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It's not often that a biochemistry major and environmental law enthusiast finds his way to the practice of family law, but Matt Taylor is no ordinary lawyer.

Matt is an accomplished, well-seasoned attorney who has clerked for two Washington Court of Appeals judges, litigated high-profile insurance defense cases for a major Seattle law firm, and served hundreds of clients as a family law practitioner.

For Matt, serving clients in distress, "helping them navigate one of the most traumatic events of their lives," has been a conscious choice and a source of great personal and professional satisfaction. As a divorcee himself, he knows first-hand the apprehension and distress facing his clients and, he contends, aims to help them avoid the "needless escalation" of an already challenging situation.

"Even when a divorce is amicable, every affected party experiences an enormous loss. The greatest compliment I can be paid—and the end result for which I always strive—is when a client tells me I was a steady hand, helping them navigate a process filled with pain, confusion, and grief."

This father of two adult children who makes his home in north Seattle and says he is most content "sharing a glass of wine or two with friends and family" says that his innate, nice-guy personality and droll sense of humor serve him well when it comes to connecting with clients. Equally important, he says, is the ability to meet people where they are, and to naturally empathize with their circumstances.

"I willingly share my own thoughts and experiences," Matt adds. "As a result, my clients can feel comfortable opening up to me."

"Matt was amazing to work with! He had a good sense of when to fight and when not to. Matt was always there for me and collected a lot of facts and listened well."

– MIKE, FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., University of Washington School of Law

- Editor-in-Chief, Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal, 2000-2001
- Innocence Project Northwest

B.S., Biochemistry, Western Washington University

DISTINCTIONS

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MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section

King County Bar Association, Family Law Section

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Dealing with Business Income on the Family Law Motion Docket," King County Bar Bulletin, 2016

"Matt was extremely kind, compassionate, and did an excellent job explaining case law. The final settlement was twice the amount that my ex initially offered thanks to Matt's aggressive bargaining. Matt was also vigilant enough to discover an interesting accounting technique my ex used that I did not notice."

– 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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