



Susan Hunt

Instructor of the Practice Criminal Justice

About Me:

Prior to joining the faculty at Utah Tech University, I prosecuted criminal cases in adult and juvenile courts in northern Utah. I served as chief of the special victim's division at the Davis County Attorney's office and specialized in prosecuting domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse cases. During my career as a prosecutor, I tried numerous serious felony cases involving a variety of offenses including aggravated murder. I was the lead prosecutor in *State v. Raymond Butterfield*, a case that led the way for the admissibility of PCR-STR DNA evidence in Utah courts. I am a recipient of the Thomas Reuters, Everyday Heroes Award for my work on the prosecution team in *State v. Nathan Ward*. I served as an instructor of a sexual assault investigations course at POST where I had the opportunity to teach law enforcement officers from across the state. I also worked as investigative counsel for the Utah Judicial Conduct Commission where I investigated complaints against Utah judges and prosecuted disciplinary proceedings when warranted. In 2020, I was appointed by the Governor to the Second District Judicial Nominating Commission. I earned a BA degree from the University of Utah in linguistics with a minor in German. I then attended law school at Brigham Young University where I received a JD in 1993. During law school, I served on the board of the J. Reuben Clark Public Interest Law Society. My research interests include bail reform and victims' rights.

Where are you from?

I am from northern Utah. I spent my elementary school years in Logan and then moved to Salt Lake City where I graduated from high school.

What topics or subject areas do you enjoy teaching the most?

Anything having to do with criminal law.

What excites you most about teaching in higher education?

I am really excited to mentor students who are interested in criminal justice careers or law. I look forward to helping students turn their interest in criminal justice into an exciting career.

What are your hobbies and other interests?

I love to travel, hike, snorkel and swim in the ocean. At home I enjoy reading and cooking.

What is your main source of motivation or inspiration?

Throughout my career I have worked with a lot of adults and children who have experienced severe trauma. I am inspired by their resilience and determination to move forward in spite of tremendous obstacles.

Why did you choose UT?

I love Utah Tech's location in beautiful southern Utah but more importantly I am excited to be a part of an inclusive university that caters to a diverse student population.