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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 Don Myers.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Hello, and welcome to Open Ninth. I’m here today with Circuit Judges Michael Kraynick and Diego Madrigal, both of whom were appointed by Governor DeSantis this past summer and have been serving on our bench here in Osceola County since July.

Thank you for joining me.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Good morning.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** Thank you.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Thank you.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** I’d like to begin by giving our listeners the opportunity to get to know you a little bit.

Michael, let’s start with you.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Fair enough.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** All right. Tell us, native Floridian?

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** I -- born and raised in West Palm Beach.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Okay. And tell us a little bit about your childhood and growing up in Florida.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Sure. I grew up way out west in Palm Beach County which is now Wellington, but 30-some-odd years ago was nothing but sugarcane fields and polo fields and farmers. Watched that area grow up and develop over the years. The closest street to me

was 441 and US-1 -- I'm sorry, 441 and State Road 7, and it was a blinkity old light and it was a dirt road. And now it's a six-lane north/south highway.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Wow.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** So it's amazing to see how much it's changed. Grew up native Floridian. Grew up on two acres of property. Learned how to grow citrus at a really young age and learned how to toil the land, I guess you could say, because two acres of land is a lot to try to take care of. So every Saturday I was out working with my folks and my younger brother when we got a little bit older to help take care of, you know, the family homestead.

Went to a small private high school, and then wanted to get away from Palm Beach County and try to, you know, sow my own seeds and grow as an individual, and I went to Florida State. I chose the farthest in-state school that I could from South Florida.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Great. Well, we'll talk a little bit about the impact of that -- those -- childhood experience of toiling the soil to see how that affected what your aspirations were as you've grown up and matured.

Diego, how about you? Florida born and raised?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** No, no. A little more indoorsy than my friend here. I was born in New York, in Manhattan, and I lived there till I was about nine or ten. My dad retired, he was a social worker, and we actually moved to Caracas, Venezuela, for a tumultuous year, I'll say. It was in the early '90s. And after that we moved to Inverness, Florida. So I went from New York City to Caracas, Venezuela, to Inverness, Florida, which is a very small town. And I went to high school -- middle school and high school there.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Okay. So how old were you during the time that you were in Venezuela?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** It was fourth grade, so about ten.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Wow. And did you speak the language?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** I did. I had to learn the language growing up, but certainly the immersion helped me speak it a little bit better.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** I'm sure.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** I remember when I was in school, I went to a bilingual academy there, so the morning was in Spanish, the afternoon was in English. But during the Spanish portion, I had a little Spanish-English dictionary that I'd have to flip through because there were certain words I didn't know.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Wow. Wow. That was, of course, before Google Translate.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** It was before Google.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** All right. Great. And you end up going to high school, you said, in Inverness?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** Yes, sir.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** And how about -- where did you head off to go to college?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** Oh, University of Florida. So -- and I stayed there for undergrad and law school.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Okay. Great.

So, Michael, let's talk a little bit about your undergraduate experience. You went to Florida State.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Yes, sir.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** And what was your career -- or your degree path?

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** I always wanted to get into business. My father was in the home-building business for 35 years, so I was kind of pushed gently, I guess, in that direction early. So I was a double major in Finance and Real Estate.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Okay. Nothing to do with toiling the soil.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** No, not at all. But I did for all through college -- I didn't go to Europe or anything like that; I worked. Every break that I had, Thanksgivings, Christmas, spring and all the summers, I would go back home and work. And the first two summers, to get back in that toiling the land, I was a co-foreman on a residential construction site. So I learned how to build a house literally from the ground up, from pouring the slab to hanging the drywall to hanging shingles to working on the mud on the side of the house after the brick and mortar was put up. It was pretty impressive.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** So one of the things that I've heard about you already, about the time that you've spent as a judge out in Osceola, is folks talking about your work ethic. It sounds like perhaps those early years were formative.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** I think so. My dad was always a very -- was a disciplinarian in the sense that, you know, it was like you set yourself to a task, you need to do it completely and 100 percent correctly. And those who were my employers younger in my life -- my foreman on the construction site I worked at was in the Marine Corps for 35 years, and he ran his construction site like a boot camp. And you were there at 5:00 a.m., and if you were not there at 5:00 a.m. it was a problem. And if you got red-tagged because you failed an inspection, it was not acceptable. It needed to be perfect. Every step of the way needed to be perfect.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Great. Great experiences.

How about you, Diego? Where -- you said you ended up at -- your undergrad --

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** At UF, Gainesville.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** At UF, right. Go, Gators.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** Go, Gators. I actually started off as a pre-med for a year. There was -- I was in the Honors Program, so it was an intensive first semester course where you could take both chemistries condensed into one semester. So I did that, and that was okay.

And then -- and I think you and I share this, Don. I got into organic chemistry, and we were not friends. We were not friends. I had already had a second major as an Economics Major. I kind of made that my primary major and then picked up Poli Sci as a second major. So that was kind of my path to law school.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** And as an undergrad, did you have an aspiration at some point to attend law school?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** Not really. I interned -- well, eventually but not originally. I interned in D.C. for a congress -- my local congresswoman from back home, and so I was around a lot of lawyers. And that kind of lit the fire in me, that summer of 2002, in Washington.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Okay. Great. And so law school, you ended up where?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** UF. UF. So I actually graduated a semester early from undergrad, and I started in January of '04 to law school, which I think was one of the last Spring admission classes they did at UF.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** And what was it about your experiences in Washington, D.C., with the congresswoman and your exposure to lawyers that gave you some compulsion to attend law school?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** Sure. Well, it was twofold. One, I was really young. I was 20 years old and I was graduating from college. So I didn't want to go into the workforce quite yet. That was the first thing.

The second thing was just being exposed to that, the options that the law gave you. You could go into business, you could go into litigation, you could go into public service. That appealed to me. So being around lawyers who kind of had entrees into all those areas appealed to me, and that's why.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Great.

And about -- for you, Michael?

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** It was the beginning -- I was a rising junior. The first two summers I had been on a construction site, and the summers of my junior, rising senior year -- or after my senior year, rather, I worked in a title company in West Palm Beach. And I was put in their Audit and Compliance Department, and I worked with a bunch of lawyers handling title claims and title disputes.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Now, you and I, as lawyers, know title insurance and title claims. What does that mean for our listeners?

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** What that means is if there is something that comes up that is an encumbrance or affects your ownership in the property that's found, then that may be a covered item under your homeowners -- or title insurance policy.

The classic example is between the signing of the contract and the selling of the piece of property, a mortgage gets filed, and that -- the gap, is what they call it. And that would be something that would need to be remedied and taken care of before heading to closing and having the property transfer from Mr. Smith to Mr. Jones, or whoever the players may be.

And being in that environment kind of stoked the fire a little bit. And I was looking ahead down the career path, and with a Finance Degree I could work in Wall Street or I could work in a bank, and neither of those two things really appealed to me. And with a Real Estate Degree I could go be a sales associate for a certain number of years before I could try to take the Brokerage Exam. Now, I could have done that right out of high school. I could have become a sales associate.

So it was either go down the construction path and work for the business my father was involved in and learn how to be a builder, or go do something else. And it was between an MBA or a JD. And I think, as Judge Madrigal spoke to, there's more opportunities for you to provide back, I think, with a JD because there's more avenues that get opened up that way. And that's when I made the decision to sit for my LSAT and ended up attending Barry University here in Orlando.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Okay. Great. What -- let's talk a little bit about your path to the bench out of law school.

Michael, why don't you start and just tell us a little bit about how it is that you end up as a young graduate from Barry and to the place that you find yourself now as one of our newest judges.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** I -- through law school -- I guess, you know, the best is to go back to the beginning. When I first started in law school, I had no desire to be a litigator. I wanted to sit behind a desk and be a transactional attorney. Really had no desire to get into the courtroom.

And it was the spring semester of my 1L year, the Barry Trial Team had finished fourth in the country at AAJ, American Association for Justice. It's the largest Mock Trial Competition

in the country. And that, like, really got me excited. So before I knew it, I had signed to try out for the team and made the team, and that was my life for the next two years in law school. I, you know, breathed and sweated and cried trial team. And the impact that it had on me to get into the courtroom was really influential.

Then after I graduated, I was asked to come back and coach. And I coached from 2007 to 2013, took a short break and then started coaching again in 2016. My predecessor, Professor Mitch Frank, attacked me with taking over the running of the program in 2012. And being able to have an impact on these young law students, see them know nothing about trial advocacy and be able to coach them up and teach them the right way to do it kind of illuminated me that I have a higher purpose, a higher calling to serve not only the youth of our legal community but everybody in our legal community. And that was what made me kind of start to take the steps to trying to become a judge to serve the public.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** And when did the idea really first crystalize for you that, yeah, I'd like to -- I think I'd like to do that?

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** It was probably after four or five years of practice where I had been able to see the impact of not only my legal work affecting those that I had been representing, but the impact that I had on the young law students. I mean, the median age of the law student at Barry at that point in time was 24, 24-and-a-half, and be able to see the impact of those kids, as I called them, grow up from, you know, infantile to running law students, it was -- had a real big impact on me. I think that's when I made the decision, like, hey, this is -- I foresee this -- wanting to do this in the future and this is something that I think I want to be a part of.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** And so under the Florida Constitution, Circuit Judges are elected by the community of the Circuit in which they serve. And obviously you weren't elected. So tell us, how does that come about and --

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** The appointment process was one of the most amazing, time-consuming and terrifying things I think I've ever gone through. It's a very rigorous application that you need to fill out. It took me probably 30 to 40 hours to perfect my application. There were very difficult, soul-searching questions. Like the one that sticks in my brain is, what were the most six impactful cases in your career and why. And I've had, you know, hundreds of cases over the years. And being able to think back over almost 13 years -- 12 years of practice and think about those and why they were so important and the impact that it had on me, and being able to articulate that as well.

After the application was sent in, there's a local commission called the Judicial Nominating Committee and they have a 15-minute interview with you. There's nine members on that committee, eight attorneys and one member of the public, and you have a 15-minute interview with them. It's enough time basically to have about 55 seconds with each person by the time you're done with your introduction and your conclusion statement as to why you want to be a judge.

Different hypotheticals, different concepts of what your judicial philosophy is, legal hypotheticals as to how you may decide a certain situation that may come before you, questions about your experience or your -- alternatively, your lack of experience. And after all the interviews have been concluded, that commission congregates and makes a decision on who they'd like to send up to Tallahassee to have an interview with the Governor's Office.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Okay.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** And I was lucky enough to make that list.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** And so that appointment process for you came about as a result of the retirement of two of our judges, correct --

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Yes.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** -- midstream; in other words, not in the normal election cycle. So that's how you came to be appointed.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Correct.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Okay. All right. Good.

Diego, how about for you? You graduate law school at Florida and you find yourself here today as a judge. Tell us a little bit about that path.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** Right. So it's somewhat similar to Mike's. When I went into law school, I didn't want to be a litigator. In fact, I had to choose between Wall Street and law school, and I said, let me try this law school thing. So I turned down a job at Wall Street. The timing actually worked out pretty well if you think about the financial crisis, so I'm happy. Good decision. First good decision I've made.

But when I was in law school, I started interning -- or clerking at a litigation firm. I really fell in love with the process. I played tennis as a child and in high school, so competition was something that appealed to me. So -- friendly competition; you versus somebody else, matching wits. Putting a case together strategically, figuring out who to call, meaning which witness, in what order to call the witnesses, what evidence to try to introduce -- putting that puzzle together appealed to me, so I really fell in love with litigation.

When I graduated from law school, I got an opportunity at a pretty established personal injury trial firm here in town, and I was there for five years. Then I kind of switched to another P.I. firm, and then another one for the last five years as well.

And like Mike, about five, six, seven years in, I thought, maybe I'd like to be a judge because I could see the impact that the legal system and judges had on my clients who would come in not knowing about the legal process and then, through going to court, through having a trial, through litigating their case, would come to appreciate it. So that kind of lit the fire in me.

I prayed about it and decided when the time was right. And in December -- I remember exactly Christmas of '16 is when I decided, okay, next time there's a vacancy I'm going to apply. So I just spoke with my family and I told them that's the plan. And for the next two years, every vacancy there was, I applied. I was blessed enough to be shortlisted on every one, so I had -- I made a seasonal trip to Tallahassee. And finally now, two years later, Governor DeSantis appointed me.

So, like Mike, it was hard, but it was rewarding. When you go through that process, you really get to learn how much you've affected people and how much they appreciate you. So that was very -- my family, friends, colleagues going to bat for me, saying nice things about me to get me to the position I'm in today is something I'll never forget. So --

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Great. So you've been on the bench now going on three weeks?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** This is the end of our --

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Third week.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** -- third full week.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Okay. All right. This might be a little unfair to ask this early on, but what are you finding to be the biggest challenge now that you're here?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** It's -- I think it's an awesome responsibility. We're on the Family bench. We're both -- basically have identical dockets. The decisions we're tasked with making that affect these people's lives and children's lives is -- I mean, to me it's just a daunting, incredible responsibility that we've been given. And so for me, it's making these decisions that I know not only -- or they're not made in a vacuum. They're going to affect this child's life for the rest of their life. I think that's the hardest part, just wondering are you making the right decision for this child, for this family, and under the law. So that's -- for me, is the -- challenging.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** And how about on the flip side of that, the most enjoyable thing?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** I said this before. People actually listen to me. It's a nice change. It's a nice change. But the other thing is, I really enjoy the law, the purity of the law, reading statute, interpreting the law, thinking about the law without having to think about the business aspect of it. And so I've really enjoyed that, just getting to pure legal work is something I've really enjoyed.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Great.

And, Michael, how about for you? Biggest challenges and the things that you're enjoying the most.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** I would dovetail off of what Judge Madrigal just spoke about. The impact, physically, emotionally, spiritually, on your person trying to make the right decision is daunting. You know, I will sit there and stare at everything that I've got in front of me,

between the pleadings and the evidence that was submitted and my notes, and reading it over and over and over and trying to make the right decision in accordance with what the statutory factors are or what the law says this is what you need to look at to make the determination. And it's difficult. But you want to make sure you get it right. I think that's daunting thing number one.

And daunting thing number two is, I spent 12 years as a commercial litigator in business litigation and construction litigation. So going from that to pure equity is a major paradigm shift for me. And it's -- I want to get it right and I want to make the right decision, but I also want to make sure I completely, fully appreciate and understand the underlying law. And trying to do those things both at the same time -- you know, it's our third week on the bench, it's -- that's daunting as well, because I want to make sure that I get it right the first time. So I may take a little bit more time than another judge that the members of the public or the members of the Bar down in Osceola County may be more accustomed to, but I want to take more time because I want to make sure I'm doing it right and I get it right.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Sure. You know, our listeners may not appreciate that when you move from private practice or as a Public Defender or State Attorney in government practice into the judiciary, it's not uncommon for your first assignment to be one in an area that you've had no experience in. And we talk a lot in our circles about the learning curve and how steep it is when you come into a new division, and the challenges that come with learning all of the law surrounding a new area.

What we don't talk about as much but I think we all experience is the struggle of dealing with the under-story, the things that are going on behind the scenes that we're not privy to; the parties' motivations and the things that drive them to take the actions that they take, and particularly in the Family Law context. And when you don't have that sort of experience in your

background, it's always a little more difficult to fully appreciate what it is that's going on that doesn't show itself in the issue that you have for decision before you.

So I want you to know we recognize and appreciate just how difficult it can be to do what you're doing. Hope that you feel appropriately resourced. And for the benefit of the people that we serve, to let them know that we've invested in you already. I know that there was a group of judges that came around you that spent time with you, helping you make -- do mock trial type decision-making and pointing you to the right resources and the things that you'd need to know. So those daunting pieces of what you do are just a slice, really, of the huge, might say, Herculean task that you undertake when you come out of practice and into a division you've never practiced in.

So I do hear good things about the work that you all are doing already.

Let's talk a little bit about you personally, and try to give our listeners a little bit of insight into who you are on a personal level. So, you know, this is one that's important in the career that you've chosen. How do you manage stress?

Michael, let's start with you.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Not well. So I remember having a conversation with my wife after, you know, I got appointed. I remember making that phone call after meeting with Governor DeSantis. And she's like, so life's going to be easier now, right; you're not going to have all those late hours anymore. I said, no, no, that's not how that works. You know, it's still going to be 12, 13, 14-hour days. Don't -- the modus operandi that I had throughout my practice is not going change. Just because I'm now a judge doesn't mean that I'm -- the way that I went about my daily routine in the daily practice and the time that I invested into, you know, being an

advocate, that same work ethic is going to be applied as a member of the judiciary. That's not going to change.

I've got two kids. I have a three-and-a-half year old and an eighteen-month old. And I really didn't have a commute before because I worked in Downtown Winter Park and I lived in Winter Park, so my commute home at the end of the day was very short. Traveling to Osceola County actually is a blessing to an extent, because it allows me 45 minutes to an hour to kind of decompress before I get home so I can kind of wash away and, you know, compartmentalize all the stuff in my head so when I get home I can be dad to my two kids and I'm not burdened -- or I'm still burdened by it, but it's not at the forefront. Like you can't see it on my face when I get home that I've got all this weight on my shoulders. I have time to kind of put it in the back of my head so I can be dad when I get home, and that allows me to kind of de-stress a little bit.

Because that -- they're my focus when I get home; my wife and my kids are my focus when I get home, so that allows me to kind of pseudo-stress. And then it rears back up after they go to bed and I open up the laptop, but that's my own fault, so --

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** How long have you been married?

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** We got married in 2013, but I've been with my wife since May 2<sup>nd</sup> of '09.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Wow, great. Tremendous. Okay. Wonderful.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** You know the date.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** I do.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** That's impressive.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** I know all the dates.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** How about you, Diego? What do you do to manage stress?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** I've been -- I am lucky enough that I can compartmentalize work and personal. So I leave my work stress at work, and I can flip a script -- or flip a switch, I should say, right away and kind of leave that behind and just focus on -- the problem, of course, is when people ask you, how was your day. And you say, I don't want to talk about it. That's more for me to not bring those feelings back up.

So I pray a lot. I have great faith, so I pray a lot. I -- but I'm able to compartmentalize that. I leave work at work and I leave -- personal is personal. So I'm happy when I can just turn that switch off and move onto happier things. Not that work isn't happy, but it is stressful. It is stressful.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Best job growing up?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** So -- I know some bad jobs I had. When I was in law school, I clerked at a law firm during the day. At nighttime, I used to teach economics to the athletes at UF. So it was basically a teaching job, and I really enjoyed that. And I think I took that with me. I'm not an exceptionally old lawyer, but there were younger lawyers than me in my law firms and I kind of tried to teach them things. So I really enjoy teaching.

So it would be that tutoring job, but it's tutoring/teaching. And then I would volunteer with coaching youth sports, so I really enjoyed that. I'd say that's the best job I had.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** And worst job, since you brought it up?

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** I worked at a summer camp where I was a dishwasher, and it was just brutal. Don't ask me about my day. Don't ask me about my day.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** All right. Okay. All right.

How about for you, Michael, best job?

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Oh, man. It depends on how far back we're going to go. I started working pretty early, before 15. When my brother was in youth baseball, I would -- the parents were required to run the concession stand, and I would jump into the breach, so I would run the little Okeeheelee Park concession stand while my brother was playing baseball. And for every game that I worked after that, I got \$10 a game. That was a big deal when you were, like, 10 or 11, 12 years old.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Right.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** But I'd say growing up more, being able to give back to the legal youth when I got to be able to coach for whatever it was, six or seven straight years, every semester. And it was a lot of work. I mean, it was 40-plus hours a week with those kids, but it was awesome. I mean, to be able to see their growth from the beginning of getting the trial packet, you know, 100-page, 50-page packet with the facts and the depositions or whatnot, be able to break it down, understand the esoteric issues, understand how you're going to prove your case, how you're going to disprove, how you're going to prove your affirmative defenses, and then adding the theatricality behind it was just -- it was very, very rewarding.

And then we got lucky. I mean, I was -- John Beamer was a co-coach with me. We won a couple national championships together, and it was -- it's an experience that will stay with me forever.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** So last question. I'm going to wrap up with this. What's a little-known fact about you that others would be surprised to learn?

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** You go first.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** Well, the problem with me is, little-known facts become well-known facts because I repeat them over and over until it's engrained in people's minds. I'll say

this for the listeners. And obviously, I'm a retired child model. You'll see that in the Jury Room.

But my father was a Catholic Priest in Cuba. So a lot of people don't know that. People close to me know that. I have a picture in my office now. I'm a little more open about it. So my dad actually passed away the day after I put in my application for this vacancy. And so -- he was 96, so he lived a good life. I mean, he's in a better place.

But he escaped -- it's a very interesting story. We'll talk about it some other time. But he was a priest in Cuba, he helped with the Revolution. He got sent to the Vatican as a Cultural Emissary to Europe from Cuba. So if you see the picture in my office, it's my dad and the Pope, John XXIII. And so when he came back to Cuba and things were being nationalized, he was basically jailed and kicked out. So I don't think he regrets that, because I don't think he would have had me and that second life as a social worker and as a father had that not happened.

So that's kind of the -- and sorry, it's a heavy fact, but --

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** No, that's fascinating. Yeah, fascinating. Great.

And Michael, for you, little-known fact others would be surprised to learn?

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Wow. That's a really tough question.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** He's an excellent dancer.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** No, that's a total lie. That's a total lie.

Little-known fact about me is I'm actually -- my friends would never believe this, but I'm more introverted than I am extraverted. They all think I'm --

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** What?

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** I know. Right. They all think I'm loud and proud and, you know, I can, you know, work the room and be the center of attention. But internally, it's just -- I

-- that's not -- I'm more of an introvert that I -- than anything else. When people first meet me and after a while if we, you know, establish chemistry or whatnot and I can tell them that, they're like, that's not true. I'm like, no, it's completely true.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Interesting.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** So that's probably -- personally probably the most -- thing that someone would not know about me upon first meeting me.

**CHIEF JUDGE MYERS:** Great. Well, gentlemen, it's been a pleasure. Thank you so much for opening a little bit of the window into your lives for our listeners to be able to meet our two newest judges on the Circuit bench here in the Ninth Circuit. We stumbled across some interesting facts and topics. And I'm sure we'll have an occasion somewhere down the road to follow-up on those in more detail.

But thank you for joining us.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Thank you for the invitation.

**JUDGE MADRIGAL:** Thank you. Thanks for having us.

**JUDGE KRAYNICK:** Thank you.

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