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RAINER FRANK

SENIOR ATTORNEY



AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Divorce
- Child Custody
- Relocation
- Parenting Plan Modifications
- Child Support Modifications
- Legal Separation
- QDROs
- Unmarried Couples
- Military Family Law

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Attorney Rainer Frank brings to family law a fascinating background and wide perspective that helps him understand people from all walks of life. He's traveled widely and has lived and attended school in England, Germany, and the U.S. He has worked on a farm, in a factory, and in construction. The son of a Marine Corps officer, he comes from a family that values service. Rainer credits this environment for his personal work ethic and for his choice to practice family law, which he has done for over 15 years.

"In family law, I can help individuals in distress and can have a helpful, direct and immediate impact," says Rainer. "I have a broad perspective when meeting new people. One of the things I love about family law is that I get to help real people deal with very real, very significant issues in their lives."

Rainer believes the first priority in any family law matter is to get to know the client and to understand the client's unique situation and needs. He says, "I advocate strongly for my clients, and once I understand their goals, the first task is to stabilize what is typically a very unsettled situation,"

Once mechanisms are in place that allow the client to continue functioning, he gets to work preparing his case.

"I gather the information necessary to advance the case to trial, with the hope that the case may settle," says Rainer. "I don't want to create an unnecessarily adversarial environment, but I approach each case as if it were going to trial. My experience has been that this approach actually promotes settlement."

Rainer represents clients in divorce and legal separations, domestic partnerships, parenting plan modifications, child support modifications, QDROs, contempt proceedings, and enforcement actions on post decree property issues.

Rainer and his wife enjoy the considerable job of managing their two children, who are active with school, premier level soccer, and competitive gymnastics. When he gets the chance, he likes to sea kayak throughout the Puget Sound and backpack in the Cascades — but mostly ends up road cycling closer to home or tending to his two energetic chocolate labs.

"Divorce is never easy, and mine proved that. Rainer's knowledge and tenacity was just what was needed. He and his staff deserve a standing ovation for taking on my divorce case."

— Z.N., FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

DISTINCTIONS

American Jurisprudence Awards in International Organizations and Environmental & Developmental Land Use Regulation

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar, Member, 1998
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Family Law Section
Ohio State Bar, Member, 1994

IN THE COMMUNITY

Commissioner, Peninsula Advisory Commission for Pierce County
Vice President, Board of Directors, Tacoma German Language School

LANGUAGES

German

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Privatization in Eastern Germany: A Comprehensive Study," (1994)
27 Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 809

"I would not hesitate to recommend Rainer Frank to anyone going through a divorce, especially a difficult one. He was right on top of everything and kept me informed the entire way. I had never had any court experience before and he was very patient and explained everything to me in a manner that I could understand. Not only is he a great lawyer, he is a wonderful person who treated me with respect and kindness during a time when I was scared and uncertain about what to do."

– JANEL, 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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