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- Parenting Plan Modifications

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Presently Of Counsel with McKinley Irvin, Gordon Wilcox is a recipient of virtually every mark of professional distinction accorded a member of the family law bar: Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; Best Lawyers in America®; Washington Super Lawyers®; Bar Registration of Preeminent Lawyers; Top Attorneys in Washington, Seattle Met Magazine; Who's Who in American Law; and a rating of AV Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell.

Behind all these well-earned awards is a veteran attorney beloved by his clients and respected by members of the practicing bar. For Gordon, family law has been a primary professional focus from the beginning.

"I chose to practice family law because I'm more interested in helping individuals than corporations. Clients with complex assets or difficult parenting matters face what can be extremely challenging ordeals. They need and deserve a strong lawyer who is strategic and thoughtful."

At the initiation of every case, Gordon says he collects, reviews, and analyzes all relevant facts and details to garner a clear understanding of his client's ideas and goals. With this information at the forefront, he develops an individualized strategy to reach those goals. This way of doing business has served his clients exceptionally well over the years.

"I especially enjoy working on difficult and substantial issues that require real skill for resolution," he notes. "There is no substitute for thorough preparation."

"Doing good work with a solid foundation based on facts—including available evidence and documents to prove them—maximizes opportunities for success," Gordon adds. "Whether through mediation, negotiation, or litigation, that is, of course, what we seek."

"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 Pennsylvania Law School, 1968
B.A. Yale College, 1965

DISTINCTIONS

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), 1991-present
The Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Family Law, 1987-2026
The Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Family Lawyers Guide, 2024-2025
Named Seattle's 2012 "Lawyer of the Year" in Family Law by *Best Lawyers*®
Washington Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers®, 2003-2022
Bar Registration of Preeminent Lawyers, 1970-2013
Top Attorneys in Washington, Seattle Met Magazine, 2012-2013
Who's Who in American Law, 8th Edition, 2002-2003

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association
King County Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Evergreen Legal Services, President, 1976-1980 and Director, 1976-1996
Director, Columbia Legal Services, 1996-2010
Endowment for Equal Justice, 2011-2013

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-author of the chapters on Property Identification, Valuation and Division, *Washington Family Law Desk Book*, Washington State Bar Association, 1989
- Author: "Chutes and Ladders," *The Use of Summary Devices in Family Law*, Council of Community Property States, 1991

"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.

