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CHOOSE A SAFER KOOTENAI COUNTY



Dear Brenda And David Oliveria
Or Current Resident
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Life and crime are about choices. Do you want your family's safety in the hands of someone who chose a career fighting crime or someone who chose a career representing people with tax issues?

Prosecuting Attorney Barry McHugh chose to be a prosecutor, and has been one for more than 18 years. His opponent chose to be a tax attorney.

Barry chose a career successfully serving justice. At every level he gained the experience necessary to turn the Kootenai County Prosecutor's office into a model of efficiency and effectiveness, with a 90% conviction rate for filed felony cases. Barry:

- Began his career as a Prosecutor for the City of Coeur d'Alene
- Served as a Deputy Prosecutor for Kootenai County
- Served as a Deputy Idaho Attorney General in the Racketeering Unit
- Served as Assistant United States Attorney in Boise and Coeur d'Alene
- Is serving as Prosecuting Attorney, restoring the integrity and reputation of the office

Barry's opponent chose a career that resulted in no prosecution experience. He may be a fine tax attorney – he supported Phil Hart in Hart's effort to avoid paying income taxes.* But as a former Criminal Chief in both the Kootenai County Prosecutor's Office and the Idaho Attorney General's Office, I know he is not qualified to be the Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney.

Barry's opponent chooses to argue that prosecutorial misconduct is a problem in the prosecutor's office, but relies on cases that occurred before Barry's time in office. He ignores the dramatic improvement in the professionalism of the prosecutor's office under Barry's leadership.

The Ellington case is an example of Barry choosing to fulfill his promise to take tough cases to trial. After obtaining convictions for second degree murder and aggravated battery, he and the deputy prosecuting attorney who tried the case were praised by the judge who heard the case for the manner in which they conducted the trial. Barry's trial experience and leadership influences in a positive way the attorneys under his supervision.

With the safety of Kootenai County families in the balance – it is now your choice.
On May 15 your choice is clear – VOTE FOR BARRY McHUGH.

Sincerely,

Peter Erbland, Former Chief, Criminal Division, Office of the Idaho Attorney General

*Barry could probably do your taxes. He used to practice as a CPA . . . but Barry chose a path of prosecuting bad guys – his opponent made a different choice.