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FAMILY LAW

JAMIE R. WALKER

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Divorce
- Complex Divorce
- High Net Worth Divorce
- Child Custody
- Collaborative Divorce
- LGBT Family Law
- Military Family Law
- Relocation
- Parenting Plan Modifications
- Child Support Modifications
- Domestic Violence

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Jamie R. Walker approaches each case with the same sense of urgency and intensity felt by her clients when faced with a family law issue. Her goal in the practice of family law is to help them through this process successfully and provide a positive impact on the rest of their lives. Jamie represents clients in Washington State family law matters from our offices in Tacoma and Puyallup.

Jamie believes the first step in any case is developing a strong, individualized strategy. Experienced in a broad range of family law matters, including divorce and parenting/custody issues, Jamie understands the stressful transition her clients are going through. With extensive experience in the Pierce and South King County courtrooms, Jamie is a strong litigator and well-versed at achieving success in court. She finds this also gives her an edge at the negotiating table.

"I know how to posture my cases for resolution, both inside and outside of the courtroom," says Jamie. "I find that my willingness to go to court is often what can drive the settlement process with the other side. Whether we settle the case with the assistance of local mediators and arbitrators or in front of a judge, I use every asset at my disposal to gain a positive result as quickly and efficiently as possible."

"I understand that in family law, clients need my immediate attention, time, answers, and ultimately, relief from their situation."

In litigation or negotiation, Jamie's dedicated approach does not change. Getting a case moving quickly, without sacrificing quality or strategy, is something Jamie knows her clients value.

In every family law matter, Jamie also understands the importance of addressing both the client's case and their life beyond the case, to make certain that the desired outcome is both positive and practical.

"I get to know my clients so that I understand where they are coming from, what their current situation is, and what their goals are after the case is finished," she explains. "I never end a case with a client wondering, 'what do I do now?' I consider it part of my role to help my client plan for the future."

"Jamie fought for me; she really held her ground against opposing counsel. She kept me up to date on the status of my case and I felt comfortable knowing she was in charge."

– SAMANTHA W., FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law
B.A., Western Washington University, Dean's List

DISTINCTIONS

Distinguished as a Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers® 2013-2019
Rated "Superb" 10 out of 10 on Avvo.com

APPOINTMENTS

Secretary, The Honorable Robert J. Bryan American Inn of Court, Chapter XXV

MEMBERSHIPS

Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, Family Law Section
South King County Bar Association, Family Law Section
Collaborative Professionals of Washington
Collaborative Law Professionals of Pierce County
King County Bar Association
Young Lawyer's Association

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- "The Evolution of Extended Family, Court-Ordered Visitation," Northwest Lawyer, January 2019
- "Dealing with Business Income on the Family Law Motion Docket," King County Bar Bulletin, 2016
- "Technological Developments Create New Opportunities in the Courtroom," Pierce County Lawyer (Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association), July/August 2014
- Skype Testimony: New Opportunities for Litigation Technology, King County Bar Bulletin, 2014
- "Can I Testify via Skype?" Using Videoconferencing Technology to Enhance Remote Witness Testimony, NW Sidebar, 2014

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- "Trial Preparation," Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association Convention CLE, 2019
- "Grandparents' Rights," NALS CLE Series, 2019

"Behind Jamie's friendly, outgoing demeanor is an attorney who hates to lose. Going through a divorce for my first and hopefully only time in my life after a 30 year marriage was not a fun experience. Jamie was an anchor who always made me feel like we were doing the right thing. I could not have asked for a better result."

– MICHAEL, FORMER CLIENT

"I would very strongly recommend working with Jamie if you find yourself in need of an intelligent, inventive, appropriately aggressive when required, and personally supportive legal team."

– CURT, 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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