



Dear Katie Legal Episodes

Resource for International Sexual Violence Justice Symposium

Title: Signing Away Your Truth: Reading the Fine Print (S6, E19)

Guest name: Gretchen Carlson

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: Gretchen Carlson is a fierce, fearless, and internationally recognized advocate for women's rights, whose bold actions against Fox News Chairman Roger Ailes helped pave the way for the global #MeToo movement. A former CBS News and Fox News journalist, author, TED talk alum, and champion for workplace equality, Carlson was named one of Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World." She co-founded the nonprofit Lift Our Voices which works to eliminate silencing mechanisms in the workplace and was recently instrumental in passing two of the biggest labor laws in the last century. This week, she shares her voice and expertise to inspire, connect, and empower our community of survivors and supporters.

Relevant topics:

- NDAs and forced arbitration
- Workplace silencing mechanisms
- Litigation of workplace sexual harassment
- Influence of legislation on ability to sue one's employer

Title: Splitting the Law (S6, E15)

Guest name: Rachael Denhollander

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: "How much is a little girl worth?"

Guided by a strong sense of justice since she was young, Rachael decided at ten that she wanted to be an attorney. However, her experience reporting abuse in her church comes with a terrible lesson: don't report unless you can prove it. Taking this to heart, when her gymnastics coach Larry Nassar sexually assaults her, she stays silent.

16 years later, supported by investigative journalists and public outrage, she reports her abuse, becoming the first whistleblower and rallying an army of survivors to bring Larry Nassar to justice. Today, Rachael Denhollander speaks across the country to make change in institutions ranging from the government to religious organizations, pursuing survivor healing and institutional transformation.



Relevant topics:

- High-profile sexual abuse cases (e.g., highly-publicized, involving people in power or public figures such as athletes)
 - Cases involving several victims and lengthy timelines
 - Grooming
 - Obstacles faced by survivors (especially minors) in reporting sexual abuse
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Title: Brave Box of Justice + Fearless Fighter (S7, E2)

Guest name: Helene Weiss and Grant Boyd

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: This week, Helene Weiss and Grant Boyd share their experiences advocating for survivors and working tirelessly to protect their rights in the courtroom. They share visions of hope and victory, bringing to light brave survivors who have pushed to make their voices heard and fight for themselves and their community.

Helene Weiss is a partner at Marsh Law Firm and works on a wide range of cases representing survivors of sexual abuse. She is a former Special Victims Bureau Prosecutor who has tried dozens of cases from jury selection to verdict, both criminal and civil. Helene also works as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Hofstra University, teaching Advanced Trial Skills.

Grant Boyd is an attorney from St. Louis, Missouri. His practice focuses on representing sexual abuse survivors and families of victims. In just 10 years as an attorney, Grant has won over half a billion dollars for crime victims and continues to assist victims in navigating criminal cases.

Relevant topics:

- Title IX and sexual assault on campuses
 - Trauma-informed approaches and education, as well as survivor-centered litigation
 - Jane/John Does (i.e., anonymizing oneself in legal proceedings)
 - Preventing retraumatization through the court system
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Title: White House Sidewalk Sit-In (S6, E2)

Guest name: Jonathan “Jon” Vaughn and Josh Rubin

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: This week we share the powerful voices of Jon Vaughn and Josh Rubin. Jon Vaughn made waves around the world as one of the few to publicly speak out against the abuse



of University of Michigan doctor Robert Anderson in 2020, leading over 1000 survivors in a lawsuit against the university that settled in 2022. Today, he is a testament to the power of speaking out and advocating for what is right against all odds.

Relevant topics:

- High-profile sexual abuse cases (e.g., highly-publicized, involving people in power or public figures such as athletes)
 - Cases involving several victims and lengthy timelines
 - Negative assumptions against male victims of sexual violence
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Title: National Center for Victims of Crime: A Conversation with the Executive Director (S6, E4)

Guest name: Renee Williams

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: We ask Renee Williams, the Executive Director of the National Center for Victims of Crime, all of our pressing legal questions. While Law and Order may be entertaining, our ideas of what occurs in the courtroom may not be accurate.

Renée is the executive director of the National Center for Victims of Crime. She also serves as the director of the National Crime Victim Bar Association, an affiliate program of the National Center.

Relevant topics:

- Bar associations advocating for victims
 - Restorative justice as an alternative goal
 - Justice and healing for survivors outside of the legal/justice system
 - Systemic shortcomings that prevent sexual violence survivors from achieving healing
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Title: Running in Neon (S3, E11)

Guest name: Kemi Dasilva-Ibru

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: This week, our episode features Anita Kemi DaSilva-Ibru, a Nigerian physician who is dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls through medical practice, social activism and public advocacy against gender-based violence.

Professionally, Dr. DaSilva-Ibru is a consultant specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology, as well as a public health physician, with over 20 years' experience in private practice. She is also the founder of the Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF), a non-profit organization that



addresses the prevalence of gender-based violence, rape and the trafficking of young girls and women across Nigeria.

Relevant topics:

- Violence and trafficking in foreign countries
- Intersection between medicine and policy

Title: A Loss is a Win – From Politics to Trafficking (S5, E19)

Guest name: Eva Biaudet

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: All the way from Finland, Eva Biaudet talks about her role as a politician through working through battling the negative impact of human trafficking. She emphasizes how important sex education is through child development, diving into how enforcing equal satisfaction and engagement through romantic relationships at a young age is an important part of creating healthy and safe sexual environments.

Relevant topics:

- International policy
- Policies to combat trafficking

Title: Long Legal Walks with Luna the Therapy Dog (S5, E10)

Guest name: Darcilyn Stack

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: This week, we sit down with Darcilyn Hall to discuss the ins and outs of sexual assault litigation. She addresses the role of trauma-informed legal practices and the need for sensitivity when working with survivors, including her own practice's amenities such as Luna the therapy dog.

Relevant topics:

- Sexual assault litigation
- How to make the legal process more comfortable for survivors
- Trauma-informed legal practice

Title: Tribes and Villages Everywhere (S3, E20)

Guest name: Nicole Matthews

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)



Description: This week, we host Nicole Matthews, Executive Director of the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition and proud descendant of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. She describes the ripples of violence that colonization have sent through communities across the United States, naming the intersectional nature of violence against native women. To truly understand and enact change, we must acknowledge the ways our histories and cultures affect our experiences of and approach to violence, and shine a spotlight on neglected victims and survivors of violence.

Relevant topics:

- Violence against native/indigenous women
 - Historical and systemic context behind higher risk of victimization for native women
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Title: Sloping Scales of Justice (S4, E10)

Guest name: Michael Leshner and Amanda Lee

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: "No one ever regrets fighting the good fight, whether it is for yourself or for your children."

In this episode, Amanda Lee (Bubbles & Bubbly in a Bottle) discusses her experience with justice. To bring an expert perspective into the conversation, we invite Michael Leshner, a lawyer and writer, to discuss the American justice system. Michael has authored publications focused on the experiences of protective parents going through divorces where the other parent is the child's abuser. The family court might be looking out for the child's best interests, but in cases like this, conventional practices can be dangerous - whistleblowers can face incredible scrutiny from the justice system, an added trauma to the struggle to protect their children. Today, we bring to light an often overlooked aspect in the fight to prevent sexual violence and seek justice for survivors.

Relevant topics:

- Family court and child abuse
 - Custody hearings in which one parent is the child's abuser
 - Shortcomings of existing legal systems to protect victims of child abuse
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Title: Angel in the Legal Heavens for Victims (S5, E8)

Guest name: Hansen Dirani

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: A lawyer focusing on institutional accountability for child sexual assault, Hansen Dirani shares his soul-shaking passion and energy with us to advocate for survivors of violence.

His beliefs, while unconventional, reveal a deep care and unwavering strength in the face of a culture of complicity and silence.

Relevant topics:

- Role of parents/families in child sexual abuse litigation
 - Justice and accountability measures against perpetrators of child sexual abuse
 - Institutional and legal protections for children
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Title: Law & Order Canada (S5, E16)

Guest name: Benjamin Perrin

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: Ben Perrin, a law professor at the University of British Columbia, shares his work breaking the cycles of trauma and abuse. He gives insight into his personal experiences working with his wife, who is a victim of childhood abuse, and how this development has shaped his life and relationship.

Relevant topics:

- Canadian legal system
 - The importance of representing survivors' voices in policy and advocacy
 - Harm reduction and breaking cycles of trauma
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Title: Victim Centered Justice (S5, E17)

Guest name: Guy D'Andrea

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: In this week's episode, Guy D'Andrea, attorney at LBK, dives into his advocacy and how he navigates sexual assault cases in institutional settings. Sharing his expertise, he sheds light on how the legal system operates and the connections he can make with his clients.

Relevant topics:

- Sexual assault cases in institutional settings (e.g., schools)
 - Trying sexual assault criminally versus civilly, as well as elaboration of what the latter entails/provides
 - Legal proceedings as a vehicle of catharsis for survivors
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Title: 5ft Sensei Towering Over Eiffel (Expert Episode: Patti Giggans) (S3, E7)

Guest name: Patti Giggans

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)



Description: This week, we sit down with Patti Giggans, legendary activist and Executive Director of Peace Over Violence, a non profit dedicated to ending interpersonal violence. She shares stories of one on one intervention, and how speaking with even a single individual can change minds and initiate global change.

For more information on Peace Over Violence and the amazing work led by Patti and other groundbreaking activists, got to www.peaceoverviolence.org

Relevant topics:

- Advocacy for victims of sexual and/or domestic violence, as well as intimate partner abuse
 - Resources and avenues for healing outside of the justice/legal system
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Title: Chrysalis Growing Monarch Wings (S2, E11)

Guest name: Ethan Levine

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: Ethan is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Stockton University in Galloway, NJ. His research focuses primarily on interpersonal violence. His new book, Rape by the Numbers, explores scientists' approaches to studying rape over more than forty years in the United States and Canada. Outside of academia, Ethan is an advocate and award-winning speaker on interpersonal violence and LGBTQ+ communities. He has more than 10 years' experience supporting survivors of all genders and sexualities. Ethan currently lives in Philadelphia with his partner, their 8-month-old baby, and a mischievous cat named after one of his favorite video game villains.

Relevant topics:

- Interpersonal violence from an academic perspective
 - How to support survivors of various gender identities and sexualities
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Title: Secrecy and Sexual Abuse in Mormon Country (S7, E12)

Guest name: John Miller

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: Valarie Clark Miller seemed to live a picture-perfect life, but her flawless facade masked a haunting past. Suffering a lifetime of abuse that eventually takes her life, her fight for justice continues with a newly released book, Hometown Betrayal: A Tragic Story of Secrecy and Sexual Abuse in Mormon Country, featuring the perspectives of her family. John R. Miller shares his experience navigating the cultures that protect sexual predators and raises awareness about sexual violence and its generational impact. He gives voice to the tragedy that



Valarie experienced and carries her dream of helping other women and girls share their stories and heal.

John R. Miller is the CEO of JR Miller Enterprises, overseeing a diverse portfolio in real estate, private companies, public securities, agriculture, and aquaculture. He resides in Salt Lake City, Utah, with his wife, Nataliya, and is a devoted father and grandfather.

Relevant topics:

- Sexual violence in close-knit (e.g., geographically, religiously) communities and obstacles in acquiring justice
 - Role of family members in supporting victims of sex crimes
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Title: Changing Behavior vs. Attitudes to Prevent Rape (S6, E13)

Guest name: Roni Porat and Ana Gantman

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: This week we sit down to discuss behavior and moral psychology in the context of sexual violence with Roni Porat and Ana Gantman. The professors cover the pitfalls of bystander intervention, changing attitudes and behaviors, and substance use, sharing their wealth of knowledge on what works and what doesn't to stop rape.

Relevant topics:

- Shortcomings of bystander intervention and other existing programs attempting to prevent sexual violence
 - Recommendations and best practices for sexual assault prevention
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Title: Dancing to Techno, Tribal, and House (S7, E10)

Guest name: Sabrina Osso

Links to episode: [Spotify](#), [Apple](#)

Description: 'My father would beat my mother, and my mother would blame me.

Speaking about her experience growing up in a turbulent home, Sabrina Osso sheds light on the patterns of abuse and violence that encompassed her childhood. Fueled by the journey out of her early traumatic life, she dedicates herself to improving families and creating safe homes through her business, Osso Safe.

Relevant topics:

- Creating safe home environments for families and children
- Formalizing commitments to child safety in residences