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FAMILY LAW

## TERESA FOSTER

PARTNER IN CHARGE,  
VANCOUVER



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Divorce
- Complex Divorce
- Child Custody
- Third Party Custody
- Parentage
- Relocation
- Child Support
- Parenting Plan Modifications
- Unmarried Couples

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Teresa Foster was a named partner in two top-flight, Portland area law firms before joining the McKinley Irvin legal team in 2016. Presently Partner in Charge of the firm's Vancouver, WA, office, she's never looked back.

"Everyone at McKinley Irvin—from senior attorneys to front-office professional staff—excels at the same thing: family law," she notes. "With that exclusive focus comes exceptional resources, in-depth knowledge, and a firm-wide, client-centered philosophy."

Possessing impeccable professional credentials and a noteworthy career spanning over two decades, Teresa is among the most highly regarded family law attorneys in Southwest Washington—an Arizona transplant who confesses to appreciating "the relentless Northwest rain."

*"I love my work. I take great satisfaction in knowing I am making a positive difference in the lives of my clients and, especially in the lives of their children. I am committed to providing the good judgment, tenacious representation, and personalized service that my clients deserve."*

For Teresa, that means being "direct, honest, and realistic," maintaining excellent relationships with legal colleagues—including members of the judiciary and opposing counsel—and treating every client with empathy and respect.

"I try to be available for my clients even during off-hours. I also try to put myself in my clients' shoes, knowing they are going through one of the most difficult transitions of their lives."

That way of doing business has earned Teresa enormous respect. Recently, she was honored with a Martindale Hubbell peer review rating of AV Preeminent, the highest ranking an attorney can achieve and the result of an exhaustive peer review process.

Said one attorney evaluator: "There is no dissolution Teresa cannot handle. The hallmark of her style can be described in a single word: preparation."

A laudable combination of head and heart captures the essence of attorney Teresa Foster, who adds: "I will do whatever it takes to protect my clients' interests, both inside and outside the courtroom."

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*"Every fight that Teresa went into for me, she came out on top. She has been an inspiration and loyal supportive attorney since she first took on my case. I will forever be grateful."*

– ALISON, FORMER CLIENT



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## EDUCATION

J.D., Arizona State University, College of Law  
B.A., Arizona State University, Social Work, *magna cum laude*

## DISTINCTIONS

*The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Family Law, 2024-2026  
*Washington Super Lawyer* by Super Lawyers®, 2022-2026  
"Family Law Mentor of the Year" Award, Clark County Bar Association Family Law Section, 2025  
"Family Law Attorney of the Year" Award, Clark County Bar Association Family Law Section, 2020  
Peer review rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®  
Rated "Superb" 10.0 on Avvo.com

## MEMBERSHIPS

Washington Bar Association  
Oregon Bar Association  
Clark County Bar Association, Family Law Section  
Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)

## PUBLICATIONS

- Contributing Author, *Family and Community Property Law*, Volumes 1-3, West Publishing Company

*"Teresa went above and beyond for me during years of high-contested litigation. She is meticulous and manages to recall every detail from all parties involved. Teresa will never sugar coat; she is a tell-it-like-it-is, keep it real attorney who will not be intimidated by the opposing side. She strategically kept the upper hand in all matters pertaining to my case without compromising our position and that gave me an overwhelming sense of comfort and peace."*

– ALVIE, 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.

