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RALEIGH — The [latest episode of All Things Judicial: Beyond the Bench](#), the official podcast of the North Carolina Judicial Branch, features a unique and engaging conversation with Pitt County Chief District Court Judge Galen Braddy.

In this special episode, Judge Braddy shares his deep-rooted passion for turkey hunting and turkey calling, and how the discipline, patience, and focus it requires mirror the skills he brings to the courtroom.

Judge Braddy, who has served on the bench for over 25 years, offers listeners a behind-the-scenes look at his life outside the courtroom, and treats us to a demonstration of a variety of turkey calls. In addition, he shares how turkey hunting and calling trains him for his work in the courtroom, and allows him to recharge to do his best at the job he loves.

"No matter what's going on, like if you've heard a terrible domestic case where a family is in conflict, you can reboot in the outdoors," said Braddy on the podcast. "Sometimes it doesn't matter if the turkey gobbles or not, you're just out there. That really brings me back to peace and helps me get away."

All Things Judicial: Beyond the Bench is part of an ongoing effort to humanize the judiciary and foster public understanding of the people who serve in North Carolina's court system.

Listeners can find *All Things Judicial* on all major podcast platforms. You can also find the episode on NCCourts.gov with pictures of Judge Brady with his prize turkeys and turkey calls.

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