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JANET A. GEORGE

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Difficult Custody and Divorce
- Complex Divorce (cases involving business interests, complex financial issues, or multi-million dollar asset values)
- Complex Property Distribution
- Spousal Support
- Support Modifications

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Ask those in the know to name the finest family law attorneys in the state and one thing is certain: Janet George will appear on every list. It's been that way for more than four decades—and counting.

With typical modesty, this gifted lawyer who one prominent Seattle attorney calls “the most empathetic person I know,” shrugs off the public accolades, including a 24-year, pace-setting appearance on the pages of *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

“My success in the practice stems in large part from my intuitive ability to accept people just as they are,” notes the psychiatric nurse-turned-lawyer. “I meet interesting, accomplished individuals in a state of crisis—people with a lot on the line who can be difficult, angry, and upset.

“With my background as a therapist, I’m able to help them work through their anger and begin to build a foundation for moving on with their lives. I don’t consider divorce a failure. It’s not right or wrong; there are no absolutes. But there is always hope for a better tomorrow.”

While she dedicates her days to marital dissolutions for high-net-worth clients, Janet’s after-hours avocations reflect her eclectic interests and love of life: pilot, avid golfer, ski enthusiast, and lifelong equestrian who, as a part owner of four racehorses, delights in her days at Emerald Downs.

Of counsel with McKinley Irvin, Janet continues to take on a select number of high-profile cases (“The more challenging, the better!”) and routinely shares her considerable expertise and experience with younger attorneys.

“I could have retired years ago,” she quips. “But I treasure the opportunity to give back to this great profession. It’s been exceedingly good to me.”

“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., University of Puget Sound (now Seattle University) School of Law
M.A., University of Washington, Psychiatric Nursing
B.A., Stanford University, Nursing

DISTINCTIONS

Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1992-present
The Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Family Law, 1995-2026
The Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Family Lawyers Guide, 2024-2025
Washington Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers®, 2003-2025
Top 100 Attorneys in Washington State by Super Lawyers, 2012-2013, 2018-2021
Listed in "Top 50: Women Washington Super Lawyers" 2006-2021
Peer review rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell over 30 years

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

AAML Washington Chapter: Past President, member of Board of Managers,
CLE Chair and Judicial Conference Committee over many years

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section
King County Bar Association, Family Law Section

IN THE COMMUNITY

Longtime supporter of King County Family Law CASA and Treehouse, a non-profit that advocates for foster children.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Chapter 22: Discovery in Family Law Litigation," *Washington Family Law Deskbook*, WSBA Continuing Legal Education, 2022 (co-authored with Elizabeth A. Hoffman-Graff)
- Featured in "The Many Lives of Janet George," *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2018
- Author, "Methods of Discovery in Family Law Litigation," *Washington Family Law Deskbook*, 1999 and updated in 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

- Regular speaker and chairperson at family law and other area CLE presentations

"Janet was amazing! Comprehensive. Timely. Caring. Has many, many years of experience which provide a significant advantage. Strongly advocated for me and made sure that I understood what was going on every step of the way! Could not be more satisfied."

– MICK, 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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