. But I read a lot, and what got me interested in travel is going to places that I've read about. And most recently, 15 years ago I read *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer. And he speaks about the five summits. I actually – I'm sorry, seven summits which are the highest mountains on each continent. And that got me very interested in travel and so now my goal is to hit all the continents, not necessarily the highest peak although I did Kilimanjaro, as you know. But I just want to touch foot on each continent.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Wow. That will be interesting. We'll talk about that too. So what are your favorite – before we get to favorite places. Judge Navarro, tell us about traveling the world by ship while you're in college.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Okay, a very old ship mind you. It was a retired cruise ship that we had. I know they have a nicer boat now for a semester at sea but it was a very old cruise ship and

our first voyage was Vancouver to Japan. So it was two weeks without seeing anything, not even a bird. So the first two weeks was a little rough, as you –

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: No sea creatures, no nothing?

JUDGE NAVARRO: No, not really, no. Big waves, you know, you're kind of getting your sea legs, you're crossing, you know, going over to Japan. The first bird you see is like, oh, yes, you know you're getting close. And the best part about semester at sea is between each voyage and on the way you learn about the culture that you are about to embark upon. What they like to eat, how to approach the families. And then you end up staying with a family and learning about their culture. So that's the best part I think about semester at sea is you have the opportunity to learn, really dive into their culture before you get there. And then you're there and you spend time with them and you spend time with the family. So it was – it was a learning experience. I have not been on a ship or a cruise ship since but certainly a good way to see the world, you know. Japan, Viet Nam, Thailand, Cambodia, Africa, several parts of Africa, Cuba. Back then you know you couldn't go to Cuba, but we could because we were students so it was a really, really interesting experience.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: And a way to see those countries that really wasn't tourist driven.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Right. Right. Cambodia, for sure, and Cuba for sure. Actually, Fidel Castro hosted us at his house. He hosted us with a very large, big party he threw for the ship. So you know those are things that you wouldn't have the opportunity to do but for really being in that program.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So my – Judge Murphy.

JUDGE MURPHY: I don't know how you top that.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yeah. So what were your first big trips that got you hooked on traveling?

JUDGE MURPHY: Well, growing up it mostly was just domestic. And I remember when I was in college I had friends who'd try to get me to go internationally but for some reason I had a fear of it. And finally I broke free and went to Costa Rica and I had an amazing time in Costa Rica. And then I was hooked. Seeing different cultures, learning about different people, once you see that and you realize life is so different other places, meeting people, it's just life altering in a positive way. So once I went out of the country the first time, then I was hooked. And then it was about going to different places and meeting different people and seeing different cultures and experiencing it. And about cruise ships, I remember, I think it wasn't until 40 years old, I was so resistant to going on a cruise ship. The idea of just being restrained in such a tight area, I finally broke down and went on one and now I love them because they are fantastic. And my favorite type of trip, well, to use Europe for example, fly to Barcelona, spend a couple of days in Barcelona or any city, then go on one of those cruises that has an open loop so it will end up in another city. So you have like – you are traveling various places, end up on another city for example, Rome or the port for Rome and then spend a number of days in Rome. So for me that's an amazing trip. And once I started doing that, I can't stop traveling, except for work. Work keeps me from traveling.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: I think international travel as a child got me hooked because my parents liked to travel and they like to travel to sort of rugged places like places in the Yucatan that tourists don't usually go. And you see such amazing things that you really don't

have a comprehension of if you grow up in the United States. And it also gives you the freedom to kind of get outside our boundaries and not be afraid of it.

JUDGE MURPHY: And plus those country sights are usually gorgeous.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yes.

JUDGE MURPHY: And I love going places where I don't even hear any English at all.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: And the people are so incredibly friendly.

JUDGE MURPHY: Right.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: And the food is good. The food is really, really good.

JUDGE MURPHY: Fantastic.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yeah, and I think it gives you a good perspective for when you come back to the States and an appreciation for the country that we live in, and everything that we have.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So Judge Blechman, what was – what was the impetus for your international travel? What was your first big trip that really made an impression on you?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: My first big trip out of the country would have to be going to Africa to climb Kilimanjaro and going on a safari after that.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: And when did you do that?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I did that for my 50th birthday. So –

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: A little while go.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: A decade and a half ago. So I had traveled – I've been on I guess 12, 15 cruises so I've traveled cruises. So I visited countries in the gulf and all along Central America. But I never really traveled to Europe or any of the other countries until I went to Africa, and since I did that, I loved it. Like Judge Murphy said, just seeing the other people, being with the other people in Africa, the Kenya part of the trip, people spoke English because it used to be a possession of England. But Tanzania, very few people spoke English and so you had to communicate through other means. And I found that challenging and interesting, and loved it. And so I'm not scared to go to a country where they don't speak English. I took my daughter to Beijing and Changi for a couple of weeks back when she was working in Korea and we had a great time there. And they don't speak English there. And I went to Japan and they don't speak English there. So this is really not a hindrance for me. If there's a problem, I was recently in Chili, and I don't speak Spanish unfortunately and had I spoke Spanish, I might have had a more pleasant stay than I did. So speaking the language I think helps immensely if you have a problem. But like Judge Murphy said, everybody is so friendly or has been everywhere I've gone.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So I know you have talked in previous podcasts about going to Kilimanjaro, but what was the safari like after Kilimanjaro?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I love animals and to be able to go on a safari for ten days and see animals that only exist on this one continent, it's just amazing. And they're all beautiful and this wasn't a place where the animals are kept in, they're free ranging. You're on their property. You're on their turf. So we stayed in this area that had fences at night time. You weren't allowed to leave your tents at night because you might get killed. And so our first night there, we –

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Not a good thing to get eaten while you're on vacation.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Not a good thing. I don't think the insurance would cover that.

So our first night there, I go on the porch and I'm going to light a cigar and celebrate our achievement of reaching the summit of Kilimanjaro and I sit down, and I'm about to light the cigar and I hear noises I've never heard before in my life. And I was so scared. I ran back into the tent and zipped it up like that was going to protect me. It was just amazing to see those animals that you see nowhere else. It's just – it's inexplicable. If at one point all the continents were connected, which at Pangaea, then you would think some of the animals would be in other places. I know there's Rhinoceros that used to be North America Rhinoceros. I don't know about giraffes being in North American or elephants, or jaguars, but it was the most amazing trip to see those animals and I'd go back in a heartbeat.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So how many continents have you made it to so far?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I've made it to five, almost five and a half. I've made it as far as Chili in January and I wasn't allowed to enter Chili because of COVID protocols and my documentation. But the person I was traveling with, oh, Judge Murphy was able to go all way down to Antarctica. So he by proxy made it to Antarctica but I'm going again in February.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So what two do you have left, Antarctica and –

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Australia.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Australia.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Yes.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Australia will be an easy trip.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Nice, easy trip.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yeah.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Right.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: A lot easier than Antarctica.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I lot easier.

JUDGE MURPHY: How were the stars when you were in Africa?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I don't remember the stars. I remember in the Galapagos the stars were amazing and you're on the Equator when you're in the Galapagos and we were on a ship, so there was no light pollution at all. I just don't remember the stars for whatever reason. Logically, at 19,320 feet the stars would have been pretty brilliant.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yeah, I would think so.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Yeah.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: We went down the Colorado for a week when my children were fairly small and it was, you know, no light pollution at all. And I can remember my son looking up and saying, wow those are really weird clouds, mom. It's like, honey, those aren't clouds, that's the Milky Way and you just don't get to see it where we live because of the light pollution. It's really, really neat.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: It is neat.

JUDGE NAVARRO: So have you seen the northern lights?

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: I – bucket list. I want to see the northern lights.

JUDGE MURPHY: I've never seen them.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: It's a -- bucket list. I know the Judges Jewett went and they looked out their window and saw it. So Cindy and I will travel to Iceland. There's a direct flight from Orlando I believe, so we will do that. But now that we have grandkids, most of our flights are to be with grandkids.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So where is your favorite place to travel, if you have a favorite place? Judge Murphy.

JUDGE MURPHY: My favorite just for beauty, I love Antigua, Guatemala. It's just absolutely gorgeous and you can be at a hotel and see the volcano in the background that actually, I don't know if it's erupted, but it's constantly looking like it's about to. I know it did a couple weeks ago but it always has that look. So that just for pure beauty. For pure relaxation, I like going on say a cruise ship where you can just go out and just sit on a chair by the water as you're going by and so for pure relaxation I like that. But for beauty, I like Antigua, Guatemala.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: I know you love traveling to South America so much –

JUDGE MURPHY: Central and South, yeah.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yeah, Central and South so much that you have endeavored to learn Spanish so that helps you in your travels.

JUDGE MURPHY: Working on it.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Yeah, how's that coming, Judge Murphy?

JUDGE MURPHY: Just saw on Duolingo I was over thirteen hundred days in a row of using Duolingo and I – I just really need to go and immerse myself. That's really the only way

you're going to learn it, just try and fail miserably but at least try. And that I haven't done yet. So it's going very slowly.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Judge Navarro, where is your favorite place?

JUDGE NAVARRO: It's funny that he says Antigua because I love Antigua and I tend to go back about – before COVID, it was every year. I actually taught English in Guatemala, and around Central America. Started in Costa Rica, but found my way to Antigua and then Lake Atitlan, which I'm sure you've been to as well, outside of Antigua, which is absolutely one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen in the world. It's a pristine, turquoise blue lake surrounded by volcanos, I think four volcanos and just the energy there is very, very peaceful. So I try to go back every year and it's incredibly affordable.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Is the lake a hot spring?

JUDGE NAVARRO: No, and it's actually a very big lake and all of the hotels you can only get to by lancha which is the little boats that are you know full of everyone, you know, all the village people and you're really the only – you're really the only non-village, right – Have you been to Lake Atitlan?

JUDGE MURPHY: No, I have not gone. I know of it. But maybe it would help that a lot of people, like you work – look at the Department of States website about don't go to certain places and it reads scary stories, reading about Guatemala and Honduras. And maybe that benefits those of us who travel there because it keeps a lot of the tourists away and you get to really enjoy beauty. Like that volcano that I was talking about in Guatemala, in America you couldn't get too close to like lava things. And there, they don't care if you walk and step on it or not.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: They don't care if you die.

JUDGE MURPHY: Yeah.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yeah, you're on your own.

JUDGE MURPHY: It's not their slogan. But you really could get that close to it which is just amazing.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Well, they assume that you are going to take responsibility for your own actions, which is not a bad thing.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yes, which makes it a little more fun for us. So yes, if anyone looks it up, you're going to be told not to go. I've been going for the last 20 years and I continue to go. It's just – I love Guatemala. I think the food is excellent and it's incredibly affordable. The people are just very, very sweet and just the beauty, the natural beauty of Guatemala and Costa Rica I go to all the time because I'm a surfer.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: And it helps that you speak Spanish quite fluently.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Well, my Spanish is not so fluent these days, but when I'm in the country, yes, I can get around. But the biggest mistake I ever made was not to really perfect my Spanish because, yes, it makes it a lot easier to travel the world. But luckily for us, everyone speaks English somewhere.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Except in China and Japan.

JUDGE NAVARRO: In China they actually do. The kids, I mean, they learn. I think it's required, right.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: In Korea, not China.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Not – okay.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: In Korea. In China, nobody spoke English.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Wow.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: And the signs are in languages with letters that we can't interpret.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Symbols, yeah.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: And Japan is the same way. Cindy and I took a high-speed train to visit the Golden Palace and we had to figure it out. You can't read the signs because they don't have any letters and no sign is in bilingual English. It might be in Chinese and Japanese but it's not in English.

JUDGE NAVARRO: That's what makes it fun, right.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Yeah.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So Judge Blechman, where is your favorite place to travel?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I think most of us – most of the people I know at least have been to Sunday school and so my favorite place is Israel because everything that you learned about in Sunday school, or should have learned about in Sunday school, is there. It's real. And I love history. And to be able to go to a place that I've only read about and learned as a child and see is just amazing. It's the most amazing place.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: What was your favorite place to see in Israel?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: It would be the western wall which is really just the base of the encampment for the temple because the temple –

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yeah, the ancient temple.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: The temple was above it but the wall was really just a base where they build up a foundation, so it's a foundational wall. But they call it the western wall. And it's palpable. As you approach it, you can feel it. And I can remember getting emotional just as I got within 100 yards of it. And as I got closer, I became more emotional. So I'm getting the chills just talking about it. So that was the most amazing place.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Wow.

JUDGE NAVARRO: It's on my bucket list.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yeah, mine too.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: You should go. There's never a good time to go. It's never going to be perfect. You should just go ahead and go.

JUDGE MURPHY: I think my favorite and most shocking was when I visited Pompeii. I didn't expect it to be so big and such – I mean, imagine what the city – I mean, I just thought it would be like a little rinky-dink city. And only part of it is uncovered. It's just amazing, that place.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: I'm going later this year, can't wait.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yeah, that will be nice.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Can't wait. But you thought it amazing and shocking.

JUDGE MURPHY: I wish – I kind of regret that I told you this because you should have gone like me thinking it was going to be like nothing and then, oh, my gosh, would have been the reaction. And I think they have night tours of it too. I'd try to do both if you could.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I didn't know about the night tour. But be careful taking a selfie on Mount Vesuvius. I understand it's dangerous.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Okay.

JUDGE MURPHY: I think I did it but I survived.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: You didn't fall in.

JUDGE MURPHY: No, I did not fall in. I didn't get that close.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So what is it about travel that you enjoy? Is it – I know it expands your worldview. How does it expand your worldview? I'll start with Judge Navarro.

JUDGE NAVARRO: I think it's the unknown. So when I travel, I like to not know where I'm staying. I like to just pack a backpack, wear, you know, take very minimum clothes and just go, and just feel, and just talk to people and figure out where to go. I like the unknown because I think our lives are just so predictable in what we do. Well, in some ways it's not. But our everyday is so it's nice to go to a new place and really not know what you're going to do and just take an adventure. I think that comes from my childhood. Like you mentioned with your children and with your parents as well. My parents, in the same regard, they just took us and we just figured it out on the way or we did like an RV trip like yours, Judge Blechman and we just figured it out on the way. So we always just figured it out and I think just the unknown of the experience and kind of the surprises along the way. And then coming back and having that perspective is I think very important.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: And you did a lot of that in your gap years after college and law school, I think, right?

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yes, I did it after undergrad. After undergrad, I taught for two years in Central America and went from country to country, from village to village not knowing the next village and then after law school I went to Columbia and kind of did the same thing as well. And I just – it's just something that I like to do.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: And not contacting your parents every day, I would –

JUDGE NAVARRO: We didn't have cell phones back then.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So yeah, you were –

JUDGE NAVARRO: Pay phones.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yeah, you were on your own and contacting your parents once a month. I can't imagine how they felt.

JUDGE MURPHY: Right.

JUDGE NAVARRO: We had eight internet cafes with dial up AOL sometimes.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So what – how has traveling expanded your world, Judge Murphy?

JUDGE MURPHY: Well, they say that there are two different types of people, people that appreciate what they have or people that are jealous of what others have. And I think traveling, especially to developing countries, makes you truly appreciate what you have. And I think for our jobs, I think it's helpful to go also. Like I remember going to Costa Rica and the first time ever seeing like every house, like in this one block area, everyone had barbed wire and like, oh, my gosh, is it not safe here. But it really is safe. You just don't want to be the one person that doesn't have the barbed wire surrounding your house. So then, when I went in family

law, we had parents who'd say, well, you know, I don't want the child to go with his father to Mexico because there's all barbed wire everywhere and you're like, okay. If I had never been to Central America, I might have been concerned about hearing something like that. But having been there, you're like that's just – that's just normal. And learning what – understanding what normal for other people are or is, is helpful for us to do our job and so that's what I try to get the most out of when I travel.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Judge Blechman, how has it changed your worldview?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Most of my vacations, and anybody who's traveled with me knows this, are go, go, go, go, go. I usually am doing some type of exercise. I'm cycling with groups or I'm climbing mountains or I'm hiking in other places. And I do that with local people so I get to spend time with them. And we're really all the same. It's a pretty small planet. And we all have moms and dads and we all, if we're lucky, have a family. And we all have pressures in life. And to know that everybody has that, it creates this connectivity between me and other people and other countries.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Well, I know all three of you have traveled not just for pleasure but to help other people and to give back. So Judge Navarro, where have you traveled to give back? Your parents were on the mission field on occasion, and you've learned that from a young age and I know you continued it.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yes, growing up we did Nicaragua. We did Guatemala. We did Costa Rica. We did Honduras. We did Habitat for Humanity. We did a program for dentistry. My father took us to the Amazon where he worked with leopards. And so we had the opportunity to kind of really see that as a very young child the importance of giving back, not only to our

community but to the world. And really what we're here for. And I watched my mother and my father doing that growing up so it's just something that's really inherent in who I am. And I try to do the same with my stepchildren and with my husband. When we go away, I try to take, you know, a day or two where we give back to that community that we're visiting because I think it's very important. And I also want to be a good representative of our country for that country because you know sometimes we don't have the best reputation. And when we're traveling, I think it's important that we represent America.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Judge Murphy, I know you've traveled to –

JUDGE MURPHY: I was just thinking about what I want to do the next time I travel to give back. That's fantastic. So the Honduras trip was the first time that – two trips that I've done giving back –

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yeah, three of us have gone to Honduras to give back.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Right.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: You, Judge Blechman and I.

JUDGE MURPHY: That was fantastic and a different eye-opening experience where you're going to help people build homes and two homes per trip and you're thinking, oh, you have an idea of a home. And then you go there and you realize a home you built has no electricity, and no running water, but to these people this home might as well be a mansion compared to what they had before. And just to see the joy in their eyes is just absolutely amazing. And then on one of the trips we went to a place, like it was the dump and we're giving our food. And I'm like this is like, oh, the dump. This is where people go and they go through the trash to, real trash, not like a recyclable area, they pull out recyclables so that they can sell it.

And people – some people are actually living there. And you see that and you're just handing out food for the day and you're like, wow, you know, I'm only here for a day. And these people are here every day and this is how they're making their livelihood. And it's, I mean, it's – it's once again eye-opening and then you realize that this dump is on the top of a hill that next day we're building a house for people that's down the water stream, that the water from that dump is actually going down to where other people are living. And it's just very sad and you want to give more. That the idea about every trip, trying to figure a way to help, give back, I love it.

JUDGE NAVARRO: But they're happier than a lot of the people that we are around every day and all day.

JUDGE MURPHY: Oh, sure.

JUDGE NAVARRO: I mean, the villages and the families that I have lived with around Central and South America, they had nothing. They had no roof. You know, we slept in – they had four walls and there were six of us in a room. And we had you know, slept under mosquito nets with huge you know insects crawling all around us. But they were so happy, you know. They were incredibly happy and joyful and grateful. So I think that's always the takeaway when you go to places like that.

JUDGE MURPHY: And very humble too typically when I come across them.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Um-hum.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: And you know so much – you know, unlike other travel where you're a tourist and you buy things and you bring them home, you know, I think on that

trip you come home with a lot less than you took with you. You give away your tennis shoes, you know whatever you can because you can easily replace it and it is so precious to them.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: But you come home with a sense of how lucky we are here in the United States, both with safety, with having clothing and food, and other amenities that make our lives really easy compared to those people that we saw in Honduras when we were building homes for them.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Yeah, the one thing I think a lot of people don't appreciate is we have safety nets that we take for granted in the United States. And so much of the rest of the world has no safety net. So if a child loses their parents and they're 8 years old, they may be on their own, and they may be scavenging garbage from the dump to survive.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Um-hum, yeah.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: And that's not something that many people appreciate.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I dare say most people in the United States don't appreciate it. It's an entitlement and they've always had it, and so it's natural for them to expect it.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So we've talked about where you've been and you know why you go, both to you know to give back and for your own self-edification but where do you want to go that you haven't been? Judge Navarro.

JUDGE NAVARRO: I want to surf the Galapagos.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Do they allow that?

JUDGE NAVARRO: Um-hum.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Oh.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Where there are waves –

JUDGE NAVARRO: It's a great place.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: What do you mean, great place. Where are there waves in the Galapagos?

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yeah, there's waves in the Galapagos.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I must have missed them.

JUDGE NAVARRO: There's waves in the Galapagos.

JUDGE MURPHY: You were too busy improperly touching the fish or something.

JUDGE NAVARRO: There's reef breaks, which is a little dangerous.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Because if you fall and hit them, they cut you all up.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yeah, so my last trip, I just got back from – we were supposed to go surf – we were between the Galapagos and Nicaragua and the Galapagos place, it was on a pretty risky reef break. And I told my husband you know I don't think right now is the time because of the risks that are involved with surfing a reef break. You just – I need the down time for something like that because when you fall, you're falling in very, very shallow water.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: You know the closest hospital is 600 miles away.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yeah, it's dangerous. You have to be helicoptered out of there. So I'm not at a point in my life where I'm ready to surf the Galapagos but I will be. And we just pulled an audible and we went glacier hiking instead so we decided to go to the Canadian Rockies and we summited some of the glaciers and you know did some cold weather stuff which

was really, really nice and refreshing. And we did it on a whim when we were supposed to be going surfing you know in warm water and that was really nice and unexpected. And it was a lot of fun. So that's my goal, surfing the Galapagos.

CHIEF JUDGE MURPHY: So Judge Murphy, where do you want to go?

JUDGE MURPHY: Mine is a little bit easier to get to. I haven't been to Greece. I'd like to go to the San Terrania, Mykonos, explore that area. My mom just recently came back from there, and last year some friends came back from there and they just said it's as beautiful as all the pictures are and it's just an amazing place to be.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Judge Blechman, where is your dream place to travel?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: My dream place.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: You've been to so many.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Yeah, I could go back. I mean, Italy was fantastic and Paris was amazing. And I'd like to go back but there's so many other places I haven't been so basically I want to focus on knocking out the seven continents which I should be able to do in the next couple of years and then – I don't have a dream place yet, but I'm hearing some interesting things. I've been to the Galapagos. I think one of your questions was going to be what happens when your partner doesn't want to travel with you.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: So what does happen when your partner doesn't want to travel with you?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: My partner doesn't love animals like I do so I've been to the Galapagos with another attorney. I've been to Machu Picchu with Judge Murphy and I was almost in Antarctica with Judge Murphy here.

JUDGE MURPHY: Picchu airport was nice.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: No, it wasn't.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Judge Navarro, what do you do when you want to go some place that your partner does not want – your husband doesn't want to go?

JUDGE NAVARRO: You leave them at home. But no, my husband wants to go with me, luckily. But I don't think I could marry someone who didn't want to travel with me. I think that's kind of like deal breaker and he travels the way I like to travel, kind of just on a whim.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Which is light.

JUDGE NAVARRO: On a whim and light and you know, no checked baggage and you know, no frills. I like to not, you know, take nice things or make up or any of that. Because here we have to dress up and we have to look nice so it's nice to have a vacation from all of that. So I say we leave them at home.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: I tell you, the best vacations are vacations you don't have to wear makeup.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Absolutely.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I agree. I totally agree.

JUDGE NAVARRO: And these heels –

JUDGE MURPHY: Most of mine are like that.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: Do you have any travel plans that are upcoming, even if it's not to your dream location?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I'm going to Glacier National Park next week.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: That will be fun.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Isn't that where you just were?

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yes.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: That will be fun.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: I'm actually going to Missoula, Montana because my grandson is going there with his mom and dad for a wedding and so my wife and I are going to babysit him while they go to the wedding.

JUDGE NAVARRO: In Missoula?

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Yeah.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Very small place. Beautiful though.

JUDGE MURPHY: I just came back from a wedding in Panama but in September, I hope to go to Puerto Rico for the first time since I was a kid. It's so close to Florida. It's amazing that I haven't been there since I was a kid.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: You can use your Spanish.

JUDGE MURPHY: I will work on it.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: And Judge Navarro, do you have any upcoming trips?

JUDGE NAVARRO: Just a quick jump over to London for a wedding in October. My best friend is getting married in London.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: That will – it’s a quick trip with a bad layover, or a bad – yeah.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yeah.

JUDGE MURPHY: Is Sean along for that one too?

JUDGE NAVARRO: Yes, absolutely, 100 percent.

CHIEF JUDGE MUNYON: All right, well, I appreciate you all joining me and talking about travel. It has been very interesting to get to know something about your travel habits.

JUDGE NAVARRO: Thank you for having us.

JUDGE MURPHY: Yeah, thanks for letting us talk about it.

JUDGE BLECHMAN: Thank you.

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