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## **Two McKinley Irvin Partners Included in “The Best Lawyers in America” 2012 List**

*Family Law Attorneys Marc Christianson and David Starks Achieve Placement in Peer-Review Based “Best Lawyers” List*

**SEATTLE, Wash. – August 30, 2011** – McKinley Irvin, Washington’s largest law firm focused exclusively on divorce and family law, announced today that two McKinley Irvin partners were selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2012 (*Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.*):

- [Marc T. Christianson](#), Partner in Charge, Tacoma
- [David B. Starks](#), Partner in Charge, Seattle

Lawyers are included in Best Lawyers based solely on the votes of their peers. *Best Lawyers*® selected honorees this year after a national peer-review survey in which more than 41,000 leading attorneys cast almost 3.9 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas.

In Washington State, 11 attorneys have been selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*® 2012 in the practice area of Family Law. This is the first year David Starks appears on the list. Marc Christianson has appeared on the *Best Lawyers* list multiple times since 2005.

“We are delighted that our partners have earned such respect and recognition from their peers in the family law community,” said Sands McKinley, cofounder and managing partner of McKinley Irvin. “David and Marc are exceptional attorneys and the honor of being included in Best Lawyers is a testament not only to their legal abilities, but also to the commitment and compassion they give their clients.”

The 2012 Best Lawyers® listings are published in the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Best Lawyers® is the oldest peer-review publication in the legal profession. Lawyers are not allowed or required to pay a fee to be included in Best Lawyers.

### **About McKinley Irvin**

Headquartered in Seattle and with offices throughout the Pacific Northwest, McKinley Irvin is a premier divorce and family law firm, and the largest family law firm in the state of Washington.

McKinley Irvin has protected the rights of families since 1991—handling complex family law cases involving divorce, custody and international matters. For more information about McKinley Irvin, visit us at [www.mckinleyirvin.com](http://www.mckinleyirvin.com).

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