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FAMILY LAW

JANET A. GEORGE OF COUNSEL



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Difficult Custody and Divorce
- Complex Divorce (cases involving business interests, complex financial issues, or multi-million dollar asset values)
- Complex Property Distribution
- Spousal Support
- Support Modifications

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Janet George has been practicing family law for over 35 years and is widely recognized as one of the top family law attorneys in the state of Washington. She limits her practice to complex, high asset and high income cases, including those involving property characterization, business valuations, and the distribution of multi-million dollar estates. She has represented high net worth individuals across different fields, including business owners, corporate executives, legal and medical professionals, and professional athletes.

Janet has received the top honors of her field. She has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) since 1992, serving as President of the Washington AAML chapter from 1997 to 1999. She has also been included in Best Lawyers in America for the past five years, Super Lawyers since 2003, and has had a peer-review rating of "AV Preeminent" by Martindale Hubbell for the past 30 years.

Whether cases are resolved through mediation or trial, Janet considers her role as an educator just as important as her role as a legal advocate. "I educate my clients about their rights, their estate, possible disposition of property, and creative solutions for children. I respect my clients' situations and want them to be satisfied with their decisions, whether six months or six years later."

Before becoming an attorney, Janet earned a Master's degree in psychiatric nursing, counseling families in crisis and working with adolescents at Seattle Mental Health Institute as Director of Nursing and also as a Psychiatric Nurse. She considers this experience a natural background for the practice of family law.

Janet continues to be passionate about helping children. She is a strong supporter of organizations that share this mission, including King County CASA and Treehouse, a non-profit that advocates for foster children.

When time allows, Janet is also an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law and considers working with law students one of her greatest joys.

Following her own advice to live life completely, Janet is a former small plane pilot - flying to and from her getaway in Sun Valley in her 182 RGTurbo Cessna. She has dealt blackjack at South Shore Tahoe, and has shown quarter horses in the Salinas rodeo. She's an avid skier and 'wannabe' golfer, and is currently involved in the world of horse racing. She owns a percentage in four race horses and enjoys spending time at Emerald Downs with the jockeys, trainers, and other owners and breeders.

"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 Puget Sound School of Law
M.A., University of Washington, Psychiatric Nursing
B.A., Stanford University, Nursing

DISTINCTIONS

Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1992-2018
Peer review rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell for 30 years
Listed in Best Lawyers in America, 2011-2018
Distinguished as a *Washington Super Lawyer*, 2003-2017
Listed in "Top 50: Women Washington Super Lawyers" 2017

APPOINTMENTS

AAML Washington Chapter: Past President, member of Board of Managers,
CLE Chair and Judicial Conference Committee over many years

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section
King County Bar Association, Family Law Section

IN THE COMMUNITY

Longtime supporter of King County Family Law CASA and Treehouse, a non-profit that advocates for foster children.

PUBLICATIONS

Washington Family Law Deskbook, "Methods of Discovery in Family Law Litigation," 1999 and updated in 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

Regular speaker and chairperson at family law and other area CLE presentations; most recently "Mastering Social Media" (KCBA, 2015) and "Family Law Hot Topics" (KCBA, 2014).

"We cannot begin to express our gratitude for all that the McKinley Irvin law firm has done for us. We would highly recommend the knowledgeable and dedicated law firm of McKinley Irvin to anyone who might be seeking legal services."

- P.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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