



# McKINLEY IRVIN

FAMILY LAW

## MARC T. CHRISTIANSON OF COUNSEL



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Divorce
- Complex divorce (cases involving business interests, complex financial issues, or asset values of \$1 million or more)
- Complex Property Distribution
- Collaborative Divorce
- Spousal Maintenance
- Support Modifications
- Available as Arbitrator or Mediator

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Marc Christianson began practicing family law in 1976. He has distinguished himself as one of Washington's premier divorce and family law attorneys, widely admired for both his skill and professionalism. Marc is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and has been rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale Hubbell®, a peer review rating distinguishing him as an attorney rated at the highest level of professional experience and ethical conduct.

Marc focuses his practice on divorce and family law matters with complex or unique property distribution, spousal maintenance, or support issues. He is trained and experienced in using mediation, arbitration, and collaborative law as alternative methods of dispute resolution in divorce cases. Marc primarily serves clients from the McKinley Irvin law office in Tacoma.

*"I believe in meticulous, tenacious representation regardless of whether a case is resolved by settlement or litigation. I also believe successful results can be achieved in a dignified and respectful manner. This is how I have practiced family law for over 36 years."*

Marc's perennial success as a family law attorney stems from both a history of achieving successful results for his clients, as well as providing a high level of personal service to each client. Marc points out that, "I understand the stress each client experiences during a family law case. Each client deserves to be treated with respect and compassion, which is how I interact with my clients."

With more than 20 years of experience as a mediator and arbitrator, he is frequently sought out to mediate or arbitrate in family law cases. He also has served for many years as both a Superior Court Commissioner Pro Tempore and Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore.

In addition to his litigation practice, Marc is trained as a Collaborative Divorce lawyer. He has served as President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association. Marc is also a founder and first chair of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Family Law Section.

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*"Marc is over-the-top competent, intuitive, caring, and responsive. I also felt genuine kindness in the initial consult with Marc that quite frankly exceeded my expectations. We are forever thankful."*

– A.N.C., FORMER CLIENT



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## EDUCATION

J.D., Seattle University School of Law  
B.A. University of Puget Sound

## DISTINCTIONS

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML)  
2015 "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers in the field of Family Law, Seattle metro  
Top 100 Attorneys in Washington State, Washington Super Lawyers, 2012-2018  
Distinguished as a Washington Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers®, 2006-2018  
Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Family Law, 2005-2019  
Peer review rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®  
Avvo.com 10.0 "Superb" rating

## APPOINTMENTS

Washington State Bar Association Family Law Executive Committee, Past Chair  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, Past President  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Family Law Section, Founding Member  
Pierce County Superior Court Commissioner Pro Tempore  
Pierce County Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore

## MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section  
Washington State Bar Trust Account Responsibilities and Retainers Task Force  
International Association of Collaborative Professionals  
Collaborative Professionals of Washington  
Collaborative Law Professionals of Pierce County

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "11 Cardinal Rules of Family Law Mediation," Pierce County Lawyer, June 2014
- "Mediation in Family Law: Eight Lessons Learned," King County Bar Bulletin, February 2014
- "Interview with Marc T. Christianson: The Power of Collaborative Divorce," Parent Alliance, February 2014
- "Family Law 101: Time for a Reality Check," Washington State Bar Association CLE, December 2010

*"Your kind and calm demeanor set me at ease, even as we discussed difficult choices I would have to consider. Your quick grasp of my complicated business arrangements made me immediately grateful that I had found excellent representation."*

– J.M., FORMER CLIENT

*"Marc, it has been a pleasure doing business with you and a privilege to be represented by you. I truly appreciate your steady advice during a very critical situation. Most importantly, I appreciate your integrity."*

– R.C., 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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