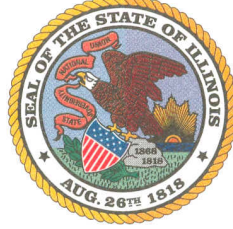


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17th Judicial Circuit Court Releases Podcast

ROCKFORD, IL – Chief Judge Eugene G. Doherty announces that the 17th Judicial Circuit Court has released a podcast entitled “*Learning with Laura Youngblut: Domestic Violence in Winnebago County.*” The nine-part series examines responses to domestic violence in Winnebago County, Illinois through the eyes of the host, Laura Youngblut. Episode guests include:

- Associate Judge Jennifer J. Clifford, 17th Judicial Circuit Court
- Deputy Chief Kurt Whisenand, City of Rockford Police Department
- Manager of the Mayor’s Office of Domestic and Community Violence Prevention Jennifer Cacciapaglia, City of Rockford
- Clinical Professor Wendy Hinton Vaughn, NIU College of Law

This podcast was created with funds from the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and is a project under the Winnebago County Domestic Violence Coordinated Court’s role as a national Domestic Violence Mentor Court.

Host Laura Youngblut stated, “I am humbled to be part of this project which provides information about domestic violence and the criminal justice system from the perspective of a person with no previous knowledge about these topics. This resource brings awareness to an important community issue and can provide the listener with information on how to best support those who work in or are going through this process.”

Nicole Ticknor, Deputy Court Administrator of the Domestic Violence Coordinated Court commented, “We hope this project provides community members and other professionals with a behind-the-scenes look at our community’s collaborative response to domestic violence. Even those with some familiarity of the legal system will benefit from hearing the individual perspectives of the response to domestic violence in each episode.”

The podcast can be accessed at <https://learningwithlaurayoungblut.buzzsprout.com> or at the 17th Judicial Circuit’s website. The podcast is also available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

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