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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

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Joel C. Odimba, Jr. is dedicated to helping clients navigate some of life's toughest moments.

"Family law is important and fulfilling work. I take pride in knowing that my assistance can make a direct and meaningful impact on my clients' lives."

Named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers® every year since 2020, Joel has been consistently recognized by his peers for his legal acumen and achievements. Carving out an impressive legal resume, his contributions include leadership roles within the Loren Miller Bar Association, serving on the Family Law CASA Board, and published works and presentations on various legal topics, including LGBTQ family law matters.

Joel is a skilled negotiator who frequently facilitates case settlements without litigation. However, when cases cannot be resolved outside of the courtroom, he is a tenacious advocate in litigation. He does everything he can to ensure that his clients' voices are heard and their positions are clearly asserted.

"I represent my clients in court as if I were advocating on behalf of my best friend."

With a gregarious and approachable demeanor, Joel's clients view him not only as their attorney, but as a trusted confidant. It is not uncommon for clients to share life updates, family photos, and happy milestones with Joel, even long after their cases have closed.

Joel received his Juris Doctorate from Seattle University School of Law, where he was a member of the Black Law Student Association and the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. A lifelong Washingtonian, Joel grew up in Tacoma and attended college in Spokane at Gonzaga University. The Zag basketball fan and movie fanatic enjoys spending time with his family and wide network of friends.

"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
B.A., Gonzaga University

DISTINCTIONS

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America in the field of Family Law, 2025-2026
Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers®, 2020-2025

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Board of Directors, Family Law CASA, 2020-2022; 2025-2026
Secretary, Loren Miller Bar Association, 2019-2021
Treasurer, Loren Miller Bar Association, 2020-2021
At-Large Executive Board Member, Loren Miller Bar Association, 2017-2018

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association
King County Bar Association
Loren Miller Bar Association
Q-Law, LGBT Bar Association of Washington
Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-presenter, "Hot Topics in LGBTQ Law," "Updates to the Uniform Parentage Act and the Impact for LGBTQ Relationships," Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, December 2019
- Author, "Raising Children and the New Family Law," *Sexual Orientation and the Law* (2018-2019 ed.), October 2018
- Author, "How to Become a Legal Parent in Washington," *Legal Voice Family Law Publication*, June 2018

"I would highly recommend Mr. Odimba for anything dealing with family practice. What I enjoyed was that he stayed on top of everything and if there were any big concerns dealing with the other side he would let me know what's going on and suggest the best route to take. Mr. Odimba was very personable and I felt that he truly had my best interest in mind when it came to negotiating my parenting plan."

– AISHA, 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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