



McKINLEY IRVIN

FAMILY LAW

JENNIFER PAYSENO

PARTNER



WASHINGTON SUPER LAWYERS® 2018
AVVO.COM 10.0 "SUPERB" RATING

AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

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Behind Jennifer Payseno's calm and deliberate demeanor are the intellect and ability of one of Seattle's finest family law attorneys. Practicing since 1992 and affiliated with McKinley Irvin since 1999, the former trustee of the King County Bar Association is highly regarded throughout the family law community for her integrity, courtroom skills, and unwavering commitment to the families she serves. She serves clients primarily from our offices in Seattle and Bellevue.

"The first thing I do is create a rapport with my clients, who are often under significant stress," Jennifer notes. "I work hard to establish an environment of trust and ease, which helps me focus quickly on their hopes, fears, and expectations so we can begin developing an effective case strategy."

While Jennifer is a caring legal advisor to her clients, she is at the same time an intense and effective advocate.

"I leave no stone unturned when representing my clients' vital interests. Sometimes we go to court; sometimes we don't. But we are always prepared, no matter what the circumstances. That is how we maximize results."

Jennifer says she chose to practice family law so that she could make a fundamental and positive difference in the lives of her clients. One of the most appealing aspects of the practice, she says, is its exceptional variety, both in terms of circumstances and people.

"Every case is different. On any given day, I might be dealing with business interests, real estate investments, stock options, parenting plans, or tax issues. What never changes, however, are my beliefs in putting my clients first and negotiating from a position of strength."

Founding partner Sands McKinley is an unabashed admirer of his colleague's skill and savvy. "We met Jennifer years ago when she was the opposing attorney in a case," he recalls. "She was an extremely tough opponent, exceptionally well prepared, well-respected by the court, and a steadfast client advocate. She understood how to develop case strategy and execute it effectively. In sum, she was—and is—a real pro. We knew she belonged at McKinley Irvin."

"The guidance from Jennifer and her team was exceptional, leaving nothing to chance and providing me with reassurance that the best possible argument was being prepared."

– FORMER CLIENT, SEATTLE, WA



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EDUCATION

J.D., Seattle University School of Law, *cum laude*
B.A., Georgia Southern University

DISTINCTIONS

Distinguished as a Washington Super Lawyer 2010-2018
Avvo.com 10.0 "Superb" rating
Peer Review Rated BV Distinguished, Martindale Hubbell
WSBA Random Acts of Professionalism Award, 2005

APPOINTMENTS

First Vice President, King County Bar Association, 2018-Present
Second Vice President, King County Bar Association, 2017-Present
Member, King County Judicial Screening Committee
Treasurer, King County Bar Association, 2013-2014
Chair, King County Judicial Screening Committee, 2009-2010
Trustee, King County Bar Association, 2000-2003
President, South King County Bar Association 1998-1999

MEMBERSHIPS

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

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "Complex & High-Asset Divorce: A Focus on the Money" CLE, The Seminar Group, April 2017
- Contributor, "Business Law's Frequently Asked Questions," 425 Business Magazine, August 2016
- Contributor, "Is Divorce in Your Retirement Plan?," 425 Business Magazine, January 2015
- Author, "Trends and considerations in gray divorce," Avvo Stories, March 2015
- Author, "Own A Business? What You Should Consider Before Saying, 'I Do,'" Seattle Business Magazine, 2014
- Contributor, "What You Should Know About Gray Divorce," 425 Business, October 2014
- Presenter, "Marital Agreements: Pre and Post Enforcement and Requirements," Washington Bar Association Community Property CLE, April 2011
- Author, "Divorce and Economic Recession," King County Bar Association Bar

"We went through numerous motions and hearings and even though there is never a real winner or loser in a divorce, Jennifer won every battle for me."

– FORMER CLIENT, SEATTLE, WA

"Jennifer and her team went above and beyond for me. Jennifer exudes a combination of compassion and strength which gave me a sense of peace in an otherwise extremely stressful time in my life."

– JOSIE, 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.

