

Julie is an Alpena native who returned to her hometown in July of 2021 to accept the position of Deputy Chief Defender. Julie graduated with honors from WMU Cooley Law School in 2002 and has had a passion for indigent defense since her law school externship at the Washtenaw County Public Defender Office. She also holds a bachelor's degree in public administration and community development from Central Michigan University.

In addition to private practice, Julie has worked as a Friend of the Court supervisor/conciliator, domestic relations mediator, court administrator, family division referee, regional specialty court project manager, and assistant prosecutor. During her years in private practice, she served on court-appointed attorney rosters in several counties throughout the state, always making it a priority to serve as an advocate for marginalized individuals.

Julie joined the local Kiwanis Club in 2022 and is a member of several professional associations. She is also an adjunct instructor at Alpena Community College. She married her husband Jeff in 2019 and between the two of them, they have 6 adult children and three grandsons. In her free time, Julie enjoys traveling and spending time at Long Lake with family and friends.