

**Statement From Ty Matsdorf, a spokesman for Senator Baucus:**

Senator Baucus is currently in a mature and happy relationship with Melodee Hanes. They are both divorced, and in no way was their relationship the cause of their respective divorces.

When Senator Baucus and Melodee Hanes, his former state director, realized that their relationship was developing beyond a purely professional nature, Melodee began the process of resigning her Senate employment.

With an extensive background as a prosecutor and extensive legal experience (see resume below), Ms. Hanes submitted her name for consideration for the U.S Attorney position from Montana. Her name was one of six that was submitted for review by Senator Baucus to an independent, highly respected Montana attorney who reviewed the applications. After an extensive evaluation of all the applicants' qualifications, Ms. Hanes was one of three applicants the third-party reviewer recommended for consideration. Senator Baucus and Senator Tester then interviewed those candidates and Senator Baucus then submitted those three names to the White House, with no ranking or preference.

While her personal relationship with Senator Baucus should in no way be either a qualifier or a disqualifier for the position, during the nomination process and after much reflection, both Senator Baucus and Ms. Hanes agreed that she should withdraw her name from consideration because they wanted to live together in Washington, DC.

After withdrawing from consideration for U.S. Attorney, Ms. Hanes independently applied for her current position at the Department of Justice. Having extensive experience and qualifications in the field (see resume below), Ms. Hanes was awarded the position based solely on her merit. Since then she has excelled in her role.

**Melodee Hanes**

**EDUCATION**

**Federal Bureau of Investigation National Law Institute, Quantico, VA**  
U.S. Department of Justice  
1994 – FBI Prosecutor Training Academy

**Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA**  
1982 - Doctor of Jurisprudence  
Honors: Member of the Order of the Barristers

**University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT**  
1978 - Bachelor of University Studies - Women's Studies  
Honors: Cum Laude

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
Department of Justice, Washington DC**

*Counsel to the Administrator  
Acting Deputy Administrator of Policy - 2009 to present*

Responsible for juvenile justice and child protection policy development within OJJDP as well special projects. Oversees professional staff within policy division that includes research, tribal issues, legal counsel and communications.

**Office of U.S. Senator Max Baucus, Billings, MT**

*State Director and Counsel 2005 – 2009  
Field Director and Counsel 2003 – 2005*

Chief of Staff for State of Montana which includes hiring and supervision of 18 professional staff in 7 offices, oversight of state office budget, constituent services and outreach, special projects, liaison with State of Montana and tribes. Member of senior staff advising Senator Baucus on legislative policy and legal issues.

**Friends of Max Baucus, Billings, MT**

*Regional Finance Director 2002*

Duties included coordinating all state and regional fundraising activities for Senate re-election campaign, working closely with FEC compliance and senior campaign staff

**Yellowstone County Attorney's Office, Billings, MT**

*Deputy County Attorney 1999-2002*

Primarily prosecuted felony sexual assault and child abuse cases.

**Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA**

*Adjunct Professor of Law 1990 – Present*

Teach "Child Abuse Law" and "Forensic Medicine and the Law".

**National Advocacy Center, National District Attorneys Association, Columbia, SC**

*Faculty 1998 – Present*

Teach "Trial Advocacy I" and "Trial Advocacy II"

**Child Protection Training Academy, Des Moines, IA**

*Faculty 1995-1998*

Taught mandatory training for all Department of Human Service Child Protection Investigators

**Polk County Attorney's Office, Des Moines, IA**

*Assistant County Attorney 1986 – 1998 – Major Offense Bureau*

Prosecuted major felony crimes, including drug prosecutions and murder. Prosecuted the first child endangerment case in Polk County under Iowa Code Chapter 726. Developed an area of sub-specialty in the prosecution of child abuse and neglect. Handled over 100 child abuse prosecutions during tenure. Developed and coordinated the Polk County Child Abuse Trauma Team and Child Death Review Team.

**Scalise, Scism, Sandre and Uhl, Des Moines, IA**

*Partner 1982 - 1986*

Represented this private practice primarily in the area of family law, personal injury and employment discrimination. Litigated in federal district court, as well as in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**The Role of Prosecutors, Child Fatality Review, Chapter 43, 2007, B.W. Medical Publishing, Randall Alexander, MD**

**Iowa Sexual Abuse Prosecution Manual, M. Hanes, 1999**

*Preparation for Child Abuse Litigation: Perspectives of the Prosecutor and the Pediatrician, M. Hanes and T. McAuliff, D.O., Pediatric Annals 26:5, May 1997*

**Mockingbird**, Gregg Olsen, 1995 Warner Books (documenting the 1989 prosecution of Tanya Reid for Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy)

**AWARDS**

2002 - *Woman of Distinction Award* - Soroptomist International of Billings

2003 - *Attorney of the Year Merit Award* – Iowa County Attorney's Association.

1998 - *Outstanding Performance Award* – Iowa Chapter of the National Chapter for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

*Please see attached:*

**Community Service & Public Speaking Accomplishments**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2004 – 2005      *Board of Directors* – Family Tree Association

2002 – 2005      *Board of Directors* – YWCA of Billings

2000 - 2005      *Board of Directors* – Eaglemount, Billings, Montana

2000 – 2005      *Board of Directors* – Friends of Public Radio (KECB), Billings, Montana

- 1998 – 2001      *Board of Directors* – Prevent Child Abuse Montana
- 1998 – 2001      *Board of Counselors* - Drake University Law School
- 1997 – 1998      *Chairperson* – Iowa Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure
- 1995 – 1998      *Board of Directors* - Iowa Chapter for the Prevention of Child Abuse
- 1995 - 1998      *Member* – Iowa State Child Fatality Review Team
- 1994              Appointed to the Iowa Legislative Task Force on Child Protection
- 1994 – 1996      *Board of Directors* - March of Dimes of Iowa
- 1993 – 1998      *Team Coordinator* - Polk County Iowa Child Death Review Team
- 1991 - 1992      *Chairperson* - Special Infant Mortality Task Force  
Appointed by Senator Elaine Symonziak. As a result of this committee, funding was obtained for the Infant Mortality Prevention Project through the Iowa Department of Public Health. This funding led to a position on the Infant Mortality Review Panel, overseeing the roles and expectations of the project.  
This was a hands-on project to provide services and resources in the community with the objective of reducing the inordinately high rate of infant mortality in Polk County. It also serves as a database for better analysis of the infant mortality prevalent in Polk County.
- 1991              *Member* - Advisory Committee for the New Women's Correctional Facility on the Broadlawns Campus.
- 1990 - 1994      *Member* - Grievance Commission for the Polk County Bar Association
- 1990 - 1991      *Board of Directors* - Greater Des Moines Child Abuse and Neglect Counsel, Inc.
- 1990              *Advisory Board* - The Skywalker, Des Moines, Iowa weekly news publication
- 1986 - 1999      *Board of Directors* - Iowa Dance Theater.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING AND APPEARANCES**

2005 – “**Report Writing**” - International Arson Investigators Annual Conference, San Luis Obispo, California

2004 – **“Sexual Assault Prosecution”** - Montana County Attorney Association, Fairmont Hot Springs, MT

2002 – **“Child Abuse Prosecution”** - State Bar of Montana, Billings, MT

2002- **“Pre-Trial Motions”** - American Prosecutor’s Research Institute, Biloxi, Mississippi

2001 – **“Child Death Investigation Death Teams”** - Georgia Department of Family and Child Services and Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Macon, Georgia

2001 - **“Building Your Case: Successful Prosecution of Sex Offenders”** - Montana Law Enforcement Academy, Helena, Montana

2001 - **“Evidence Based Domestic Abuse Prosecution”** - Montana Law Enforcement Academy and the Montana Attorney General’s Office, Kalispell, Montana

2000 - **“Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy”** - McGuire Conference on Domestic Abuse, “Child Abuse, Making the Case” and Billings, Montana

2000 - 2000 **“Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy”** - MEA-MFT Educators’ Conference, Billings, Montana

2000 - **“Sexual Abuse Investigations”**, Saint Vincent’s Hospital In-Service Training, Billings, Montana

1999 - **“Expert Witness Testimony – Child Abuse Cases”** and **“Prosecution of Sexual Assault Cases”** - Georgia Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

1999 – **“Sexual Abuse Investigations”**, Victim Services Training, Billings, Montana

1998 - **“Sexual Predatory Offense Statutes in Iowa”**, Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers Annual Conference, Des Moines, Iowa

1998 - **“Child Abuse Prosecution”** Iowa Court Reporters Annual Conference, Des Moines, Iowa

1998 - **“Prosecution of Sexual Abuse Cases – from Trial to Appeal”** – Iowa County Attorneys Association Spring Conference, Arnolds Park, Iowa

1998 - **“Shaken Baby Syndrome”** – Georgia Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

1998 **“Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting”** - Iowa Association of Child Care Providers Annual Conference, Ankeny, Iowa

1997 - **“Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse”** - Iowa Methodist Medical Center Training Conference, Des Moines, Iowa

1997 - **“Child Abuse Investigation”** - Nebraska County Attorney’s Association Annual Training Conference, South Sioux City, Nebraska

1997 - **“Child Abuse Investigation”**- Colorado Chapter APSAC Annual Conference, Ft. Collins, Colorado

1997 - *Keynote Speaker* – **“Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy”** Marshall County Child Abuse Prevention Council Annual Banquet, Marshalltown, Iowa

1996 – **“Sexual Abuse Investigation and Prosecution”** - Iowa Sex Crimes Investigators Conference, Des Moines, Iowa

1996 - **“Factitious Disorder by Proxy: Investigation, Diagnosis, and Disposition”** - American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) Fourth National Colloquium, Chicago, Illinois

1996 - **“Quick Response Team to Child Abuse: Making the World Safe for Children”** - Eastern Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina

1996 - **“Aspects of Child Abuse Investigation and Prosecution”** - Women in Communications International (WICI), Des Moines, Iowa

1996 - **“Diagnosing/Prosecuting Child Abuse”**, Iowa Association of Women Police State Conference, Iowa City, Iowa

1996 - **“Diagnosing/Prosecuting Child Abuse with a Multi-disciplinary Trauma Team”** - Scott County Attorney’s Office Training Conference, Davenport, Iowa

1996 - **“Medical and Legal Investigation of Child Abuse Cases”** - Nebraska County Attorneys Training Seminar, Sioux City, Nebraska

1995 – **“Diagnosing/Prosecuting Child Abuse”**, Child Abuse Trauma Team Training, Connersville, Indiana

1995 - **“Medical Neglect of Children”**- Iowa Medical Neglect Conference, Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa

1995 –**“Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse”** - Iowa National Chapter for Prevention of Child Abuse (NCPA) Annual Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa

1995 - *Keynote Presenter* –**“Trauma Team Investigation of Child Abuse”** Andersen, Indiana

1994 – **“Investigation of Child Abuse: The Multi-Disciplinary Approach”** - Iowa Attorney General’s Conference on Law Enforcement, Des Moines, Iowa

1994 –**“Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse”** - Fall Training Conference, Iowa County Attorney’s Association, Davenport, Iowa

1994 – **“Child Abuse Investigation”** - Des Moines County Attorney’s Law Enforcement Training Session, Burlington, Iowa

1994 - Iowa Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa

1994 – **“Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse”** - Iowa Society of Pediatric Dentists, Des Moines, Iowa

1994 - **“Prosecution of Child Abuse Cases”** - Iowa Association of Legal Secretaries, Des Moines, Iowa

1994 -**“Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse”** - Mercy Hospital Medical Center Continuing Medical Education Conference, Des Moines, Iowa

1994 -**“Severe Trauma: Team Investigation and Prosecution”** - St. Luke’s Child Protection Center Annual Child Protection Conference, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

1994 – **“Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse”** - Iowa Division of the International Association for Identification Technicians, Des Moines, Iowa

1993 – **“Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse”** - Fourth Annual Southern Iowa Professional Conference on Child Sexual Abuse, Lamoni, Iowa

1993 – **“Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse”** - Iowa Optimists Annual State Convention, Des Moines, Iowa

1993 – **“Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse”** - Nebraska County Attorneys Association, Kearny, Nebraska

1993 – **“Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse”** - The Iowa Municipal Financial Officers Association, Des Moines, Iowa

1993 – **“Child Abuse Investigation and Collection of Evidence”** - Law Enforcement Intelligence Network, Des Moines, Iowa

1993 - **“Trauma Team Investigation of Child Abuse”** - Iowa State University Symposium on Child Protective Investigations, Ames, Iowa

1993 - **“Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse”** - Des Moines Public School Nurses mandatory training, Des Moines, Iowa

1992 – **“Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse”** - Nebraska County Attorney's Training Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska

1991 - **“Prosecution of Child Sexual Abuse”** - Second Annual Southern Iowa Professional Conference on Child Sexual Abuse, Lamoni, Iowa

1991- **“The Media in the Courtroom”** - The Iowa State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Davenport, Iowa

1991 - *Panel member* - Forensic Pathology Conference, Des Moines, Iowa

1991 - **“Trauma Team Investigation of Child Abuse”** – Psychological and Social Work Issues and the Evaluation and Treatment of Child Abuse: A Multi-Disciplinary Conference - University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

1990 - **“State v. Siemer and Simmons”** - Major Case Review, The Iowa County Attorney's Spring

Training Conference, Arnolds Park, Iowa

Consensus Conference on Head Trauma – University of Iowa

Medical School and Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa