

Brad Schimel

Waukesha County District Attorney

Brad Schimel is a career, frontline prosecutor first elected Waukesha County District Attorney in 2006, and he has been re-elected ever since. Brad has conducted more than 150 Jury trials ranging from First Degree Intentional Homicide to traffic offenses. In fact, Brad was awarded the 2006 Wisconsin Association of Victim and Witness Professionals “*Wisconsin Professional of the Year*” for his work on behalf of victims of sexual assault.

As Waukesha District Attorney, Brad is the chief law enforcement officer in the county and supervises 16 attorneys and 3-dozen support staff. His office is responsible for the prosecution of all crimes occurring in Waukesha County.

In 2011, Brad was appointed to serve on the Wisconsin Judicial Council, and in that same year he was appointed to serve on the Wisconsin Crime Victim Council. He currently serves in a leadership capacity as the Secretary of Council with the Crime Victim Council. He is a Founding Member of the Waukesha County Victim Impact Panel for intoxicated drivers, and President of the Preventing Alcohol-Related Crashes (PARC) Task Force, 2004-2011.

Brad serves as an Instructor in the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Department at Waukesha County Technical College, and is a former Adjunct Instructor at Concordia University. He is a regular presenter at conferences throughout Wisconsin for prosecutors, attorneys, law enforcement officers, teachers, child protection workers and medical professionals. Sought after for his knowledge and experience as a successful prosecutor, Brad has also presented at conferences for the Colorado Association of District Attorneys Conference and the Oklahoma Association of District Attorneys Conference.

Brad earned his Juris Doctorate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1990), and is a graduate of Mukwonago High School and holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1987). He began his career as a prosecutor in 1990 when he joined the Waukesha County District Attorney’s office.

Brad is deeply involved in a variety of community and volunteer activities in both a professional and personal capacity. He is a current board member and Past President of Board of Safe Babies/Healthy Families; serves as a Lector for St. Anthony on the Lake Parish; a Board of Directors member for the Waukesha Food Pantry; and has served as President and member of the Board of Directors for Interfaith Senior Programs.

Brad and his wife, Sandi, have two daughters, ages 10 and 12, a rescue dog and two rescue cats. In his “spare” time, Brad plays bass in the classic rock band “4 On the Floor” and is a Harley Davidson enthusiast and served seven years as a Road Captain for the Kettle Moraine Chapter-Harley Owners’ Group.

Current Board and Committee Service (in addition to above biographical information)

Executive Committee, Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council:

- Chaired Drug Trends Committee which created Waukesha County’s Drug Treatment Court

Founding Member, Waukesha County Child Advocacy Center Task Force:

- Opened Big Yellow House, Waukesha County’s Child Advocacy Center, in 2006

- Participated in development of Waukesha County's Child Abuse Investigation Protocol
- Co-Chair, Waukesha County Child Advocacy Center Steering Committee, 2006 to present

Member, Waukesha County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART):

- Participated with ProHealth Care in creation of Waukesha's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program
- Participated in development of Waukesha County's Sexual Assault Investigation Protocol

Member, Waukesha County Police Chiefs' Association

Vice President of Board of Directors, UW-Waukesha Foundation

Advisory Board, Addiction Resource Council:

Advisory Board, 180 Juvenile Diversion Program

- Served on committee to develop Waukesha County's first juvenile offender diversion program

Advisory Board, Potawatomi Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America

- Chair, 2013 Scouting for Food Drive
- Founding Member/Chair, Waukesha County Law and Government Explorer Post

Chair, Waukesha County Crime Stoppers

Member, Wisconsin STOP Grant Committee

Member, United Way of Waukesha County Thriving Community Task Force

Member, Waukesha Rotary Club

- Served on Rotary Bluesfest Committee and the Rotary Foundation Board

Co-Chair, Waukesha County Child Fatality Review Board

Former Board and Committee Experience

Board of Directors, Addiction Resource Council 1998-2005, Past Treasurer

Founding Member of the Waukesha County Victim Impact Panel for intoxicated drivers

- Participated in creation of Wisconsin's first VIP over 15 years ago

President, Preventing Alcohol-Related Crashes (PARC) Task Force, 2004-2011

Chair, St. William Parish Human Concerns Committee, 2002-2010

- Coordinated development of Sunday ministry program at Ethan Allen School for Boys

Chair, St. William Respect Life Committee, 2010-2012

President, Waukesha County Juvenile Officers Association, 1999

Awards and Recognitions

2013 Family Service of Waukesha Family of the Year

2011 Waukesha County Bar Association Community Service Award

2011 Commendation from US Attorney for Eastern District of Wisconsin for Outstanding Service on Behalf of Victims of Crime

2010 Outstanding Leadership Award from Pregnancy Support Connection

2010 "Badger of the Year" from UW Alumni Association, Waukesha County Chapter

2006 Wisconsin Association of Victim and Witness Professionals "*Wisconsin Professional of the Year*" for his work on behalf of victims of sexual assault.