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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Difficult Custody and Divorce
- Complex Divorce (cases involving business interests, complex financial issues, or asset values of \$1 million or more)
- Relocation
- Parenting Plan Modifications

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Gordon has practiced family law for over 35 years, reached negotiated or mediated settlements in the majority of his cases and tried a large number of cases over those years. His focus on thorough preparation assists him in negotiating or mediating appropriate settlements in cases ranging from fairly substantial to very substantial in asset levels and complexity, including parenting issues and relocation. He has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers for over 20 years and is repeatedly honored by organizations like Best Lawyers in America and Washington Super Lawyers as a top family law attorney in the state.

"I chose family law because I am more interested in helping individuals than corporations," says Gordon. "And I found I could help people in family law. Clients with complex assets or difficult parenting matters face what can be a challenging ordeal and need experienced counsel and able paralegals at their side."

With a "right to the point" demeanor, Gordon explains his pragmatic approach to family law:

"I analyze the facts of the case and consider them in terms of the law and positive and negative aspects to make a strategic plan for resolving the case," he says. "Clients need a lawyer who is smart and thoughtful, not aggressive."

Gordon credits much of his success to his mentor. He learned family law from Richard Riddell of Riddell Williams, where he practiced and worked with paralegals when that was not commonplace. Today, Gordon will again be working with a team of attorneys, paralegals, and other professionals to provide a full range of legal support and attentive client service.

When not working, Gordon enjoys spending time with his daughters, granddaughter, and friends. He also enjoys sailing, cooking, travel, rebuilding boats, and building furniture.

"I personally felt that everyone involved in the case actually cared and enjoyed their job and were fighting for my rights. They definitely felt like family and treated me so."

– Z.N., FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1968
B.A. Yale College, 1965

DISTINCTIONS

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), 1991-2019
Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Family Law 1987-2019
Named Seattle's 2012 "Lawyer of the Year" in Family Law by Best Lawyers
Distinguished as a Washington Super Lawyer 2003-2019
Bar Registration of Preeminent Lawyers, 1970-2013
Top Attorneys in Washington, Seattle Met Magazine, 2012-2013
Who's Who in American Law, 8th Edition, 2002-2003

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association
King County Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Evergreen Legal Services, President, 1976-1980 and Director, 1976-1996
Director, Columbia Legal Services, 1996-2010
Endowment for Equal Justice, 2011-2013

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Author of the chapters on Property Identification, Valuation and Division, Washington Family Law Desk Book, Washington State Bar Association, 1989
- Author: "Chutes and Ladders," the Use of Summary Devices in Family Law, Council of Community Property States, 1991

"Seeking out an attorney can be a nerve racking experience. You have to have representation with integrity, honesty, knowledge and have one's best interest always in mind. I am so very thankful that I chose to work with McKinley Irvin and the wonderful staff they have in place. Highly recommended."

– C.M., FORMER CLIENT

ABOUT MCKINLEY IRVIN

Founded in 1991, McKinley Irvin is the Pacific Northwest's premier law firm focusing exclusively on the practice of family law. Attorneys at McKinley Irvin 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, military family law, and LGBT family law.



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