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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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- Relocation
- Unmarried Couples

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Ericka Kendall journeyed into her law practice later in her career. Earlier, she worked as an animal behavior researcher and an office manager in a psychology practice. Through these roles, she developed her characteristic compassion and an ability to interact with individuals from all walks of life. This well-rounded background enriches her insights into cases and guides the advice she imparts to clients.

After graduating from Seattle University School of Law, Ericka served as a Deputy Prosecutor, honing her litigation skills and gaining invaluable experience handling a spectrum of legal matters. Known for her composed demeanor and remarkable ability to defuse tense situations, she was specifically chosen to handle some of the most delicate cases in the prosecutor's office. Her capacity to listen to and connect with people is an asset in her family law practice.

"I was drawn to family law by my desire to help people in a personal and meaningful way, enabling individuals to resolve challenges that have kept them from moving forward."

Ericka is an animal lover who has studied songbirds and volunteered for years at animal sanctuaries and wildlife rescues. She has two dogs and two cats. A professional musician who plays upright classical and electric bass, she performs with various local orchestras and a band. She also loves yoga and running.

"I personally felt that everyone involved in the case actually cared and enjoyed their job and were fighting for my rights. They definitely felt like family and treated me so."

– Z.N., FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., Seattle University School of Law

- Washington State Law Scholars Scholarship
- 2nd place, Alternative Dispute Resolution Board Mediation Competition
- Research and Technical Editor, Seattle Journal for Social Justice
- President, Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

B.A., Psychology, University of Washington

B.S., Zoology, University of Washington

DISTINCTIONS

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America in the field of Family Law, 2026

Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers®, 2025

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association

Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Board of Directors, Puget Sound Concert Opera, 2023–present
- Bird Nursery Caretaker and Wildlife Center Assistant, PAWS Wildlife Center, 2017–2019
- Hospice Companion and Threshold Singers Guide, Kline-Galland Home, 2016–2017
- Volunteer Field Assistant, University of Washington Department of Animal Behavior, April–September 2012
- Volunteer Music Tutor, Seattle Music Partners, 2007–2010
- Animal Caretaker, Pasado's Safe Haven, 2001–2009

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Author, "Privacy vs. Discovery: Legal Strategies for Diary Protection," *King County Bar Bulletin*, January 2025 (co-authored with Kim Schnuelle)

"Seeking out an attorney can be a nerve racking experience. You have to have representation with integrity, honesty, knowledge and have one's best interest always in mind. I am so very thankful that I chose to work with McKinley Irvin and the wonderful staff they have in place. Highly recommended."

– C.M., FORMER CLIENT

ABOUT MCKINLEY IRVIN

McKinley Irvin is the Pacific Northwest's premier law firm dedicated exclusively to family law. For over thirty years, our attorneys have been recognized for their leadership in a wide range of traditional and innovative family law matters, including high-conflict divorces, complex property division, collaborative law, contested child custody, international family law, military family issues, and LGBTQ+ family law.



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