



# McKINLEY IRVIN

FAMILY LAW

## ERIN M. BLOWER

ATTORNEY



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- Third Party Custody
- Relocation
- Legal Separation
- Unmarried Couples

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Erin Blower feels fulfilled in practicing family law.

*"Family law is a helping profession. I enjoy working closely with people to get them to a better place. It is personal and meaningful work."*

Erin understands how unsettling a family law case can be. She is sensitive to the emotional impact of the divorce process on both her clients and their families.

*"These cases are not just legal or financial—these are times of huge transition and emotional upheaval in people's lives. It's important to work with an empathetic attorney who understands the whole picture."*

Erin guides clients in trying to find resolution of their problems through alternative dispute resolution. She skillfully brings issues to court when agreed solutions are not possible. She feels gratified when her clients succeed in regaining security, peace of mind, and relief from a personal ordeal.

With significant experience in domestic violence cases, Erin is a trusted resource for community and court advocates. She serves as secretary of the DOVE Project, a domestic violence resource organization that emphasizes prevention through education.

Originally from Minnesota, Erin lives on Vashon Island with her family. When she's not working, Erin can be found cheering on her children's sports teams and enjoying Vashon's hiking trails.

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*"Erin had the ability to communicate to me clearly what was going on in my case, what was coming next, and what I had to do. I felt so powerful having Erin on my side and was very pleased when the ruling was in my favor."*

— ANDREA, FORMER CLIENT



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## EDUCATION

J.D., University of Minnesota Law School  
B.A., University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

## DISTINCTIONS

Pro Bono Publico Service Commendation, Washington State Bar Association, 2014  
Order of the Coif, 2006

## MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Washington State Bar Association, 2012-Present  
Member, King County Bar Association, Family Law Section, 2013-Present  
Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 2014-2015  
Member, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2007-Present

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Pro Bono Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law, 2022  
Board Member, DOVE Project, 2017-2018  
Secretary, DOVE Project, 2019-Present

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, Advanced Child And Spousal Support Issues, Advanced Family Law Seminar, National Business Institute, 2021
- Chief Author, "Chapter 9: Domestic Relations Practice," 2019 Washington Lawyers Practice Manual, King County Bar Association, June 2020
- Content Editor, "Chapter 9: Domestic Relations Practice," 2019 Washington Lawyers Practice Manual, King County Bar Association, June 2020
- Author, "Part One: Dissolution, Legal Separation and Declaration Concerning Validity," Chapter 9 Domestic Relations Practice, 2019 Washington Lawyers Practice Manual, King County Bar Association, June 2020
- Presenter, "Mental Health Evidence in Custody and Abuse Cases," Discovery and Evidence in Divorce, 2016

*"Erin has been my lifeline during the hardest situation I've ever been through in my entire life; a very complicated and nightmarish custody situation with my ex. Since day one of working with Erin, she was thorough, highly insightful, compassionate, and strategic, which gave me the hope and strength to fight in my case. She is an extremely well-educated, intelligent attorney, with great communication skills. I can't say enough positive things about Erin. I am so relieved and thankful to have her on my side, fighting for me and guiding me through this process."*

– FORMER CLIENT

## ABOUT MCKINLEY IRVIN

Founded in 1991, McKinley Irvin is the Pacific Northwest's premier law firm focusing exclusively on the practice of family law. Attorneys at McKinley Irvin are acknowledged leaders in a range of traditional and cutting-edge areas of the practice, including divorce matters involving complex financial issues, collaborative law, contested child custody, international family law, military family law, and LGBT family law.



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