

2001-present YAVAPAI COUNTY ATTORNEY

Elected in November of 2000, Ms. Polk is the first female to hold the office of Yavapai County Attorney; she is currently serving her 3rd 4-year term. As County Attorney, Ms. Polk manages a staff of 100 employees, with both criminal and civil duties, and an annual budget of 7 million dollars. The Office prosecutes all felony and juvenile offenses that occur in Yavapai County, misdemeanors that occur in the unincorporated areas of the County, and provides legal representation to all county departments. In addition to her administrative duties, Ms. Polk personally prosecutes major felony offenders, including financial abuse cases involving elderly victims.

1994-2000 DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY, YAVAPAI COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- Prosecuted child molesters, first degree homicide cases, elder financial fraud, repeat offenders, domestic violence and other serious felony cases
- Legal counsel for the Yavapai County Public Fiduciary, Sheriff, Assessor, Treasurer, Planning and Zoning Department, Health Department and Board of Supervisors

1983-1994 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

- Criminal prosecutions
- Civil litigation
- Consumer Fraud and Financial Fraud litigation

1982-1983 ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

Law Clerk to Justice Jack D.H. Hays

Education J.D. Arizona State University College of Law, Tempe, AZ. 1982
B.A. French, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. 1978

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Arizona County Attorneys and Sheriffs Association (ACASA), President, 2010
- Arizona Association of Counties (AACo), Board of Directors, 2010
- Prevent Child Abuse, Board of Directors, Vice-President, 2009-present
- AWEE, Yavapai Advisory Council Member, 2009-present
- Arizona State Director, National District Attorneys Association, elected 2007-2009
- Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct, Attorney Board Member, 2004-present
- MATForce (Yavapai County Substance Abuse Coalition), Co-Chair and Founding Member, 2006-present
- Arizona Forensic Services Advisory Committee, 2008-present
- Arizona Women Lawyers Honoring Justice O'Connor, Executive Committee
- Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council (APAAC), Council Member
- Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking Council (PANT), Board Member
- Yavapai Family Advocacy Center (YFAC), Advisory Board Member

- Statewide Elder Abuse Task Force
- Yavapai County Elder Abuse Task Force

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN OFFICE

- In partnership with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, developed *Prosecutors and Society: Lessons of the Holocaust for Prosecutors*, 2006-2007, and *Law and Society: How the Courts Failed Nazi Germany*, 2007-2009
- 2009 Panel Presenter for Days of Remembrance, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington D.C.
- Partner in the Development and Formation of Early Disposition Court (awarded the 2004 Arizona Supreme Court Justice for Better Arizona Award)
- Founding Member of MATForce (Yavapai County Substance Abuse Coalition) to proactively address methamphetamine and substance abuse issues (awarded CADCA 2009 Coalition of Excellence)
- Founding Member of the Northern Arizona Animal Cruelty Task Force
- Personally prosecuted significant elder abuse cases (State v. McMannes, State v. McJunkin, State v. Rubio; State v. Apolinar)
- Development of Yavapai County Protocols for Child Abuse Investigation and Prosecution
- Development of Yavapai County Protocols for Drug Endangered Children Investigations
- Public Education Presentations on MATForce goals and vision, the Drug-Crime Connection, Identity Theft and Juvenile Crime Issues
- 2003 Production and distribution of "Driving Under the Influence" commercials for TV and radio
- Production of Elder Financial Abuse Training Video for banks and law enforcement
- Banker's Forum on Elder Financial Abuse – Prescott and Verde Valley
- Formation of County Attorney Charging Unit
- Formation of County Attorney Major Offender Prosecution Program
- Reviewed and edited revision of PANT (Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking) Procedures Manual
- Law Enforcement Seminars sponsored by County Attorney
- Enhancement of County Attorney internal database
- Enhanced prosecution use of technology in the courtroom
- Bad Check Program forms made available on Yavapai County Web Page
- Formation of Speaker's Bureau
- Preservation of Photographic Exhibition of past District Attorneys and County Attorneys for Yavapai County

Honors

2009 – MATForce awarded CADCA Coalition of Excellence

2004 – Yavapai County's Early Disposition Court received the Arizona Supreme Court Justice for a Better Arizona Award

2000 – Awarded Arizona Outstanding Felony Prosecutor for Rural Counties

2000 - Awarded Outstanding Felony Prosecutor of Yavapai County

1998 – Awarded Outstanding Felony Prosecutor of Yavapai County

1993 - Awarded Outstanding Felony Prosecutor for the Arizona Attorney General's

Office

Other

Arizona native; married, 3 children

Big Sister - Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters

Board Member of Pioneer Park Inline Hockey Association, Construction Phase