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2 >> Welcome to another episode of "Open Ninth:
3 Conversations Beyond the Courtroom" in the Ninth Judicial
4 Circuit Court of Florida.

5 And now here's your host, Chief Judge Frederick J.
6 Lauten.

7 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Welcome to "Open Ninth." Today I have
8 the pleasure of talking to my good friend and colleague,
9 Judge -- Circuit Judge John Galluzzo, who is the Chief Judge
10 of the 18th Judicial Circuit. We're sitting in our offices
11 in the Ninth Judicial Circuit. So the Ninth Circuit, for our
12 listeners, is Orange and Osceola County.

13 John, first of all, welcome.

14 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Thank you very much, Chief Judge
15 Lauten, or Fred. I appreciate you inviting me down here.

16 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Why don't you tell our listeners what
17 comprises the 18th Judicial Circuit.

18 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** The 18th Judicial Circuit is
19 comprised of Seminole and Brevard Counties. We have 43
20 judges: Ten circuit judges in Seminole County and six county
21 judges and 11 county judges in Brevard County, and the rest
22 are circuit.

23 We have six courthouses. In Sanford, we have three. In
24 Brevard County, we have three: One in Titusville, one in
25 Viera, and one in Melbourne.

1 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** So we're neighbors, even though the
2 number for my circuit is nine and the number for your circuit
3 is 18.

4 How many total circuits are there in the state of
5 Florida?

6 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** There are 20 circuits in the state
7 of Florida. I can even actually tell you the origins I was
8 told by the -- by the older lawyers in Seminole County of how
9 the 18th Circuit became formed, if you would like to know.

10 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** Sure. No, that'd be fascinating.

11 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** I think there were a few beers that
12 were passed around when the discussion took place.

13 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** (Laughing.)

14 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** But it seemed that when the
15 legislature was trying to decide whether Orange County might
16 be too big and decided that perhaps we should separate
17 Seminole out with another county, they decided that Brevard
18 County and Seminole County were contiguous to each other.
19 And the lawyers said that, try as they might, they could
20 never find that one grain of sand in the middle of St. Johns
21 River that connected the two counties, but they know it's
22 there.

23 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** Great. Are you a native Floridian?
24 It's a rare crop, I know. Are you from here originally?
25 Where were you from, John?

1 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Well, I was born and raised in
2 Meriden, Connecticut, and left there at 18 at a -- after a
3 very large snowstorm. It was about 9 degrees out. The wind
4 was blowing. I was shoveling the driveway to get my father's
5 car out. And I was sweating and thought there was something
6 wrong with that. So ...

7 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** So you left there. Did you head to
8 Florida from there?

9 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** No. I went to school one year at --
10 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and I came here to then FTU, and
11 stayed.

12 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** And what did you study at UCF/FTU?

13 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** My undergraduate degree's in
14 criminal justice. But I also did work study in the computer
15 science department, in the biology department, and I also
16 worked on a research grant for -- a NASA project at the time
17 with the biology department for the mammalogists and
18 ichthyologists; and so I worked for a summer, a long summer,
19 at the Kennedy Space Center. I was stationed out there and
20 lived out there and did sea turtle research and a lot of
21 other things. So ...

22 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** So why law school as opposed to
23 medical school or some PhD -- Master's or PhD in science?

24 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Well, I was working for the
25 ichthyologist Dr. Snelson, and I was in his office, and he

1 knew -- he used to send me to the law library -- I'm sorry,
2 the library and asked me to do some periodical research.

3 And I was always able to find the articles pretty
4 quickly, no matter what the subject matter was. And I came
5 back one day, and I was struggling in ichthyology, which was
6 the study of fish; and he said, you know, you may want to
7 consider going to law school. You're really good at this,
8 and you're really -- if I remember correctly, his quote was,
9 "You really suck at ichthyology."

10 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** (Laughing.)

11 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** And I said -- and I looked at him,
12 and I said, well, Doc, I'm just struggling with the
13 nomenclature because of the Latin roots and remembering the
14 names of the fish.

15 And he smiled and he looked at me and said, well, you
16 know, in law school you have to remember names of things too.

17 And my response was, yeah, but that's all in English.

18 So -- so we had a great --

19 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Which is mostly true. A couple of
20 Latin phrases.

21 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** A couple of Latin phrases but ...

22 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** So where did you go to law school?

23 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Nova University in Fort Lauderdale.

24 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** And when did you graduate from there?

25 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** 1982. And I got a job as a

1 certified legal intern with the Public Defender's Office in
2 Sanford in that year.

3 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** And how long were you -- because I
4 know your -- you were a public defender and a prosecutor and
5 in private practice. I know that much.

6 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Right. I was a public defender from
7 '82 as an intern and then as a lawyer until '85. I went to
8 work with a civil firm out of Orlando in their Daytona Beach
9 office. That was then Fishback, Davis, Dominick, Owens and
10 Watts; and they did a variety of things, as well as
11 environmental law and land use planning.

12 And then I came back to Seminole County, worked with the
13 prosecuting attorney's office as a felony prosecutor in 1987
14 and then started private practice in '87.

15 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** And so did you run for your position
16 as judge? Were you appointed? How did you get on the bench?

17 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** This position I didn't run for. I
18 got appointed for this one. I had run in the past. But I
19 got appointed in 2006 by then Governor Bush.

20 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** To the circuit court?

21 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Circuit court.

22 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Right. So what division assignments
23 have you had in your career?

24 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** All of them.

25 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Do you-all -- you-all handle at one

1 time a docket that varies so that you might do civil and
2 criminal? Or do you do a discrete criminal division,
3 discrete civil division assignment? How do you do it in
4 Seminole?

5 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** We have -- we have a circuit
6 criminal division. We have a juvenile division, but those
7 judges rotate together. Two of them handle juvenile
8 delinquency, dependency. They also do their guardianship,
9 mental health, and probate as part that. And our civil
10 division does family and civil, and we split that.

11 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Have you had a favorite assignment?
12 Is there one -- you prefer one assignment as to any others?
13 Or do you have an assignment where you go, I just know I
14 don't want to sit there?

15 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Family law is tough for everybody.

16 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Right.

17 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** And there -- some practitioners
18 really enjoy it. Judge Rudisill's been in the civil/family
19 division since he started, and he seems to really enjoy it.
20 And when I say civil/family, I'm in that division now, but I
21 only do the family part of it because of my Chief Judge
22 duties. But you split your time in that division.

23 As far as I'm concerned, for me, it was -- criminal was
24 something I did so much of for so long that it was perhaps
25 easier to assimilate into that. I started out in the

1 civil/family division.

2 So juvenile was interesting. You get -- a lot of
3 interesting people come into the juvenile court system, a lot
4 of children who, unfortunately, need services. You probably
5 have the most contempt issues from the kids as far as their
6 language towards the Court and disrespect there. So it's a
7 little bit difficult. But you do have some rewarding moments
8 there as well.

9 So it's hard to put a handle on what's the -- what was
10 the best or what is the best.

11 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Right. Right.

12 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** I think everybody rises to the
13 occasion and the situation they find themselves. If I had my
14 preference, I'd probably be in criminal more than I was in
15 the other divisions.

16 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Right.

17 So let's talk about your service as Chief Judge. I --
18 here I succeeded a Chief Judge who had the position for about
19 18 years. I'm not sure that your culture had that same sort
20 of continuity of one person for that long. But maybe --
21 correct me if I'm wrong about that.

22 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** We don't.

23 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Is your tradition that you kind of
24 rotated it around a little bit more than that?

25 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** We do. For a while, many years ago,

1 there was more of a preference where Brevard would take it
2 for a couple of terms, two-year terms apiece. Then Seminole
3 would get it for one.

4 Then they decided -- the judges decided before I got
5 there that it was beneficial if we rotated every two years.
6 So the tradition has been we do it for two years and then it
7 switches to the other county. And so there's a judge in the
8 alternate county that's the administrator of that county who
9 does quite a bit of the work. But the Chief Judge sits in
10 one.

11 For example, the last two years I've sat in Seminole, so
12 I have an administrator judge in Brevard who handles a lot of
13 the administrative work there. John Harris, who is the Chief
14 Judge that preceded me, was re-elected, and he'll start in
15 July. Now he'll run the circuit out of Brevard County, and
16 I'll be the administrative judge for him over here.

17 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** I see. So you already know -- so
18 Judge Hare is gonna succeed you --

19 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Harris. Yes.

20 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Harris.

21 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** And he asked me to go ahead and stay
22 on and do the administrative work.

23 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Yeah.

24 So will you have served at that point one two-year term?

25 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** One two-year term.

1 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** And tell our listeners -- we both know
2 this. So you don't just raise your hand and all the sudden
3 you're Chief Judge. You're selected for the position amongst
4 the judges in the circuit, right?

5 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** You usually miss a meeting, and you
6 get elected by default.

7 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** That answers my next question. Did
8 you have an opponent or did you run unopposed?

9 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** No. I ran. It's one of those
10 things where it's -- in our circuit, it's kind of an honorary
11 thing. And people -- there's a succession to it, to a
12 certain extent. But you have to want to do it. Nobody gets
13 forced into doing it.

14 And I ran -- essentially, as far as I was concerned,
15 unopposed. I was voted in unanimously. Judge Harris was
16 voted in unanimously. They're kind of more gentle about
17 that.

18 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** Right.

19 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** There have been some contests in the
20 past.

21 **>> JUDGE LAUTEN:** Mm-hmm.

22 **>> JUDGE GALLUZZO:** But they're not very heated. I
23 think it's more of the nature of you kind of talk yourself up
24 to that. I got a lot of encouragement from the judges in
25 Seminole County to do it. It helped me to get to know a lot

1 more about the judges in Brevard County because the county's
2 so different than we are in some respects; and because of the
3 length that it is, it's hard to get to know people
4 geographically. So I got to know them a lot better over the
5 last couple years, which has been great.

6 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** So a few years ago the Florida Supreme
7 Court term limited Chief Judges. That is, they said that a
8 chief could serve for four two-year terms, or a total of
9 eight years.

10 That really wouldn't have had much of an impact, I
11 guess, on your circuit because you had this tradition of we
12 move it around.

13 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Right. I don't think we've ever had
14 a Chief Judge that I can recall historically, since I started
15 practicing law, that served more than two terms at once.

16 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Okay. So let's talk a little bit
17 about the responsibility of -- of a Chief Judge. Why don't
18 you kind of outline that for our listeners, and I'll jump in
19 too. But I'm gonna let you start.

20 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Okay. Well, you know, it's --
21 administering a budget that can be, obviously, in millions of
22 dollars. Ours exceeds \$15 million or thereabouts. I know
23 yours is bigger than that. And 43 judges. And we have over
24 170 personnel altogether that we administer. It's dealing
25 with the counties on needs for infrastructure, dealing with

1 the State on needs for financial resources. You know, all
2 the way down to -- put it most simply, if I want to replace a
3 copy cartridge or a printer cartridge out of one of my
4 printers, the State may pay for that out of one budget or the
5 County may. If I want to replace a printer, then the other
6 entity may have to pay for that. So it's a juggling of who
7 pays for what.

8 If I need new furniture in one of the courtrooms, the
9 County pays for that. But if I need new furniture in one of
10 the chambers, then the State pays for that. So it's always
11 trying to figure out who's responsible for what.

12 But it's also trying to keep the process of the courts
13 flowing to make sure we do it as efficiently as possible for
14 the benefit of the citizens, to make sure we're open, that we
15 have access. I help and counseled the judges when they have
16 difficulties and issues. I help administer the personnel to
17 put them in the right direction, plugging a lot of holes.

18 In my -- the way I've handled it, I spent a lot of time
19 floating and helping the judges when we have had needs, a
20 judge's been sick or ill or we just have a shortfalling one
21 way or another, trying to plug myself into one place or
22 another.

23 Working with court administration on the personnel and
24 budgetary issues that I talked about.

25 You know, we have a lot of old infrastructure. We have

1 older counties, older buildings. We have a couple new
2 buildings. We have an old historical building in Titusville
3 that's from the last century. We have some interesting
4 critter problems at times. And -- but the County's been
5 responsive to us as best they can be, but there's limitations
6 on money as well. So we deal with all those kinds of things.

7 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** So I'm going to try to ask this with a
8 straight face. So how much -- how much extra money do you
9 make for taking on all these additional administrative tasks?

10 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Well, you know, when I went and
11 looked at my paycheck the first time after I got it and
12 realized there was nothing -- not a penny extra, it's
13 nothing.

14 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Right.

15 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** We don't get any extra money for it.
16 The only thing we get compensated for is travel costs, which
17 I don't charge if they're within the county. If I have to
18 drive to Brevard, it's an hour and a half or so away, so I
19 get paid mileage for that. If we get called to Tallahassee,
20 we do, obviously, and drive there and for the stay-overs but
21 nothing else.

22 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** So you have to maintain relationships
23 with two different county commissions, and also with the
24 State of Florida, the kind of legislative branch in terms of
25 the budgeting issues and staffing issues in your circuit.

1 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Correct. As you do. Yes.

2 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** So what do you see as the biggest
3 challenge currently facing the court -- or in the next five
4 years? What do you see as the big issues that are upon us?

5 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Well, I think there's a big
6 perception issue by a lot of folks, not only the public, but
7 sometimes people in other aspects of government where they
8 don't understand what we do or they don't understand, you
9 know, what our basis is and our constitutional basis and that
10 we are an actual third branch of government.

11 I've talked to a lot of judges from different states
12 where their funding streams are different, and we're one of
13 the few states where our third branch of government is
14 actually, um, looked at, to a certain extent, from a
15 financial aspect, as an agency.

16 So we're always looking for funding and budgetary issues
17 and justification for what we need. And we are behind the
18 eight ball, you know, greatly on the technology side. We
19 have a great shortfall on our need for technology resources,
20 to provide the services to the public so they can come in and
21 use a computer and be proficient at it and get access to the
22 files and understand what's going on so we can serve them
23 easier and quicker.

24 We -- we have that difficulty just with our own
25 equipment, trying to make it all talk to each other. We have

1 67 different county clerks who have 67 different ways of
2 doing business.

3 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Right.

4 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** So that makes it very difficult. I
5 think the biggest challenge for us, we haven't had a new
6 judge, um, provided for in 12 years by legislature. That's a
7 product of a lot of factors that, you know, a lot of people
8 look at from a different perspective as to whether we need
9 them or not.

10 I could tell you that it's hard to take an avenue where
11 you take a case number count -- for example, if the clerk
12 says I have 4,000 open cases and say those 4,000 cases carry
13 equal weight. I have one case that has, you know, a trust
14 worth more than \$300 million in it. You can't weigh that
15 against a case where there's, you know, someone who may have
16 an uncontested divorce that takes ten minutes to deal with.

17 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Right. So a complex business
18 litigation case or complex medical malpractice case is gonna
19 take a lot more time and energy on everybody's part,
20 including the Court's, than a foreclosure case. They're both
21 important to whatever party's in front of the Court, but one
22 takes a tremendous time and effort, long trial. One can be
23 handled relatively quickly.

24 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Absolutely. I start -- on Monday I
25 start a two-week trial on a wrongful death case, and they'll

1 take up time I could have handled probably 300 cases that
2 were very simple to get through and handle their needs in one
3 way or another.

4 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** So you and I know we're one of the
5 three coequal branches of government. I know the
6 legislature's always asked for money from everybody who can
7 get their attention, but I think it's probably important for
8 our listeners to know at least that our total budget for the
9 State of Florida for our branch is less than 1 percent of the
10 total state budget. So it doesn't even amount to 1 percent
11 of the dollars that the State is allocating to of the people
12 who have Social Security. And as you mentioned, there hasn't
13 been an expansion in size in 12 years. There haven't been
14 salary increases in about the same amount of time.

15 But it's not as if we -- we get a third of the State's
16 budget. And we probably, honestly, don't need a third of the
17 State's budget.

18 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Correct.

19 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** That would be overkill. But sometimes
20 I find that the public is fascinated when we say, well, we're
21 less than a single percent of the overall budget.

22 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** I'll give you a perfect example. A
23 few years ago -- our downtown historic courthouse in Sanford
24 was built in 1972, I believe. And it was -- you know, it was
25 a very nice structure then. We used to have to house the

1 jurors in what we affectionally called "the double-wide,"
2 because it was a double-wide trailer out in back, and we had
3 to control the rat population.

4 It wasn't the County's fault. It was the population
5 grew so quickly, and the need was there, and they've provided
6 for us as best they can, but they're -- you know, they're
7 plugging holes in the dike of a crumbling infrastructure.
8 And Article V revisions to the Constitution cause change in
9 how the structure is funded.

10 But you're right. We only take up a very, very small
11 portion of the State budget overall. We don't -- we ask for
12 what we need to ask for. I think the court system is very
13 good about tailoring the request to just what is needed and
14 not the surplusage, and it's hard telling people who have
15 worked hard for a long period of time as lawyers and made
16 good living come in and join us and, oh, by the way, you
17 won't get a pay raise for 12 years or maybe the rest of your
18 career.

19 And still, you know, find dedicated servants working
20 hard. I think the biggest complaint I've heard is you can
21 walk into a courthouse and find an empty courtroom, but they
22 forget to look back on our desks and see the search warrants
23 we're signing during our lunch hour, the piles of paperwork
24 that the lawyers file that we have to read through before the
25 next hearing, the things that we take home with us every

1 night and every weekend to read through and spend our
2 weekends doing. You know, it's the same thing we did as
3 lawyers. We may not have sat in our office all day long
4 because we were out doing something else that was related to
5 our work, but we were still working. And I think that's the
6 good part about our profession is that we have dedicated
7 folks who do it. And -- but the hard part is seeing the
8 reality of the fact that we always do it with a little bit
9 less.

10 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** So, John, I guess you've got under --
11 under six months left as Chief Judge. Is there something
12 that you would like to accomplish that's on your plate before
13 your term ends? Is there a project or effort that you would
14 like to get done before you wrap up as Chief Judge?

15 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** I've started an electronic warrant
16 system to help law enforcement obtain what they need from us
17 quicker, and through an electronic means, and we've done it
18 in Seminole County. It's worked great for the last few
19 years. We're working on it in Brevard as well and hope to
20 have that implemented before I'm done.

21 I'd also like to get our remote interpreting system up
22 and running, but we've had to scramble for funds on that.

23 But our biggest -- the biggest thing I'd like to
24 accomplish -- and we have a new Clerk in Seminole -- is to
25 get our files electronically open to the public. We haven't

1 had that opportunity to do that. I know you have that here.
2 And we have a new Clerk who was elected effective January,
3 and he's very, very progressive about that. And we're
4 working together to try and make sure that that's done. So
5 I'd like to see that before --

6 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Yeah. Great. Best of luck with that.
7 Any words of wisdom you would give to your successor?
8 First of all, has Judge Harris served as a Chief Judge
9 before?

10 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Judge Harris was Chief Judge the two
11 years before me.

12 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Right.

13 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** And -- and he gave me some really
14 good words of wisdom and laughed when he shook my hand and
15 said good luck and smiled.

16 But he's been a great, you know, person to call upon
17 when I've had an issue. He calls me every few weeks and
18 says, hey, can I do anything to help you? I hope to be able
19 to do the same thing for him.

20 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Do you find it any harder to sleep at
21 night as Chief Judge than you did as a regular trial judge.
22 That's something that Judge Perry mentioned to me. Good
23 luck, you're not going to get the rest you used to get. And,
24 boy, was that true.

25 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Well, it -- it is true. When the

1 hurricane came through this past year, you know, I was up
2 most of the time. I was on the phone with the folks from two
3 different counties talking to the emergency management
4 services trying to make sure that our facilities were in good
5 shape. I was out the morning of the hurricane, driving
6 through the two counties looking at our facilities to make
7 sure that they were in good shape, making phone calls to the
8 people.

9 So you worry about those things. You worry about your
10 judges when they're ill. You worry about your personnel when
11 they're ill. You worry about whether or not we have, you
12 know, paper to do things on. At one point in time, one of my
13 judges said, I -- I just want to let you know, I'm trying to
14 help. I told the lawyers to make sure they bring me some
15 brown paper bags and pencils so I can write them orders out
16 on them.

17 So you worry about those little things, but most of all,
18 I worry about the people.

19 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Right. So I've -- I've frequently
20 said to Judge Perry, my predecessor, I don't know how you did
21 this for 18 years. He's one of the hardest workers I've ever
22 met. I don't know when he sleeps.

23 But I often go home at the end of the day saying I wish
24 I had about four more hours of workday. But in fairness to
25 my family, I can't really spend all day and all night here.

1 But you feel that way, that pressure sometimes too, I take
2 it?

3 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** I do. And my wife reminds me that I
4 can't live the work because she knows I'm a workaholic and I
5 bring it home with me. And I bring my computer home with me,
6 and she hears me, you know, talk about the things that
7 happened during the day and knows what I have to do the next
8 day to get through it.

9 And so you can't not. You can't do this job and run
10 these circuits, as you've found out, without living it. And
11 it is tough on you to do, but it is rewarding because you see
12 the benefits of what your work does.

13 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** So do you have any time for
14 nonjudicial work? What do you do to decompress? Sports?
15 Reading? Movies? What do you do when you have a little bit
16 of time to yourself?

17 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Recently, I had knee surgery, so
18 that was a --

19 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** That's fun.

20 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** -- break for a couple of days.

21 I get out in the yard and I just -- you know, I have
22 four boys that are now adult and grown, but I've always cut
23 my own grass and done that kind of thing. I like doing home
24 repairs and home improvements, which I've done since I was a
25 kid. And that -- I read some. And -- and we get out once in

1 a while and do a few things, my wife and I.

2 But we're more interested in our children and our family
3 and what they're doing. And, luckily, this weekend I'm going
4 to Washington to go visit my son, who's getting married in --

5 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Great. Congratulations.

6 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Thank you.

7 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** That's great.

8 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Thank you.

9 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Well, I -- I want to say that you and
10 I have been on a number of committees together and that the
11 18th Circuit is well served with you as Chief Judge.

12 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Thank you.

13 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** And you're a delightful person to work
14 with, smart, hard working, lots of common sense, which is
15 important in this job.

16 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** And a little bit of sarcasm.

17 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** And a little bit of sarcasm, which is
18 actually sometimes just what we need. So I want to thank you
19 for your service to the citizens of your circuit and the
20 State of Florida and tell you that it's been a pleasure to
21 work with you and I'm a little bit jealous that you get to
22 decompress come July 1st.

23 But thanks for joining us today.

24 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Well, thank you, Fred. It's my
25 pleasure. And I can say exactly the same thing about you.

1 Ever since we've known each other as young lawyers, I've
2 always enjoyed working with you, and I still continue to do
3 so.

4 >> **JUDGE LAUTEN:** Great. Thanks, John.

5 >> **JUDGE GALLUZZO:** Thank you.

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