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Weekly 5

The focus of this weekly episode was dealing with mother and daughter relationships. For example, the plaintiff Sernia Robinson from Buffalo, New York says that she loves her mother. However, when she came out as a lesbian at the age of 14 it was difficult for her mother to accept. She is now suing her mother for \$3,041 for the value of a car and repairs. Her mother thought it was an experimental phase and now Sernia is five months pregnant. Now her mother is having a hard time accepting that she is pregnant by a sperm donor. The defendant Lori Robinson from Buffalo, New York does not agree with Sernia's lifestyle and thought it was a phase, but she still loves her daughter anyway. The defendant does not think she owes her daughter Sernia any money. I love cases that deal with mother and daughter relationships because I love to see situations get resolved. However, as a law clerk I am keeping notes of this case. The results of this case were that this family needs to seek counseling. Both the plaintiff and defendant do not want to appeal this case. I agree that the judge's decision was fair. Therefore, I choose my major in this field because I love to ask many questions to get to know why people do the things they do. I am very interested in knowing why families do not get along and how the mother plays a role in the situation. So, parents are addicted to crack and this dynamic messes up the whole family. Some relationships can get fixed by getting the family members help and to get them to go to receive help. I feel that Judge Mathis made the right verdict in this situation because the mother decided to jump start the car. This is not the defendant's property so therefore she had no right into moving anything. In the end the mother and daughter still had respect for one other, and I like that. Court is about fixing situations, and this does not have to be about arguing about who is wrong or right. The judge is here to fix out who is lying or telling the truth by all the testimony and evidence made. I respect the Judge Mathis show because he always tells the truth with no regards on how both parties will feel. Judge Mathis will look at a crackhead and tell them that he knows they are coming into the courtroom lying. I want to be as honest as Judge Mathis because that is the best way to handle any situation. At one time I wanted to be a Judge and now Judge Mathis has inspired me again. My only problem is that I do not want to go attend law school. My second choice was to become a criminal investigator. I have many options that I would like to pursue. I would like to get my masters as soon as I am done with my bachelor's degree. The Jude Mathis show advertises a lot of diversity and I really appreciate that his best friend is a white bailiff. I really like Judge Mathis as a person because he gives Black people some hope that one day, we can all change for the better. This man was once just like me and it feels good now, he is standing up as a judge and making some great calls. I cannot wait till I start my career in my field. I hope that one day my legacy leaves an impact on a lot of people.

Weekly 6

This week the episodes I watched were very personal to me because I had a family member who died from domestic violence. Some people get out of the relationship quickly enough, but some people wait too late and get killed. I am so glad my cousin told us that she was tired of being beaten by her boyfriend. We went to pick her up and had gotten the dude locked up. I was a young lady when all this happened, but I promised myself that I would never stay in an abusive relationship. I hear about many women not being believed and this breaks my heart for victims. This topic is so important to let females and males know that it is not okay for someone to put their hands on you. Love should never hurt and with my major, I plan on helping victims put their abusers in jail where they belong. I want to be an advocate for women who cannot speak up for themselves. Many women do not want to be judged, fear the abuser, and do not want to see their abuser put behind bars. For example, the R Kelly situation was a big topic for months because many women came forward to tell what R Kelly did to them. Some women did not want to see R Kelly behind bars because he brainwashed them into thinking love is supposed to be like this. I want to be able to speak to younger females and males to make them aware of the signs of an abusive partner. The children need to know how to get out of a situation like this before it is too late. Many mothers and fathers date abusive partners and this affect children extremely. I want people to be aware of everything they should look out for such as if their partner is being controlling. I want abusers to be sentenced harshly because they want to retaliate against victims for speaking up. The plaintiff Lashaun White, SR. and the defendant has a child together and he does not want to be absent from his son's life. They both continued living together but now he is suing his ex-girlfriend for the value of his personal property. The defendant Taylor Wood admits that the plaintiff is a good father, but he is also very abusive. The plaintiff won her case against the defendant and can also throw him in jail because he is abusive. I believe that Judge Mathis made the right decision because he needs to show people what would be the consequences of their actions. I love seeing the victim receive the justice that they deserve. The defendant tried to appeal this case so the court can let him go free from domestic violence. However, as the law clerk I reviewed evidence of his background then denied the defendant access to an appeal. The defendant wanted the court to review this case, but the judge was not allowing the defendant to do so. Judge Mathis was taking the correct legal actions to keep the defendant from abusing his baby's mother. This weekly lesson showed my insight on domestic violence and what not to tolerate. Males and females should report any kind of abusive behavior from their partner. I watch these cases to see how the judge would react to this behavior. I am happy that Judge Mathis does not tolerate this in his courtroom. These weekly episodes were very personal to me, so I enjoyed getting educated on this topic.