



RE-ELECT  **KAREN A.**

ORZECH

Justice of the Peace

Proven Experience ♦ Caring & Patient ♦ Fiscally Responsible
Independent & Unbiased ♦ Fair & Objective

For a court continuing to serve the community with
Respect ♦ Accountability ♦ Justice with Insight

Recognized court and law experience...

- ♦ Justice of the Peace since 1998
- ♦ Former Crime Victim Advocate for Missoula City & County
- ♦ Montana Magistrates Association (MMA) Training Judge for Western Montana
- ♦ Former Montana Magistrates Association District One Chairman
- ♦ Member of the Montana Supreme Court Commission on Ethics and the Commission on Technology
- ♦ Graduate of the Montana Judicial Institute

...and dedication to the community.

- ♦ Active member of Missoula Underage Substance Abuse Prevention Team
- ♦ Chairman of the DUI Treatment Court development team
- ♦ MBN Flying High Award December 2009
- ♦ Board Member of Missoula *pro-bono* Attorney Program, Planet Kids, and Community Circles
- ♦ Member of Missoula Kiwanis and Kiwanian of the Year 2001
- ♦ Member, Missoula Underage Substance Abuse Prevention
- ♦ Presenter/Trainer at Montana Mediation Association, Missoula Police & Sheriff's Offices, Highway Patrol, MMA, YWCA, The University of Montana, and local schools

“Karen possesses that rare combination of head and heart that I have seen work so effectively together to serve the people of Missoula County” – Sandra L. Morris

Karen A. Orzech has the *vision, motivation, dedication* and *professionalism*...

...plus the *judicial experience, caring* and *proven ability* to best serve the people of Missoula County...

...and will continue to work toward a *responsive Peoples' Court* based on *accountability, respect* and *justice with insight*.

Again this year you choose how your Justice Court is run.

Vote on a public record of *experience since 1998* in running a Justice Court that respects its citizens and their rights, is *fair and independent*, and is *dedicated to the community*.

Vote for a *balanced judge* who has the *ability, vision* and *motivation* to use Montana law to *solve problems in individual lives* and improve the *safety and health of the community*.

Vote for someone with recognized experience working for *peace and justice* to serve as your *Justice of the Peace!*

Re-Elect Judge Karen A. Orzech

Judging Your Judges

As explained in the publication *Judging Your Judges* by the American Bar Association, judges are different from other elected officials; their role is to uphold the law, not represent voters. This difference can make it challenging for voters to make decisions in a judicial election. To help you cast an informed vote, the ABA has suggested considering the qualities shown on the left side of the table below. Karen A. Orzech's corresponding qualifications are shown on the right side of the table. Please make an informed decision on election day, and urge your friends to do the same - your vote makes a real difference for our community!

<p>Campaigns are conducted consistent with judicial rules and ethics.</p>	<p>Judge Orzech has previously run successful primary and general election campaigns for Justice of the Peace, and has always maintained the highest judicial and ethical standards. She has never publicly supported or opposed another political candidate, and she has never accepted any donations from any Political Action Committees. She served on the Montana State Supreme Court Commission on Ethics.</p>
<p>Impartiality</p>	<p>Judge Orzech is non-partisan and unbiased. She does not come from a background of law enforcement, defense, or prosecution, and she has thousands of supporters from all walks of life, and political preferences. For years, she has clearly demonstrated that the law applies equally to all citizens, regardless of race, political affiliation, or economic stature.</p>
<p>Commitment to the law, rather than public opinion.</p>	<p>Judge Orzech is sworn to uphold the U.S. and Montana Constitution and her decisions and written findings since 1998 are proof of her commitment to the law.</p>
<p>Experience - demonstrated exposure to legal issues, and substantial & diverse experience with the justice system.</p>	<p>Since she was first elected in 1998, Judge Orzech has presided over thousands of criminal and civil cases, non-jury and jury trials, orders of protection, and hearings. She has continually strived to improve both her abilities and the responsiveness of the court system to the needs of the community. She is dedicated to implementing restorative justice programs, and started the first Community Circles sentencing program in Montana in order to help people break the cycle of recidivism. She helped implement, and effectively operates, the first Mental Health Court in a Montana Justice Court. She is chairman of the team assembled to form the first Missoula DUI Treatment Court.</p>
<p>Integrity - high moral character, honesty, industry and diligence.</p>	<p>Judge Orzech has demonstrated her high standards of moral character as well as her hard work and diligence. She knows that in order to be the best Justice of the Peace, it is not possible to simply clock in from 8 to 5. She does what is necessary to get the job done (which involves working during lunches, evenings and weekends).</p>
<p>Professional Competence - intellect, knowledge of the law, writing & analytical ability, judgment, and courtroom and trial experience.</p>	<p>Judge Orzech has the proven ability to read and comprehend extensive laws or briefs, and make fair and proper decisions based on the law. She graduated at the top of her PhD class, and was honored as the "Outstanding Graduate" of her class. She graduated from the Judicial Institute held at The University of Montana in 1999 (the last time it was held). She knows the law and how to apply it judiciously; for that reason she has been appointed by the Montana Magistrates Association as the Training Judge for Western Montana.</p>
<p>Judicial Temperament - unbiased, courteous, open-minded, understanding, fair and committed to the rule of law.</p>	<p>Judge Orzech is balanced and impartial, and treats every person she encounters with courtesy and respect. Her record clearly demonstrates her commitment to holding all parties equally accountable under the law. She is open to examining new ways to improve the justice system, and has been involved in new programs such as her Community Circles alternative sentencing, Alternative Court for defendants with mental health issues, and study of links between domestic violence and criminal behavior.</p>
<p>Service - demonstrated commitment to justice for all.</p>	<p>Judge Orzech is clearly dedicated to building and protecting the community by serving the people of Missoula County as Justice of the Peace. She is committed to building a healthy community through board membership and active participation in the following: Missoula Kiwanis Club, Missoulians Against Underage Substance Abuse Prevention Team, Community Circles, <i>pro bono</i> Attorney Program, and Planet Kids. She proudly serves on the State Supreme Court Commission on Technology and has been involved in drafting the privacy and access rules for the people of Montana. She believes that the people of Missoula County deserve the best informed and most capable person as a judge, and she works hard to provide that level of performance for each citizen.</p>

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