

ELIZABETH MARIE PFEUFFER

EXPERIENCE

KENOSHA COUNTY COURT COMMISSIONER

2016– Present

Appointed by the Circuit Court Judges

- * Hold evidentiary hearings, decide disputed legal claims, issue court orders, review and approve/reject criminal warrants, make probable cause findings, grant or deny restraining orders, and review and approve/reject legal motions, stipulations and other court filings.
- * Participate in regular judges' meetings, security committee meetings, and on call 24/7 for law enforcement warrants.

PFEUFFER LAW FIRM, LLC: Kenosha, WI

2013 - 2017

Solo Practitioner

- * Practice included family law cases, restraining order cases, criminal matters and Guardian ad Litem work. Activities include trials and other court appearances, legal research, drafting pleadings and other legal documents, and working with clients.
- * Supplemental Court Commissioner.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM: Kenosha, WI

2015 – 2017

County Appointment – Yearly Contract

- * Practice includes guardianships, TPR, CHIPS and JIPS, restraining orders and injunctions for domestic abuse/harassment/child abuse, and family court cases.
- * Wards include children and adults.

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL: Milwaukee, WI

2012 - 2017

Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy

- * Teach Trial Advocacy I to 3L law students.
- * Draft materials, including all trials; serve as the judge for student trials.

RIZZO & DIERSEN, S.C.: Kenosha, WI

2012 –2013

Associate

- * Practice included family law, restraining orders, criminal/traffic matters, and employment disputes.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN: Mequon, WI

2006 –2012

Chair of Legal Studies Department and Associate Professor of Legal Studies

- * Taught legal courses and managed legal studies program.
- * Department Undergraduate Faculty Member of the Year (2009 and 2010).
- * Coordinated internship program for all business and criminal justice majors.

RUEGSEGGER SIMONS SMITH & STERN, LLC: Denver & Colorado Springs, CO

2001 –2006

Senior Associate

- * First-chair on over 50 bench trials: prepared witnesses and exhibits for depositions and trial.

- * Researched legal issues, drafted settlement contracts, litigation plans, interrogatories, briefs and other pleadings.
- * Handled workers' compensation, employment cases, subrogation, and insurance.

DENVER DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Denver, CO

1998 - 2001

Senior Deputy District Attorney

- * Managed courtroom docket of 150+ cases per week and first chaired approximately 50 jury trials.
- * Experience includes prosecuting felonies, misdemeanors, juvenile defendants, domestic violence cases, and Drug Court.

FOLEY & LARDNER: Milwaukee, WI

1996 and 1997

Summer Associate – permanent offer extended.

- * Worked on civil matters, including high-income family court matters, health law, employment law, and litigation. Researched and prepared legal memoranda; drafted motions and briefs; second chaired depositions; attended client meetings; and handled discovery issues.

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia

Juris Doctor, 1998

- * *Virginia Journal of Social Policy and the Law*, Managing Editor
- * *Libel Show*, Head Writer and Director
- * Prosecution Internship at Louisa County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office
- * Prosecution Internship at New Orleans District Attorney's Office

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin

BA – Double Major: Behavioral Science and Political Science, 1995

Certificate in Criminal Justice

- * Graduated with Distinction
- * Internship at State Public Defender's Office, 1995
- * Employed by Wisconsin State Assembly from 1992-1995

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- * *Recipient*, Pro Bono Honor Society Award
- * *Member*, Judicial Engagement Team (JET)
- * *Member*, Preliminary Review Committee – appointed by WI Supreme Court
- * *Volunteer*, Mediator - Kenosha Small Claims Court
- * *Member*, Kenosha County Bar Association
- * *Volunteer*, Kenosha Urban Outreach Center
- * *Member*, Kenosha Women's Network
- * *Volunteer*, Wills for Heroes – Kenosha
- * *Judge*, Statewide High School Mock Trial Competition
- * *Registration committee member*, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
- * *Vice-Chair*, Access to Justice Committee

- * *Coach, Lewis Palmer Mock Trial Team*
- * *Attorney Mentor, Teen Court*

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE – COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES

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| * Evidence | * Criminology |
| * Courts | * Administrative Law |
| * Constitutional Law | * Corporate Law |
| * Procedural Criminal Law | * Environmental Law |
| * Current Topics - Criminal Justice | * Business Law I and II |

JUDICIAL EDUCATION

Just a small sample of the numerous judicial training seminars I have attended since 2016. We normally have three large judicial & commissioner seminars (2-3 days each) every year.

- Judicial Ethics (annual trainings)
- Legislative and Case Law Updates - twice a year

- The WI Rules of Evidence, With Applications to Digital Evidence
- Emojis as Evidence

- High Conflict People and Courts: What you can do to get better results
- Handling Case with Self-Represented Litigants
- Sexual Harassment in the Courtroom
- Addiction and Mental Health: What Judges Need to Know
- Implicit Bias
- Self-Care and Resilience in High Stress Jobs
- Should you Approve that Stipulation

- Landlord/Tenant Law
- Legal Issues in Indian Cases
- Limited Scope Representation

- Enhancing the Family Court’s Response to Domestic Violence
- Comings & Goings. An exercise re: Domestic Violence Victims’ Choices
- Safer Approach to Child-Informed Decision Making in Family Court Cases
- Third Party Visitation
- War Stories and Alternative Approaches
- CCAP: Issues and Update

Panelist – Attorney and Judicial Trainings (multiple)

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Just a very small sample of the numerous legal training seminars I have attended – as an attorney I attended multiple seminars each year since graduating law school in 1998.

- * Eyes in the Sky: The 4th Amendment & 21st Century: *1 credit*
- * Criminal Law Update: *1 credit*
- * Representing Kids in Chapter 938 Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings: *7 credits*
- * Handling OWI Cases in Wisconsin: *8 credits*

- * Malpractice Avoidance with Tom Watson from WILMIC: *1 credit*
- * A Duty to Help: What Lawyers and Judges Need to Know: *1.5 credits*
- * Social Media and the Rules of Professional Conduct: *1.5 credits*
- * 2013 Wisconsin Solo & Small Firm Conference: *14.5 credits*

- * Family Law Advanced Issues: *7 credits*
- * Practical Use of Pretrial Scheduling Orders in Family Court: *1 credit*
- * Family Law Issues Facing Same-Sex Couples: *1.5 credits*
- * Nothing left to Divide: Bankruptcy and Divorce: *1 credit*
- * Torts Update: *1.5 credits*
- * Drafting and Challenging Marital Property Agreements: *1.5 credits*

- * 2016 Child Welfare Law Attorney Training: *8.5 credits*
- * Child Safety in Child Welfare Court Cases: *6 credits*
- * Child Safety in Child Welfare Court Cases, Part II: *4 credits*

- * 33rd Annual Family Law Workshop – *misc. seminars*
- * 32nd Annual Family Law Workshop – *misc. seminars*
- * Divorce Wisconsin Style 2014 – *misc. topics at all-day seminar*
- * Divorce Wisconsin Style 2013 – *misc. topics at all-day seminar*

- * GAL Training 2016: *8.0 credits*
- * GAL Training 2015: *8.0 credits*
- * GAL Training 2014: *7.5 credits*
- * GAL Training 2013: *7.5 credits*
- * GAL Training 2012: *7.5 credits*
- * GAL Training 2011: *7.5 credits*
- * GAL Training 2010: *7.5 credits*
- * Adult GAL Training: *7.0 credits*

- * Litigating Your Case: Children's Court Nuts & Bolts for GALs – 2013: *7.5 credits*
- * Understanding Domestic Violence: The GAL & The Court System: *1 credit*