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PROFILE

Results-driven policy expert with over 20 years of diverse experience crafting state policy, enforcing laws, and improving community safety. She developed public health and safety expertise protecting Montanans during her time as a deputy county attorney, assistant attorney general, and substitute municipal court judge. She is a leader of groundbreaking reforms in Montana law during and after her service as an elected official. She has firsthand knowledge of health care delivery from her time as a registered nurse. Kimberly has led innovative reforms in criminal justice, child welfare, and violence against women. She is dedicated to working on under-addressed issues and leading transformational change.

EXPERIENCE

CEO & FOUNDER, KIMBERLY DUDIK & ASSOCIATES – 2005-PRESENT

- Provides no-cost legal advocacy to families impacted by the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Legal Advocacy Program
- Provides full service legal representation to crime victims, focusing on helping survivors find justice
- Collaborates with various entities on grant application work to obtain funding for projects

CREATOR, THE REFORM PODCAST – 2021-PRESENT

- Created true crime policy podcast to explore unsolved crimes, including the legal and policy issues involved. Researched, wrote, and produced episodes

CEO & CO-FOUNDER, PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE OF THE ROCKIES – 2020-PRESENT

- Created the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Legal Advocacy Program to provide no-cost legal advocacy to families impacted by this epidemic
- Created the Safe Community Challenge Scorecard program to improve community safety by grading states on specific areas of law and suggesting improvement
- Created the Local Impact Program to empower local government change through championing progressive municipal ordinances and resolutions

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE – 2013-2020

Led policy reforms in numerous areas by analyzing data and identifying best practices, including state indigent defense, human trafficking, child protection, bullying, criminal justice, economic development, tax reform, dealing with addiction, and sexual assault responses.

- Finance Committee - Chairperson

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- Appropriations Committee - Member
- Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice - Ranking Member
- Joint Subcommittee on the Changing Economy and Impacts to the Long-Term Viability of Montana's Tax Structure - Member
- Joint Select Committee on Settlement Accountability - Vice-Chairperson
- Rules Committee - Vice-Chairperson

CHAIRPERSON, COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS WEST – 2019

CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN LEGISLATORS – 2018

SUBSTITUTE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, CITY OF MISSOULA – 2014-2016

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, BROWNING, KALECZYC, BERRY & HOVEN – 2013-2015

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – 2007-2012

DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY, GALLATIN COUNTY ATTORNEY OFFICE – 2005-2007

LAW CLERK, MONTANA SUPREME COURT – 2003-2004

LEGAL INTERN, MISSOULA COUNTY ATTORNEY OFFICE – 2002-2003

LEGAL INTERN, U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DISTRICT OF MONTANA – 2002

REGISTERED NURSE, COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER – 2000-2001

REGISTERED NURSE, ST. PATRICK HOSPITAL – 1999-2000

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE, MISSOULA YWCA NURSE – 1997-1999

EDUCATION

- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health - Master of Public Health Degree, 2008
- University of Montana School of Law - Juris Doctorate, 2003
- Montana State University - Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1998

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COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

- Director, Board of Directors, Providence, St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula, MT, 2015-present
- Director, Board of Directors, Head Start, Missoula, MT 2020-present
- Commissioner, Montana Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, 2013-2020
- Director, Board of Directors, Children's Center, Missoula, MT, 2011-2015

CERTIFICATIONS/AWARDS

- Montana State Bar Association - Member
- American Bar Association - Member
- National Crime Victims' Bar Association - Member
- Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist - Certified by the National Association of Counsel for Children
- 2019 State Governmental Affairs Council Award
- 2015 Elected Women of Excellence Award
- 2013 New Leaders Council 40 Under 40 Award for Political Leadership

PUBLICATIONS

- *Montana, Independent Courts, and Montanans' Rights are Under Attack*, Missoulian (Feb. 10, 2021).
- *Montanans Deserve Better After COVID-19*, Montana Standard (April 8, 2020).
- *Improving Justice in Indian County*, Medium (Feb. 28, 2020).
- *Fighting for Our Democracy*, Medium (Jan. 29, 2020).
- *After 100 Years We Are Still Marching*, Missoulian (Jan 17, 2020).
- *Prescription Pills, Big Pharma, & Accessible Treatment*, Medium (Jan. 7, 2020).
- *Fighting for Justice in Montana*, Medium (Dec. 26, 2019).
- *Together We Can Stop Human Trafficking Together*, Medium (Dec. 4, 2019).
- *Protecting Our Elections*, Medium (Nov. 4, 2019).
- *Fighting For Our Military Veterans*, Medium (Nov. 10, 2019).
- *Protecting Our Land*, Medium (Nov. 20, 2019).
- *Making Montana Safer for Everyone*, Medium (Oct. 24, 2019).
- *Bully-Free Montana Act In Action*, Missoulian (Sept. 9, 2019).
- *We Must Stop Elder Abuse in Montana*, Montana Standard (June 11, 2019).
- *Montana Champions Protecting From Sexual Abuse*, Missoulian (May 13, 2019).
- *Improving Response to Sexual Assaults*, Missoulian (May 18, 2019)
- *Montanans take a stand against human trafficking with Red Sand Projects*, Missoulian (Apr. 21, 2018).
- *Reform Montana Law to Stop Rapists*, Billings Gazette (Mar. 27, 2019).

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- *Child Abuse Diversion Project Proving Successful*, Bozeman Daily Chronicle (Nov. 21, 2018).
- *Positive Reforms Coming to Indigent Defense in Montana*, Flathead Beacon (Jan. 14, 2017).
- *Public Safety Requires Special Session*, Missoulian (Oct. 24, 2017).
- *Why Montana Should Invest in Early Education*, Billings Gazette (Dec. 7, 2016).
- *Women in the Montana Legislature*, The Montana Lawyer (Sept. 2013).