

# ROAN FOR POLK COUNTY ATTORNEY

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## CAREER PROSECUTOR LAURA ROAN ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR POLK COUNTY ATTORNEY

DES MOINES, Iowa - Career prosecutor Laura Roan today announced her campaign for the Democratic primary for Polk County Attorney. A lifelong Iowan who has prosecuted high-profile crimes in nearly every county across the state, Roan's campaign is grounded in her core values of transparency, accountability, and fair representation at every level of the criminal justice system.

Born and raised in Tama-Toledo, Roan first came to Des Moines to attend Drake University Law School. Throughout her legal career, Roan has been a voice for underrepresented groups inside and outside the courtroom, especially for women and children. She has served as an assistant county attorney in Polk, Wapello, and Jasper counties; an assistant attorney general for the Iowa Department of Justice; and an assistant United States attorney in the Southern District of Iowa.

"In every case I've handled, my priority has always been to serve the people, including both the victims of crime that I stand up for in the courtroom and the public I represent as a prosecutor," Laura Roan said. "As the next Polk County Attorney, I will continue to serve the people by making sure that all decisions about public safety reflect the values of residents across the county, from West Des Moines and Bondurant to Pleasant Hill and Des Moines itself."

As part of her pledge to run a publicly accountable office, Roan will spend the summer meeting with Democratic activists, voters, community leaders, and elected officials across Polk County. Roan will emphasize the community's top priorities for criminal justice in her plan to modernize the County Attorney's Office and be more transparent and accessible to the public.

"In all the years I've known her, Laura's guiding principles have been to be kind and use good judgment," said Ankeny resident Sonya Sellmeyer. "Laura is the best candidate for Polk County Attorney because she is fearless in her advocacy for victims of crime. Laura is always looking for ways to inspire the next generation of leaders and that's exactly what the County Attorney's Office needs," Sellmeyer said.

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ABOUT Laura Roan is an assistant county attorney in the Polk County Attorney's Office. Since graduating with a BA from Simpson College and a JD from Drake University Law School, Roan has been a public prosecutor in Iowa at the county, state, and federal level, with an emphasis on fugitive sex offenders, child exploitation cases, and federal Violence Against Women Act crimes. Roan also serves on Iowa's multi-agency Child Sexual Exploitation Multi-Disciplinary Taskforce and is an adjunct faculty member at Harvard Law School. She lives in Des Moines with her middle-school aged son. For more information, please visit [roanforpolkattorney.com](http://roanforpolkattorney.com)