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—Former Client G.M.

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With her keen intellect, winning track record, and competitive yet compassionate nature, Elizabeth Hershman-Greven has made her mark on Seattle’s legal community. And while she is well known and admired by members of the bar and bench, Elizabeth is held in highest esteem by the scores of clients she has served during her impressive career.

What sets this gifted lawyer apart from so many of her peers, colleagues say, is her distinctive approach to clients. That approach combines concern with candor, pragmatism with perseverance, and determination with a healthy dose of realism.

“There is a real need for zealous advocates in family law,” says the McKinley Irvin senior associate. “Our work is not simply esoteric and it is certainly not detached. We are dealing with real lives, real people, and real problems for which there are no easy solutions.”

From the outset, Elizabeth works to encourage her clients’ proactive involvement in the ultimate success of their cases to ensure the most favorable outcomes for them.

“I help my clients invest in their own solutions,” she explains, “and to make intentional, well-reasoned decisions. I help them be their best in situations that can bring out the worst in people, and to fight hard for justice while keeping their integrity intact.”

“Elizabeth represents the best in lawyering. She is smart, dedicated, genuine, compassionate, and an effective advocate. She is also progressive and forward-thinking—traits that enable her to think and operate outside of the box.”

—Founding Partner Sands McKinley

A prolific writer and sought-after speaker on a range of subjects, Elizabeth focuses her practice on cutting-edge issues of family law for both traditional and nontraditional families. In particular, she is an acknowledged authority on domestic partnerships and LGBT family law.

Elizabeth is also trained in collaborative law, a client-centered alternative to traditional litigation in which couples resolve disputes and make decisions about their family’s future outside the courtroom.

No matter the type of case, Elizabeth attempts to minimize the negative impact (and maximize the positive influence) it can have on the people involved. “I never forget that the costs to my clients are huge even if they win,” she notes. “From the beginning, I offer them my full consideration, my support, and my respect.”

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EDUCATION

- J.D., Seattle University School of Law, *magna cum laude*
- B.A., Indiana University

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Washington State Bar Association, member
- King County Bar Association, member
- QLaw Bar Association, member
- King County Collaborative Law, Member
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Member

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- “The Proposition 8 Battle and What it Means for Washington,” *King County Bar Association Bulletin*, September 2010
- “A Family Law Practitioner’s Guide to Navigating the Domestic Partnership Expansion Bill,” *Washington State Bar News*, June 2008
- “Washington’s Expanded Domestic Partnership Registry Grants Important New Rights for GLBT Couples,” *GSBA Perspective*, May 2008
- “Legislature Acts Post-Andersen; Domestic Partnership Bill Paves the Way,” *King County Bar Association Bar Bulletin*, July 2007
- “The Impact and Implications of the Domestic Partners Registry,” *King County Bar Association Bar Bulletin*, June 2007

RECENT PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

- “Parenting Plans and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act,” King County Bar Association CLE, April 2010
- “Washington Domestic Partnership Expansion Bill, An Overview for Family Law Practitioners,” King County Bar Association CLE, February 2010
- “Advising Clients on Domestic Partner Registration and Related Issues,” Washington State Bar Association CLE, September 2009
- “Strategies and Solutions for the Family Law Practitioner,” Washington State Bar Association Midyear CLE, June 2009

“From the minute we met Betsy, my partner and I knew we had a first class professional who not only was a subject matter expert, but a caring and concerned advocate. In less than 30 days, we settled the suit. It simply wouldn’t have been possible without her. If you want the best—in knowledge, commitment, caring, and results—Betsy is for you.”

—Former Client M.W.

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ABOUT MCKINLEY IRVIN

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