

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

State of Michigan
Lansing, MI
May 2011 – December 2018

DIRECTOR OF CRIME VICTIM ADVOCACY

- Departmental Team, untested Detroit Sexual Assault Kits
- Departmental Team, school safety, OK2SAY tipline
- Co-chairing and staffing Victim Services Committees and Human Trafficking
- Liaising with the FBI/Michigan State Police Joint Anti-Trafficking Taskforce
- Assisted with drafting and editing well over 100 legislative bills
- Assisted various practitioners with crime victims' rights around the state
- Lead staff, establish and manage an Address Confidentiality Program
- Liaising with victim support and law enforcement groups
- Assembled a team/worked in Las Vegas with victims of the 2017 mass shooting
- Departmental Team, Catholic clergy abuse investigation

STATE OF MICHIGAN SENATE

Lansing, MI
January 1983 – May 2011

CHIEF OF STAFF FOR FOUR SENATORS, LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO ONE SENATOR

- Hired and managed staff and all budgets
- Assisted in negotiating policy and budgets for ten State Departments and K-12
- Assisted in negotiating legislation for multiple Senate Policy committees
- Staffed Senate Judiciary Committee for 20 years
- Assisted in planning and running Senate session in 2009 and 2010, working with Senators and Representatives in coordinating debate and passage of legislation
- Negotiated well over 2,500 bills, with over 1,000 signed into law, plus a Constitutional amendment adopted by the electorate.
- Collaborated with community stakeholders addressing substance abuse, mental health, crime victim rights, court re-structuring, therapeutic courts, public safety issues, multiple state budgetary items, etc.
- Assisted Michigan Judicial Institute in editing their bench book on crime victims' rights
- Represented or assisted Senators on:
 - Michigan Sentencing Commission
 - Trial Court Assessment Commission
 - Judicial Information Systems Advisory Commission
 - Family Court Division Implementation Task Force
 - Trial Court Performance Standards Task Force
 - Guardianship Task Force

THE CRIME VICTIM FOUNDATION

Lansing, MI
1992 – present

FOUNDING MEMBER / PRESIDENT

- Raise funds and provide grants for meeting health care needs, and helping victims in danger of losing their housing, employment, or transportation.
- Financially support placement of victim therapy dogs throughout the state.
- Oversee annual Crime Victim Vigil at the Michigan State Capitol

EDUCATION

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

East Lansing, MI
Graduation: 1980

MASTER OF ARTS

- Educational Administration
- Sociology Minor
- Graduated with high honor

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

East Lansing, MI
Graduation: 1974

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Chemistry
- Physical Science Minor
- Graduated with honor

PERSONAL

VEVAY TOWNSHIP

2004 – present
1997 – 2001

VEVAY TOWNSHIP BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

- Elected Supervisor of Township Board (2020 – present)
- Elected Trustee to Township Board (2016 – 2020)
- Planning Commission member (2004 – 2020)
- Compensation Commission member (1997 – 2001)

SMALL TALK CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

2018 – present

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Small Talk conducts forensic interviews of physically and sexually abused children, and assists with counseling, family services, and child/family support throughout the criminal justice process.
- Small Talk also conducts community training on prevention.
- Serves Ingham and Eaton Counties.
- Elected Secretary

CHILD SUPPORT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

2006 – 2011

MEMBER

- Appointed / re-appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court
- Advised the Governor and the Supreme Court on needs in the assessment and payment of child support.

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1998 – 2009

PEER REVIEW CONSULTANT

- Consulted for the National Institute of Justice division on grant applications for crime victim research and services.
- Classified as practitioner specializing in crime victim issues

STATE-WIDE AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- “Outstanding Child Advocate” Award, Vista Maria (2015)
- “Victim’s Hero” Award, National Organization of Victims of Juvenile Lifers (2014)
- Public Service Award, Human Trafficking, Attorney General (2013)
- Public Service Award, School Safety (OK2SAY Tipline), Attorney General (2013)
- “Voice for Victims” Award, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (2010)
- “Hon. William G. Schma Achievement Award”, Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals (2010)
- Legislative Staffer of the Year, Michigan Association of Counties (2007)
- Senate Staffer of the Year, Michigan Association of Counties (1997)
- Panel Presentation: “Justice Reinvestment,” National Institute of Justice, DOJ, National Conference (2010)
- Presenter, “History of the Crime Victim’s Rights Act”, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, annual Basic Training conference for victim advocates, (2011 - present)
- Presenter, “Human Trafficking”, numerous annual conferences and community meetings across the state (2011-2018)

