

# Laura K. Buchholtz

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**Professional Profile** Laura Buchholtz was born and raised in Missoula, Montana. After high school, she became a foreign exchange student in Chalais, Switzerland from 1999-2000 where she taught skiing and attended school. In 2000, she enlisted in the United States Air Force as an Arabic Linguist. She left the Air Force in 2005 and moved back to Montana. She earned her Bachelors of English from the University of Montana in 2008. She then attended law school at the University of Montana School of Law where she earned her Juris Doctorate in 2011. Afterwards, she clerked for the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Lake County, Montana. She then commissioned as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) in 2012 and moved to Santa Maria, California. She was then stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Montana in 2015. She later moved back to Missoula and has been practicing at BKBH since 2016. Ms. Buchholtz is located in BKBH's Missoula office. Ms. Buchholtz continues to serve in the Montana National Guard.

- Family Law
- Insurance Defense
- Medical Law
- General Litigation

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**Professional Experience** **Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry & Hoven, P.C.**

2016 – present, Helena, Montana

*Associate*

- Currently, Ms. Buchholtz practices in civil litigation, focusing on family law, medical malpractice defense, insurance defense, and general litigation. Ms. Buchholtz' practice includes assisting a number of clients with family law matters and insurers in medical malpractice defense work.

**United States Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps**

2012 – 2016, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California and Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana

*Chief, Military Justice*

- Led prosecution team of attorneys in criminal actions involving Air Force members worldwide. Lead trial attorney in over twelve courts-martials and eight federal magistrate trials. Appointed Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Central Coast District. Organized, managed and ensured program compliance in all matters of general prosecution.

**20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Hon. Deborah “Kim” Christopher and Hon. C.B. McNeil**

2011-2012, Polson, Montana

*Law Clerk*

- Researched, reviewed and drafted opinions for two district court judges.

**The University of Montana Office of Legal Counsel**

2010-2011, Missoula, Montana

*Clinic Student*

- Researched and drafted documents for various legal issues.

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**Education** **Master of Laws, Health Care Law, 2016**

Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois

**Juris Doctorate, 2011**

The University of Montana School of Law, Missoula, Montana

**Bachelor of English, 2008**

The University of Montana, Missoula, Montana

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**Associate Degree in Science, Communication Application Technology**  
Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

**Associate Degree in the Arts, Arabic**  
The Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California

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**Admissions to  
Practice**

- State Bar of Montana
- United States District Court, Montana
- United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals

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**Professional  
Memberships**

- American Health Lawyers Association,  
the American Bar Association

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**Community  
Involvement**

- Annual Veteran's Stand Down, Helena,  
MT
- ABA Military Pro Bono Project