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FAMILY LAW

MARK AREND SENIOR ATTORNEY



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Divorce
- Child Custody
- Parenting Plans
- Relocation
- Parenting Plan Modifications
- Child Support Modifications
- Estate Planning
- Military Family Law
- Mediation

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As a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, businessman, and now family law attorney, Mark knows how to go into an adversarial environment and achieve a beneficial outcome. He puts these skills to use every day to help his clients get successful results, often despite difficult circumstances.

While Mark is aggressive in pursuing his clients' objectives, he is well known for his compassion and patience in working with his clients. Mark has firsthand experience of the emotional devastation and confusing legal issues that a person is faced with when getting a divorce—it's one of the reasons he became a family lawyer.

"I understand how my clients are feeling. They are going through a stressful time and are counting on me to navigate the legal system for them, which is often much more of an art than anything else. I counsel my clients carefully about their options, then act directly to achieve their objectives."

Mark distinguishes his approach to family law by handling every case with common sense, confidence, unwavering ethics, and professionalism. He has specialized training in both litigation and mediation, making him equally comfortable—and skillful—inside or outside the courtroom.

With a philosophy to "do better" for his clients than they'd get from anyone else, Mark works hard to earn his clients' trust through clear and frequent communication, highly knowledgeable legal advocacy, and real compassion.

"I give my clients the respect they deserve through extra care, patience, and tremendous case preparation and readiness, whether for settlement or trial."

Mark represents clients in all types of family law matters and is highly experienced in cases that involve high-conflict situations, business ownership, or military families. He works mainly from the firm's Tacoma office.

Mark lives in Fairview, WA with his wife and children, where he coaches and referees his children's sports teams and enjoys exciting outdoor activities, whether on land, water, or up in the air.

"Mark is very caring and showed us that he truly cared about our whole family. He is the most honest lawyer I have ever met and if we ever had to use a lawyer again we know right where to go."

– SUE, FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., Seattle University School of Law
Graduate, Trial Skills, National Institute of Trial Advocacy
Certified Mediator, King County Dispute Resolution Center
B.A. University of Washington

MILITARY

United States Air Force, Fighter Pilot and Officer, 1983-1988

DISTINCTIONS

Distinguished as a Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers® 2012-2017
Rated "Superb" 10 out of 10 on Avvo.com
WSBA Pro Bono Award, Washington State Bar Association, 2012

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Pro Tempore, Pierce County
Chairman, Platinum Achievement Committee, Honorable Robert J. Bryan
American Inn of Court, Chapter XXV

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section; Rules of Professional Conduct Committee: 2011-2012; Continuing Legal Education Committee: 2011/2012; Professionalism Committee 2009-2011
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
Cascade Vista Youth Athletic Club, Board of Directors

IN THE COMMUNITY

Operation Military Family, Volunteer Attorney, 2009-present
WSBA Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project, Volunteer Attorney, 2009-present
Tacoma-Pierce County Legal Clinic, Volunteer Attorney, 2008-present

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Estate Planning Essentials," Edward Jones Client Roundtable, Puyallup, WA, 2013
- Speaker, "Estate Planning Basics," South Hill Professionals, 2012

"Mark educated me on my options and helped me feel empowered. The empowerment relieved stress, which I did not expect an attorney to provide. He reminds me of a Dr. that treats the whole patient not just the symptom. It's not about the ailment; it's about how you are doing holistically. That is a rare characteristic matched with great integrity. I am fortunate to have Mark as my attorney and recommend him highly to anyone."

– 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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