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SENIOR ATTORNEY



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- Child Support Modifications
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- Domestic Violence
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Helping clients reclaim themselves—and their lives—impels every aspect of Lindsay Noel's work. The summa cum laude law graduate of Seattle University School of Law says she never forgets that the personal aspects of family law are as critical as the legal considerations.

"I'm in the people business as much as the legal business," says this Tacoma-based member of the McKinley Irvin team for whom family law practice is deeply personal. While a college student, Lindsay's parents engaged in a complex legal process to secure permanent custody of her cousins' children. The experience, she says, positions her to provide especially effective, compassionate counsel to clients facing family law issues like child custody and child support.

"There are no boilerplate cases in family law. I learn as much as possible about each of my clients. I listen carefully and respectfully to their individual stories in order to identify compelling, often unique issues and circumstances. Sharing these considerations effectively with the courts is critical to securing the best possible outcome in each case."

All of this requires meticulous attention to the details, Lindsay adds, to make certain that mediators and judges are getting the "full picture" of myriad facts that inevitably accompany every case (financial accounts, property holdings, career considerations, parenting issues, and more). It also means developing a professional reputation for candor and integrity.

"It's important that members of the judiciary know they can trust you," insists the former trustee of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section. "When you have a difficult case or a situation that is a bit different from the norm, the court is more likely to land on your side if they know you are competent, trustworthy, and honest."

Those are the very traits Lindsay says she most admires in her McKinley Irvin colleagues, a fact that prompted her to join the firm some 10 years ago.

"It's an honor to be affiliated with the largest family law firm in the Northwest whose overarching goal is to be the best in the business," she notes. "I can trust the people for whom I work; and they can trust me."

"Lindsay was amazing throughout my case, she was supportive, and cared, and understood exactly where I needed to be, and got me there."

– SALLY, FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., Seattle University School of Law, *summa cum laude*

- Seattle University Law Review, Note and Comment Editor

B.A., University of Washington, Dean's List

DISTINCTIONS

Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in the field of Family Law, 2021-2022

Distinguished as a Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers® 2017-2021

Rated "Superb" 10 out of 10 on Avvo.com

APPOINTMENTS

Secretary, Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, 2015

Trustee, Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, 2013-2014

Court Appointed Special Advocate, Family Law CASA of King County

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section

Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, Family Law Section

Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Convention Committee

Washington State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division

Robert J. Bryan American Inns of Court

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Author, Part Four: Parentage, Chapter 9 Domestic Relations Practice, 2019 Washington Lawyers Practice Manual, King County Bar Association, June 2020
- Author, "Gray Divorce: A Comprehensive Legal Guide for Divorce After 50," McKinley Irvin Legal Resource Guide, 2015
- Presenter, "Ethics in Family Law: Tricky Situations," CLE, 2015
- Presenter, "Family Law - Advanced Issues," CLE, 2014

"I was amazed by how much this lady cares for her clients and makes sure they know what's really going on. My kids are the most important thing to me and it's scary to try and find the right person to represent you knowing your family's life is entirely in their hands. I got lucky to find Lindsay Noel and have no regrets having her as my attorney. If I ever have to go back to court she will be the first person I call."

– J.A., 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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