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Rainer Frank got his first taste of the law motoring down the scenic backroads of southwest Ohio with his father—a genuine country lawyer—and dropping in and out of courtrooms, judicial chambers, and the homes of clients in a four-county swath of the Buckeye state. The experience impressed Rainer, who learned early on that nothing replaces hard work when it comes to achieving success for his clients.

The third sibling in his family to earn a law degree, this Tacoma-based member of the McKinley Irvin legal team is no stranger to hard work. From the time he could swing a hammer, young Rainer was bailing hay, herding livestock, operating jackhammers, plastering walls, day laboring at a local lumber yard, or running quality control at a metal dye factory. What does any of that have to do with the practice of family law? Rainer says it informs every aspect of his work.

“Because I have functioned in many different settings, I can relate to a wide range of my clients’ experiences,” he explains. “I don’t presume to know more than I reasonably can about them, of course. But I like to think I’m approachable and empathetic and ready to represent their best interests.”

The capacity for hard work is only one part of effective lawyering, says the father of two active teenagers and self-described “rules guy.”

“Exceptional lawyers must possess the mental capacity for complex legal work and a healthy measure of empathy and understanding.”

While Rainer has practiced law in a variety of settings during his impressive career, his sole focus has been family law. This lover of the outdoors adds that he has never regretted this “conscious choice.”

“I get to help real people deal with very real, very significant issues in their lives. I can have a helpful, direct, and immediate impact.”

“Great advice, very respectful, very trustworthy and straightforward. Rainer took me from Temporary Orders to Final Decree, keeping me well informed along the way. I would call him again without hesitation if I need legal assistance.”

– JOSH, FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

DISTINCTIONS

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MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, Family Law Section
Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)
Ohio State Bar, 1994

IN THE COMMUNITY

Commissioner, Peninsula Advisory Commission for Pierce County
Vice President, Board of Directors, Tacoma German Language School

LANGUAGES

German

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Privatization in Eastern Germany: A Comprehensive Study," 27 *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* 809, 1994

"I would not hesitate to recommend Rainer Frank to anyone going through a divorce, especially a difficult one. He was right on top of everything and kept me informed the entire way. I had never had any court experience before and he was very patient and explained everything to me in a manner that I could understand. Not only is he a great lawyer, he is a wonderful person who treated me with respect and kindness during a time when I was scared and uncertain about what to do."

– JANEL, 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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