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**McKinley Irvin Ranks in 2011-2012 U.S. News – Best Lawyers
“Best Law Firms”**

Firm Achieves Metropolitan First-Tier Ranking in Seattle for the Area of Family Law for a Second Consecutive Year

SEATTLE, Wash. – November 1, 2011 – McKinley Irvin, Washington’s largest law firm focused exclusively on divorce and family law, announced today that the firm has earned a Metropolitan First-Tier Ranking in Seattle for the practice area of Family Law in the 2011-2012 U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” annual rankings.

This is the second year that McKinley Irvin has achieved placement on the “Best Law Firms” rankings by U.S. News Media Group, the publishers of U.S. News & World Report, and Best Lawyers®.

U.S. News and World Report conducted extensive nation-wide surveys of clients, lawyers, law firms and recruiters. They combined their results with the current “Best Lawyers in America” surveys of leading lawyers to determine its ranking of the “Best Law Firms,” both nationally and by metropolitan area.

To rank in U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms,” a firm must have at least one lawyer currently listed in Best Lawyers®, an annual peer-review based ranking of lawyers. Two McKinley Irvin attorneys, Marc T. Christianson and David B. Starks, were selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2012.

“To be named one of our region’s top family law firms for the second year in a row is a mark of distinction we are honored to receive,” said Sands McKinley, cofounder and managing partner of McKinley Irvin. “We are proud of our commitment to practice at the top tier of family law through innovative legal representation and compassionate personal service to our clients.”

The U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” methodology includes reputational data, such as expertise and integrity, demographic data, client profile information, pro-bono commitment, practice areas including transaction activity, and diversity. More information about the methodology used in the “Best Law Firms” rankings is published online at <http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com/methodology.aspx>.

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.

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