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LADY JUSTICE: WOMEN OF THE COURT PODCAST PARTNERS WITH THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS

(Little Rock, Arkansas) – Lady Justice: Women of the Court Podcast proudly announces its recent partnership with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to showcase and support the essential work of state courts across the nation. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in the podcast's journey and reinforces its commitment to transparency, education, and diversity within the judiciary system.

Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Rhonda Wood expressed her enthusiasm for the partnership, stating, "I am thrilled to be partnering with the National Center for State Courts. My goal, along with Justice Beth Walker of West Virginia, was to start a podcast to increase transparency and education about state courts. I never dreamed that we would be here four years later. I am grateful to the Arkansas Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for its help."

Lady Justice made its debut in 2020 as a special school project for Justice Wood's granddaughter and has since evolved into a reputable platform for discussing the law and State Courts. Co-hosted by Justice Beth Walker from the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the podcast has garnered widespread acclaim and consistently ranks among the top 20 court podcasts nationwide.

As the only podcast featuring sitting Supreme Court Justices, Lady Justice is dedicated to honoring women judges across the country. In its inaugural collaborative episode with the NCSC, Lady Justice welcomed special guest Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby. Together, Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby and the Lady Justices explored the significance of leadership and community involvement beyond the courtroom, highlighting the multifaceted roles of judicial officers.

Chief Justice John Kemp of the Arkansas Supreme Court emphasized the importance of discussing the law and the role of state courts stating, "communicating effectively with the public is one of the goals of our strategic plan. These dialogues help improve the public's trust in the court system. What the podcast has done to achieve this goal is appreciated."

Lady Justice: Women of the Court Podcast is accessible on various platforms, including iTunes, Spotify, Podbean, YouTube, and other podcasting applications. The partnership with the NCSC signifies a pivotal moment for the podcast, as it continues to amplify the voices of women in the legal profession and promote

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