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ERIN M. BLOWER

ATTORNEY



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

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Erin Blower feels fulfilled in practicing family law.

"Family law is a helping profession. I enjoy working closely with people to get them to a better place. It is personal and meaningful work."

Erin understands how unsettling a family law case can be. She is sensitive to the emotional impact of the divorce process on both her clients and their families.

"These cases are not just legal or financial—these are times of huge transition and emotional upheaval in people's lives. It's important to work with an empathetic attorney who understands the whole picture."

Erin guides clients in trying to find resolution of their problems through alternative dispute resolution. She skillfully brings issues to court when agreed solutions are not possible. She feels gratified when her clients succeed in regaining security, peace of mind, and relief from a personal ordeal.

With significant experience in domestic violence cases, Erin is a trusted resource for community and court advocates. She serves as secretary of the DOVE Project, a domestic violence resource organization that emphasizes prevention through education.

Originally from Minnesota, Erin lives on Vashon Island with her family. When she's not working, Erin can be found cheering on her children's sports teams and enjoying Vashon's hiking trails.

"Erin had the ability to communicate to me clearly what was going on in my case, what was coming next, and what I had to do. I felt so powerful having Erin on my side and was very pleased when the ruling was in my favor."

— ANDREA, FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., University of Minnesota Law School
B.A., University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

DISTINCTIONS

The Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Family Law, 2025
Pro Bono Publico Service Commendation, Washington State Bar Association, 2014
Order of the Coif, 2006

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association
King County Bar Association, Family Law Section
Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)
Minnesota State Bar Association
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 2014–2015

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Pro Bono Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law, 2022
Board Member, DOVE Project, 2017–2018
Secretary, DOVE Project, 2019–present

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, “Marriage Dissolution – Process and Procedure,” *Washington Family Law From A to Z*, National Business Institute, 2024 (with Brent Bohan)
- Presenter, “Advanced Child and Spousal Support Issues,” *Advanced Family Law Seminar*, National Business Institute, 2021
- Chief Author, “Chapter 9: Domestic Relations Practice,” *2019 Washington Lawyers Practice Manual*, King County Bar Association, June 2020
- Content Editor, “Chapter 9: Domestic Relations Practice,” *2019 Washington Lawyers Practice Manual*, King County Bar Association, June 2020
- Author, “Part One: Dissolution, Legal Separation and Declaration Concerning Validity,” Chapter 9 Domestic Relations Practice, *2019 Washington Lawyers Practice Manual*, King County Bar Association, June 2020
- Presenter, “Mental Health Evidence in Custody and Abuse Cases,” *Discovery and Evidence in Divorce*, 2016

“Erin has been my lifeline during the hardest situation I’ve ever been through in my entire life; a very complicated and nightmarish custody situation with my ex. Since day one of working with Erin, she was thorough, highly insightful, compassionate, and strategic, which gave me the hope and strength to fight in my case. She is an extremely well-educated, intelligent attorney, with great communication skills. I can’t say enough positive things about Erin. I am so relieved and thankful to have her on my side, fighting for me and guiding me through this process.”

– FORMER CLIENT

ABOUT MCKINLEY IRVIN

McKinley Irvin is the Pacific Northwest’s premier law firm dedicated exclusively to family law. For over thirty years, our attorneys have been recognized for their leadership in a wide range of traditional and innovative family law matters, including high-conflict divorces, complex property division, collaborative law, contested child custody, international family law, military family issues, and LGBTQ+ family law.



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