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CAITLIN DENNIS

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- Legal Separation
- Military Family Law
- Minor Guardianship
- Relocation

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With over 15 years of experience working in family law, first as a paralegal and later as an attorney, Caitlin Dennis is highly effective in helping people resolve family conflicts. As she works through their cases, she strives to limit emotional damage to her clients and their children by finding long-term solutions that minimize conflict and stress in a family's daily life. Additionally, she reassures her clients that the future is brighter than it seems, even when their lives are changing significantly.

"As I work with my clients on their cases, we re-frame their circumstances. Divorce doesn't have to be a catastrophe, but a transition to a new and positive phase of life."

While Caitlin works to reach favorable settlements outside of court, she is a strong advocate in litigation when trial is necessary. As she counsels with candor and consideration, clients quickly learn that Caitlin cares about their cases on a personal level. As one former client said about a complicated matter, "Caitlin never gave up on my case. She would come to court very prepared. I felt like she knew my case like I was her own family member."

Caitlin serves as the Vice President of the Clark County Bar Association Family Law Section, and volunteers with both the YWCA SafeChoice Domestic Violence Legal Clinic and the Volunteer Lawyers Clinic. She is a devoted mother to a teenage son and a lifelong resident of Clark County. An outdoor enthusiast, she enjoys camping, hiking, and gardening in the summer.

"She cut to the chase quickly, and did not waste time fighting battles that were worthless, instead she fought a good fight for me and the end result was wonderful. You will be in good, honest and professional hands with Caitlin Dennis."

– JANE, FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

Washington State APR 6 Law Clerk Program, Washington State Bar Association
B.A., Washington State University, Vancouver, WA

DISTINCTIONS

Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in the field of Family Law, 2023-2024
Distinguished as a Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers® 2022-2023

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section, 2016–present
Member, Clark County Bar Association, 2016–present
Member, Washington Women Lawyers, Clark/St Helens Chapter, 2017–present
Member, Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington, 2018–present

APPOINTMENTS

Vice President, Clark County Bar Association, Family Law Section, 2021–2022

IN THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer Attorney, Clark County Volunteer Lawyers, 2016–present
Volunteer Attorney, Clark County YWCA Safechoice Domestic Violence Legal
Clinic, 2016–present

“She fought for me and was my voice when I didn’t think I had one. Caitlin came to court very prepared. She never had to ruffle through paperwork when asked a question. She always had a quick response and answer for everything thrown at her, never once stumbling over her words. I was so impressed with how she carried herself and how she really got her points across. My emails were usually answered within minutes, and she was always willing to discuss or go over anything I had questions about. Not only is she a great lawyer, but a great human being as well.”

– FORMER CLIENT

ABOUT MCKINLEY IRVIN

Founded in 1991, McKinley Irvin is the Pacific Northwest’s premier law firm focusing exclusively on the practice of family law. Attorneys at McKinley Irvin are acknowledged leaders in a range of traditional and cutting-edge areas of the practice, including divorce matters involving complex financial issues, collaborative law, contested child custody, international family law, military family law, and LGBT family law.



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