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HILLARY DAWN

ATTORNEY



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Divorce
- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Domestic Violence
- LGBT Family Law
- Legal Separation
- Relocation
- Unmarried Couples

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Hillary Dawn is proud to help people navigate what is often the most emotionally demanding experience of their lives: divorce.

"It's fulfilling to see my clients come out on the other side of a divorce feeling empowered and in a better place than when they first came to me."

Because Hillary is a mother of two young children, finding solutions that are in the best interests of the children in a divorce case is especially rewarding to her. She is committed to protecting the children from emotional damage in the process.

A deeply empathetic lawyer, she puts herself in her clients' shoes and treats their cases as if they were her own family matters.

"I want my clients to know that I genuinely care about them, their children, and what happens with their case."

Hillary is passionate about serving the LGBTQ community in family law matters. She understands the unique considerations involved in developing parenting plans for LGBTQ families, and is committed to protecting her clients' parental rights when they are not biologically related to their children.

While Hillary is a relentless advocate in litigation, she strives to avoid it through skillful negotiation. Additionally, her experience in estate planning is a great asset in finding solutions to complicated family problems.

Hillary is an avid fan of the Washington Huskies and all other Seattle sports teams. She loves backpacking, snowboarding, and wakeboarding with her family.

"There aren't words to express my gratitude for Hillary and Ryan. Hillary has been my guide through the daunting process of family court. I'm so happy I found them."

– DANIELLE, FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., University of Washington School of Law
B.A., Gonzaga University

DISTINCTIONS

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America in the field of Family Law, 2024–2026
Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers®, 2023–2025

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Treasurer, Pierce County Washington Women Lawyers, 2022–present

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section
King County Bar Association, Family Law Section; Young Lawyers Division
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, New and Young Lawyers Section
Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)
Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle
Washington Women Lawyers
Pierce County Washington Women Lawyers

“From day one, my attorney, Hillary Dawn, demonstrated incredible empathy and professionalism. She worked with me to develop a strategy that worked best for my situation and prepared me for all ranges of outcomes. The team were incredibly responsive, always updating me on the progress and making sure I understood each step. They took a difficult time in my life and handled it with care, integrity, and expert knowledge. In the end we ended up with a best case outcome due to our teaming through the entire process.”

– AARON, 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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