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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- Third Party Custody
- LGBT Family Law
- Relocation
- Legal Separation
- Unmarried Couples

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Brian Edwards started his career in clinical psychology, where he frequently served as a court-appointed counselor for mentally ill patients. And while he found professional satisfaction from helping his clients, he came to realize that he could have more of an impact by advocating for them in the court room.

With his well-honed listening and conflict resolution skills from years as a therapist, and driven by a desire to help people through challenging transitions, he chose to specialize in family law.

"This is the area of law that really matters the most. It touches on the most fundamental pieces of peoples' lives: their family, their children, and their financial security."

Brian connects with his family law clients with genuine understanding, and he is especially effective in high conflict cases. He has significant trial experience and is very comfortable in the courtroom, particularly with matters involving child custody and support. He feels most gratified when he can improve the welfare of children.

Brian and his wife have two energetic and adorable children. They have fostered many kittens, including their own "foster fails," a cat and dog named Scamp and Gizmo. In his free time, Brian enjoys reading fiction, learning guitar, and exploring local restaurants and breweries. He is an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law and serves as a court appointed special advocate for CASA of King County.

"I was very impressed with Brian's knowledge base in family law. He is direct, to the point, and fierce with his representation. He works very hard and is passionate about helping his clients."

– ALANA, FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., Seattle University School of Law
M.A., Argosy University, Clinical Psychology
B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

DISTINCTIONS

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML)
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The Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Family Law, 2025
Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America in the field of Family Law, 2021-2024
Washington Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers®, 2023-2024
Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers®, 2021-2022
Avvo.com 10.0 "Superb" rating
Avvo Client's Choice Award, 2014, 2015
Order of the Barristers, 2012

APPOINTMENTS

Young Lawyer Division Liaison to the Family Law Section of WSBA

MEMBERSHIPS

King County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division
Washington State Bar Association

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Pro Bono Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law, 2022
Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law, 2021-Present
Court Appointed Special Advocate and Volunteer Attorney, CASA of King County, 2014-Present
Volunteer, Seattle Humane Society, 2012-Present

ADMISSIONS

United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "The Interplay of Criminal and Civil Domestic Cases," King County Bar Bulletin, October 2018 (co-authored with Kim Schnuelle)

"Upon meeting with Brian, I had an immediate sense of relief. He gave a realistic and very honest opinion about my situation. I was left with a clear idea of what my options were, and choosing to move forward with Brian's help was a great decision. He listened well, was quick to respond to any issues, had a good understanding of the challenges we as his clients were enduring, and interacted with us in a manner that left us feeling confident, as opposed to defeated and drained. It's been refreshing to have Brian in our corner and I highly recommend him."

– NICOLE, 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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