

# **Kirsten H. Pabst**

## **Missoula County Attorney**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Missoula County Attorney-December 30, 2014 – present  
Private Attorney, Pabst Law Office (March 2012 through October 2014)  
Chief Deputy Missoula County Attorney, Criminal Division (2006 through March 2012)  
Deputy Missoula County Attorney (1997 through 2006)  
Lewis and Clark County Special Prosecutor (2002)  
Deputy Cascade County Attorney (1995-1997)  
Missoula County Attorney's Office Intern Prosecutor (1994-1995)

### **FORMAL EDUCATION**

University of Montana School of Law, JD (1995)  
University of Great Falls, BA with honors (1992)  
University of Montana, Fine Arts department (1985 through 1988)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Montana Bar Association  
Montana Supreme Court's Commission on Evidence  
National District Attorney's Association  
Montana County Attorney's Association  
First Step Advisory Board, Missoula County Multi-disciplinary team  
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Executive Board Member  
Western Montana Bar Association  
Montana Board of Crime Control, "Campaign to Combat Child Abuse and Neglect,"  
Project Director

### **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

- **National Association of Counties (NACo)** Top 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work – *Secondary Trauma—Implementing Institutional Resiliency for Prosecutors* (2017)
- **National Association of Counties (NACo)** Achievement Award for Innovative Program – *Secondary Trauma—Implementing Institutional Resiliency for Prosecutors* (2017)
- **Missoula Family Violence Council** - *Criminal Justice Professional of the Year* (2009)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE and COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

**Western Montana Bar Association** presentation - *Innovative Programs and Crime Trends in Missoula County* (2017)

**Local Innovations: Best Practices in Sexual Assault Prosecution**, steering committee with the Montana AG's Office and the University of Montana (2015)

**Montana Victim Advocate Academy**, *Navigating the Criminal Justice System*, University of Montana (2015, 2016)

**New Jersey Women In Law Enforcement**, Keynote Address - *Dissolving Gender Barriers in Law Enforcement* (2015)

**"Women in the Law"** panelist, University of Montana School of Law (2014)

**Montana Judicial Institute**, U.S. District Court, *Anatomy of a Criminal Case*, (2012)

**Montana County Attorney's Association**, presenter—*Opening Statement: Piercing the Presumption* and *Cross Examination of Expert Witnesses* (2010); *Effective Cross Examination* (2016)

**Montana Women In Law Enforcement**, Keynote speaker, annual conference (2009, 2011)

*State Firearms Law*, presentation for the **National District Attorney's Association** in partnership with the **International Association of Chiefs of Police** (2009)

**Jury Selection with Recanting Victims** demonstration, speaker, panel member for annual Law Enforcement Day, Leadership Missoula (2000 – 2012).

**Trial Practice** section instructor & lecturer, University of Montana School of Law, (2001-2014, 2016)

**Lobbyist, Montana Legislature (2000-2011)**. Successfully lobbied to protect victims of violent sexual assault by expanding the mental state of the offenders to include sexual gratification, degradation, humiliation. After studying rape laws in all 50 states, drafted and successfully lobbied legislature to protect victims of acquaintance sexual assault by expanding the definition of without consent to include force, coercion, deception or surprise.

Opening Statement—*Piercing the Presumption*, **Kentucky Prosecutors' Institute** (2006)

Faculty for **the National District Attorney's Association**.

National Advocacy Center (NAC), faculty member: Trial Advocacy II (2005)  
Advanced Trial Advocacy (2003)  
Technical Cross Examination (1999, 2003, 2010)  
Trial Advocacy (2000, 2002)  
Essential Advocacy (2000)  
Pretrial Advocacy (1999)  
Applied Advocacy (1998).

*The CSI Effect, Montana County Attorneys Association* (2006);

**“Developing Community Sexual Abuse Teams,”** lecture for the Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

**Leadership Missoula,** Annual Law and Order day panelist, *Domestic Violence Court Demonstrations* (2000-2012)

**Montana Law Enforcement Academy,** presenter & instructor, University of Montana, MLEA Helena.

**“GOING TO COURT, A Handbook for Kids,”** authored guide book for children going through the criminal justice system and produced a video, *“GOING TO COURT, A Video Handbook for Kids.”*

**Forensic Interviewing in Child Sexual Assault Investigations,** The Center for Child Protection, Children’s Hospital, San Diego, CA., presenter at the Missoula, Montana conference.

**Computer Animations and Simulations in Court,** Evidence Course, National District Attorney's Association, San Diego, CA.

**“Creating dynamic Visual Trials”** presenter; Advanced Advocacy program, faculty, University of Montana School of Law.

Analytical Advocacy-**Putting the Case Together,** Montana County Attorneys Association