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"Oh, My Mom's Home"

Muftiah McCartin reflects on working full-time, going to school part-time, and raising her daughter.
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When I got to law school is when I—it was really tough, because that was class every single night. And so, I would—the Parliamentarians were great. You know, I mean, I had to be at school usually at 5:30. Or I had to leave at 5:30, class started at 5:45. And then if we were in late, I'd come back after classes. I had one child during my time at law school, and I actually moved back home. I rented my house out, and I moved back home with my parents because, you know, I just didn't want her with a babysitter incessantly. So, so, you know, I think that she was in a good place, and my parents were, were really—they were, they were very helpful during that time. But there was—you know, there was no sleep, that's all. There was just—you know, there was just never sleep. You know, my daughter still remembers the, the—when I would come home—which was often at midnight—she remembers the cling of my keys. She says to this day, like, she hears the clings, and, and it brings, like, "Oh, my mom's home."