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- Military Family Law

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Rainer Frank is known for his meticulous preparation, strategic insight, and unwavering commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for his clients. He represents individuals in complex and high-asset divorces, including those involving business valuations, retirement and investment accounts, and intricate property divisions. Rainer also has significant experience in gray divorce cases and in matters involving clients with military service backgrounds.

With decades of experience, Rainer helps clients navigate major life transitions with clarity and confidence.

“Every client’s situation is unique,” he says. “My role is to listen carefully, provide honest guidance, and help them make well-informed decisions for their future.”

The son of a retired Marine Corps officer and country lawyer in southwest Ohio, Rainer learned early the importance of integrity, diligence, and empathy in the practice of law. Before becoming an attorney, he worked in a range of physically demanding jobs, from farm and factory work in Germany to running a skeet and trap club and rowing at Brown University. These experiences shaped his strong work ethic and respect for people from all walks of life.

Rainer earned his degree from Brown University that included a year at the University of Durham in England and later studied at the University of Passau in Bavaria. Fluent in German and deeply connected to his European roots and military family heritage, he brings cultural understanding, ethical grounding, and strategic focus to every case.

When not in the office, Rainer enjoys hiking, kayaking the San Juans, and exploring the local mountains with his family—pursuits that reflect his dedication, balance, and sense of adventure.

“Great advice, very respectful, very trustworthy and straightforward. Rainer took me from Temporary Orders to Final Decree, keeping me well informed along the way. I would call him again without hesitation if I need legal assistance.”

– JOSH, FORMER CLIENT



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EDUCATION

University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

DISTINCTIONS

The Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Family Law, 2024-2026
Washington Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers®, 2024-2026
Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America in the field of Family Law, 2022-2023
American Jurisprudence Awards in International Organizations and Environmental & Developmental Land Use Regulation

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, Family Law Section
Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)
Ohio State Bar, 1994

IN THE COMMUNITY

Commissioner, Peninsula Advisory Commission for Pierce County
Vice President, Board of Directors, Tacoma German Language School

LANGUAGES

German

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Privatization in Eastern Germany: A Comprehensive Study," 27 *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* 809, 1994

"I would not hesitate to recommend Rainer Frank to anyone going through a divorce, especially a difficult one. He was right on top of everything and kept me informed the entire way. I had never had any court experience before and he was very patient and explained everything to me in a manner that I could understand. Not only is he a great lawyer, he is a wonderful person who treated me with respect and kindness during a time when I was scared and uncertain about what to do."

– JANEL, 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.

