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ATTORNEY



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Divorce
- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Legal Separation
- Domestic Violence

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Christa Melton is a compassionate and principled family law attorney who helps clients navigate challenging transitions with empathy and integrity. Since joining McKinley Irvin's Everett office in 2021, she has earned a reputation for being responsive, respectful, and genuinely invested in her clients' well-being.

Christa believes in open, honest communication and makes sure her clients feel heard and supported throughout their case.

"I'll never hide the ball or disappear when my clients need me," she says. "They deserve to know that I hear them, respect them, and am willing to go to bat for them."

Before joining McKinley Irvin, Christa volunteered with the Moderate Means Program during law school, where she worked with clients facing trauma, domestic violence, and other family conflicts.

"Volunteering instilled in me the importance of compassionate advocacy. This is an important attribute for family law attorneys to take into their practice, as we help people navigate very difficult times in their lives."

Her background in writing and love of storytelling also inform her work. Christa listens closely to her clients' stories to better understand their needs and goals. She also uses her talent for bringing people's experiences to life through words in her oral and written advocacy to obtain beneficial results for her clients. If she weren't a lawyer, she says, she'd be a novelist.

On weekends, you'll find her reading a book with an extra-large cup of coffee, at the farmer's market, or hiking with her husband and their beloved Golden Retriever, Scout. She's also proud to have summited Mount St. Helens after months of training—a personal goal she tackled with the same determination she brings to her practice.

Her personal motto? *"The only time I set the bar low is for limbo."* —Michael Scott

"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., Gonzaga University School of Law

- Pro Bono Distinction Award
- Editorial Staff, Gonzaga Law Review
- Student Ambassador, BARBRI
- Secretary and Social Chair for Women's Law Caucus
- Law Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Washington, 2019-2020

B.A., University of Washington

DISTINCTIONS

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MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association

Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)

IN THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer Attorney, Moderate Means Program, Washington State Bar Association, 2018-2019

"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.

