

Vote Against Annie Claesson-Huseby for Beltrami County Attorney

The Beltrami County Attorney is the chief legal officer for the county. Decisions and policy set by the County Attorney will determine whether a case will be charged-out and pursued against an individual. In the state of Minnesota, the County Attorney has significant authority and responsibility representing not only the county, but additionally, prosecuting state matters.

In her role, as Chief Assistant County Attorney, Annie Claesson-Huseby has clearly demonstrated that she is not capable of handling the responsibility of the position she seeks. At issue is the quality of her experience and her decision-making. As tax-payers, she reports to you. We ask that you consider the following cases and decide for yourself (www.mncourts.gov):

04-CR-13-923. Defendant pled guilty to 2nd degree manslaughter in a plea deal given by Annie Claesson-Huseby, and was sentenced to 48 months. With good time, he will serve less than three years... for manslaughter.

04-CR-13-3830. 23 year old defendant pled guilty to 5th degree criminal sexual conduct in a case involving a 13 year-old girl. Annie Claesson-Huseby gave him a plea deal requiring him to serve only 21 days.

Annie Claesson-Huseby didn't go far enough in the preceding cases; consider these cases where she went too far:

A13-1126. Minnesota Court of Appeals reversed and remanded the defendant's conviction as prosecuted by Annie Claesson-Huseby. "Appellant further argues that the trial errors were prejudicial, which entitles him to a new trial. We agree." All three judges unanimously agreed in a rare reversal of a criminal conviction... entirely at taxpayer's expense.

A12-287. Minnesota Court of Appeals affirmed the District Court's (Judge Benschopf) finding that Annie Claesson-Huseby's behavior "constituted bad faith and an abuse of prosecutorial discretion". Defendant's DWI case was dismissed after Annie Claesson-Huseby's request for a continuance was denied. In an attempt to circumvent Judge Benschopf, she dismissed the case and 27 days later filed a new complaint against the defendant. The Beltrami County Attorney's Office then appealed Judge Benschopf's decision and lost at taxpayer's expense.

Finally, we disagree with the way Annie Claesson-Huseby treats families. Family cases are over-prosecuted in Beltrami County. Please listen to the entire Public Forum for Beltrami County primary candidates at kaxe.org/Audiobox/Highlights/candidate_forum.mp3". Here's what Annie Claesson-Huseby said about herself at the forum (46m: 40s): "I was never such a perfect parent before I had kids!"

While we agree that parents' skills are sharpened by their experiences raising children, we don't believe perfection is attainable in any human endeavor. Her statement does help us to understand her eagerness to prosecute family cases and to pursue parental rights terminations in even non-violent cases. However, we believe the perfect parent would exhaust every opportunity and alternative prior to separating a child from their mother and/or father. We would choose to extend a hand, instead of a fist. It takes an encouraging and healthy culture to raise families that thrive. Leadership should be carefully selected in this regard.

In conclusion, the citizens of this county have suffered tremendously at the hands of Annie-Claesson-Huseby and we believe this reign of error and terror must end. You can change the direction of history in Beltrami County. Please vote this November 4th. Vote against Annie Claesson-Huseby!



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