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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Divorce
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- Third Party Custody
- Parenting Plan Modifications
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- Paternity

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Elizabeth Hoffman was destined to be a lawyer.

"I have always had a strong concern for fairness and equity," she notes, "and law is a profession where you can engage in meaningful work that promotes these values. My career has been an opportunity to put those principles into practice on a daily basis, one deserving client at a time."

That Liz has done so with such poise and polish and professional success is a tribute to the intellect and skill of this Seattle-based attorney, who insists she is committed to serving as a resource not only to her clients but also to the community at large.

In her off hours, Liz lives that commitment by mentoring attorney volunteers who represent low-income persons involved in family law matters where children are at risk. Many of these clients, she notes, are victims of domestic violence.

In her daily work, Liz devotes her energy to "informing and empowering my clients to achieve the best possible outcomes." Emotions are frequently "complicated and running high," she concedes, particularly when children are involved.

"The most satisfying aspect of my work comes when I can offer clients a bit of relief and some insight into what's going to happen—when I can walk with them through the difficult, often painful dissolution process and help them get to a place where life is fundamentally different, but better. This isn't just a legal case for the people I represent. It's their life."

Known for her flawless preparation of cases, her attention to detail, her command of the law, and her respect for all parties involved in every case, Liz joined McKinley Irvin in 2012 because, she says, she wanted to be challenged and enriched by collaborating with some of the finest family law attorneys in the state.

"I get to work on complex and interesting cases," she adds, "with equally complex and interesting people."

"Elizabeth has done some amazing work for me as my lawyer. She has gone above and beyond what any average lawyer would do."

– GUYL, FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

J.D., Seattle University School of Law, *cum laude*
B.A., Smith College

DISTINCTIONS

The Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Family Law, 2025–2026
Washington Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers®, 2023–2026
Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America in the field of Family Law, 2022–2023
Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers®, 2016–2020
Rated 10 out of 10 “Superb” on Avvo.com

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section
King County Bar Association, Family Law Section
Mentor, King County Bar Association Family Law Mentor Program
Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, “Working with Experts in High-Asset Divorces,” *McKinley Irvin CLE*, June 2024 (presented with Brent Bohan)
- Presenter, “Discovery and Legal Analysis,” *McKinley Irvin CLE*, June 2023 (presented with John Rosecrans)
- Author, “Discovery in Family Law Litigation,” Chapter 22 in *Washington Family Law Deskbook*, WSBA Continuing Legal Education, 2022 (co-authored with Janet George)
- Author, “Defining Family—De facto Parentage,” *NW Lawyer*, June 2014
- Author, “Attorney Elizabeth Hoffman on The Evolving Definition of Family,” *EDGE*, May 2014
- Author, “What LGBT Couples Need to Know About Their Parental Rights,” *The Seattle Lesbian*, May 2014
- Author, “New Cases Broaden De Facto Parentage Doctrine,” *King County Bar Bulletin*, March 2014

*“I was very pleased with Elizabeth Hoffman!
She kept me informed during the entire process.
She went beyond and above the call of duty in
researching the appropriate steps that we needed
to make in my case. She answered all of my
questions and made me feel comfortable during
an uncomfortable time in my life. I will highly
recommend her for any complex family law issues.
Her services are worth every penny for being able
to be rested assured that you are in good hands!”*

– FORMER CLIENT, SEATTLE, WA

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.

