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FAMILY LAW

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ATTORNEY



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Divorce
- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Domestic Violence
- Legal Separation
- Unmarried Couples

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In law school, Rory Flay worked for nonprofits handling family law issues related to the Indian Child Welfare Act. This experience shaped his career, as he witnessed the impact that court decisions have on families' lives.

"Practicing family law allows me to give back to others. This is the kind of work I can get up in the morning and be proud of."

Rory finds crafting succinct legal pleadings and conducting arguments in court professionally fulfilling. However, he always remembers that the human side of his job matters the most. In both the courtroom and through his written advocacy, Rory focuses on the real-life impact on his clients' lives.

"It's important to me that my clients' positions are clearly asserted, as the outcome of their cases will be life-defining."

Those who work with Rory, including opposing counsel, appreciate his empathetic approach, clear communication, and integrity. His clients know him to be approachable and tenacious in promoting their interests.

Rory grew up splitting his time between the East Coast and West Coast. A former touring musician, he collects records and cassette tapes. He's an outdoorsman who enjoys biking, hiking, and camping. He loves to cook on the weekends and has a Border Collie named Pasta.

"I personally felt that everyone involved in the case actually cared and enjoyed their job and were fighting for my rights. They definitely felt like family and treated me so."

– Z.N., FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School
B.A., Humboldt State University, Summa cum laude

DISTINCTIONS

Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in the field of Family Law, 2024

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Washington State Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS

"A Silent Epidemic: Revisiting the 2013 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act to Better Protect American Indian and Alaska Native Women,"
Seattle University Indian Law Journal, 2017

"I had a difficult divorce, Rory was very kind and patient. He listened to my concerns was great during our mediation. I ended up with what I was asking for. I highly recommend Rory and his assistant Chriss. He was fast to respond and kept me informed on all points."

- TERESA, 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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