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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Divorce

Complex divorce (cases involving business interests, complex financial issues, or asset values of \$1 million or more)

Complex Property Distribution Matters

Collaborative and Cooperative Divorce

Spousal Maintenance

Support Modifications

Available as Arbitrator or Mediator

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Marc Christianson began practicing family law in 1976. He has distinguished himself as one of Washington's premier divorce and family law attorneys, widely admired for both his skill and professionalism. Marc is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and has been rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale Hubbell®, a peer review rating distinguishing him as an attorney rated at the highest level of professional experience and ethical conduct.

Marc focuses his practice on divorce and family law matters with complex or unique property distribution, spousal maintenance, or support issues. He is trained and experienced in using mediation, arbitration, and collaborative law as alternative methods of dispute resolution in divorce cases.

Marc's perennial success as a family law attorney stems from both a history of achieving successful results for his clients, as well as providing a high level of personal service to each client. Marc points out that, "I understand the stress each client experiences during a family law case. Each client deserves to be treated with respect and compassion, which is how I interact with my clients."

"I believe in meticulous, tenacious representation regardless of whether a case is resolved by settlement or litigation. I also believe successful results can be achieved in a dignified and respectful manner. This is how I have practiced family law for over 36 years."

With over 20 years of experience as a mediator and arbitrator, he is frequently sought out to mediate or arbitrate in family law cases. He also has served for many years as both a Superior Court Commissioner Pro Tempore and Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore.

In addition to his litigation practice, Marc is trained as a Collaborative Divorce lawyer, and is an active member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Collaborative Professionals of Washington, and Collaborative Law Professionals of Pierce County.

Marc has served as President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association. He is also a founder and first chair of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Family Law Section.

Marc received his law degree in 1974 from Seattle University School of Law. After graduation, he was selected to serve as clerk to U.S. Federal District Judge George H. Boldt. Marc then entered private law practice in Tacoma in 1976.

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MARC T. CHRISTIANSON

PARTNER IN CHARGE, TACOMA

EDUCATION

- J.D., Seattle University School of Law
- B.A. University of Puget Sound

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Selected by his peers as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Family Law in 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2005
- Distinguished as a *Washington Super Lawyer* by Super Lawyers® in 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, and 2006
- Peer review rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®

APPOINTMENTS

- Past Chair, Washington State Bar Association Family Law Executive Committee
- Past President, Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association
- Founding Member & First Chair, Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Family Law Section
- Pierce County Superior Court Commissioner Pro Tempore
- Pierce County Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section
- Washington State Bar Association Trust Account Responsibilities and Retainers Task Force
- International Association of Collaborative Professionals
- Collaborative Professionals of Washington
- Collaborative Law Professionals of Pierce County

RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- "Marital Agreements: Pre and Post Enforcement and Requirements," Washington State Bar Association CLE, April 2011.
- "Family Law 101: Time for a Reality Check," Washington State Bar Association CLE, December 2010.

ABOUT MCKINLEY IRVIN

Founded in 1991, McKinley Irvin is the Pacific Northwest's largest law firm focusing exclusively on the practice of family law. Attorneys at McKinley Irvin, who possess more than 240 years of combined legal experience, 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, relationship agreements, and LGBT family law.

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"Your kind and calm demeanor set me at ease, even as we discussed difficult choices I would have to consider. Your quick grasp of my complicated business arrangements made me immediately grateful that I had found excellent representation."

—Former Client J.M.

"Marc, it has been a pleasure doing business with you and a privilege to be represented by you. I truly appreciate your steady advice during a very critical situation. Most importantly, I appreciate your integrity."

—Former Client R.C.



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