DOUGLAS MUSKETT ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR IRON COUNTY DA

Douglas Muskett, a local attorney, has announced that he is a candidate for Iron County District Attorney as a Democratic write-in candidate in the August 11th primary election.

Muskett will be on November’s general election ballot if he receives 200 write-in votes in the primary. In the general election, he will face the incumbent, Matthew Tingstad.

Attorney Muskett is a partner at McKenzie & Muskett in Bessemer, Michigan, where he practices as a trial attorney. Doug’s parents, Roger and Debbie Muskett, met in Marenisco, and were public school teachers in southern Wisconsin. They retired several years ago and now reside year-round locally near the Gile Flowage in the town of Pence.

Growing up mostly in Wisconsin, Attorney Muskett went to high school in Manitowoc then graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, where he was a double major in Mathematics and Philosophy.

Doug attended law school at Washington University in St Louis, practicing in St Louis after graduation. He mainly did commercial litigation – lawsuits over commercial contracts and business transactions - in Missouri and Illinois. While in St Louis, he also worked on appeals in the Eastern District of Missouri and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

He passed the Wisconsin Bar exam in 2015, and then in 2016 joined the family firm, then known as McKenzie & Talaska. Douglas worked there with his uncle Jim McKenzie and his cousin Anna Talaska.

His practice in the Northwoods has focused on trial work, both civil and criminal. An experienced trial attorney, he regularly does jury trials, both civil and criminal. In the
past few years he has had three jury trials where his clients were facing possible life sentences. All three of his clients were found not guilty by the jury on the counts carrying the life sentence. He has done appellate work in the Western District of Wisconsin and the Western District of Michigan, on both civil and criminal matters.

A regular at the Iron County Courthouse, he represents the Iron County Human Services Department on the mental health commitments and guardianships for this county. Attorney Muskett routinely takes private cases in Iron County, including divorces, civil disputes, child custody cases, and felony criminal cases.

His office also has the public defense contract for Gogebic County. For the past three years, Attorney Muskett has defended indigent defendants on felonies and misdemeanors, ranging from minor trespasses to armed robberies and attempted murder.

His experience as a defense attorney has led him to believe that serious violence offenses should be prosecuted, rather than pled down – but minor drug infractions are best resolved with treatment and community service, rather than jail time at county expense.

He is an active board member of the Historic Ironwood Theatre, a member of the Ironwood-Hurley Rotary Club and the Bessemer Township Business and Professional Men’s Association, and a past president of the Gogebic-Ontonagon Bar Association.

Attorney Muskett is asking the voters of Iron County to support his campaign for District Attorney by writing him in on the ballot for the August 11th Democratic Primary. If elected, he will dedicate himself to serving all the people of Iron County. Attorney Muskett wants Iron County to have a District Attorney and criminal justice system that they can be proud of.