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FAMILY LAW

JOEL C. ODIMBA, JR.

ATTORNEY



AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- LGBT Family Law
- Legal Separation

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Joel C. Odimba, Jr. is dedicated to helping clients navigate some of life's toughest moments.

"Family law is important and fulfilling work. I take pride in knowing that my assistance can make a direct and meaningful impact on my clients' lives."

Named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers® every year since 2020, Joel has been consistently recognized by his peers for his legal acumen and achievements. Carving out an impressive legal resume, his contributions include leadership roles within the Loren Miller Bar Association, serving on the Family Law CASA Board, and published works and presentations on various legal topics, including LGBTQ family law matters.

Joel is a skilled negotiator who frequently facilitates case settlements without litigation. However, when cases cannot be resolved outside of the courtroom, he is a tenacious advocate in litigation. He does everything he can to ensure that his clients' voices are heard and their positions are clearly asserted.

"I represent my clients in court as if I were advocating on behalf of my best friend."

With a gregarious and approachable demeanor, Joel's clients view him not only as their attorney, but as a trusted confidant. It is not uncommon for clients to share life updates, family photos, and happy milestones with Joel, even long after their cases have closed.

Joel received his Juris Doctorate from Seattle University School of Law, where he was a member of the Black Law Student Association and the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. A lifelong Washingtonian, Joel grew up in Tacoma and attended college in Spokane at Gonzaga University. The Zag basketball fan and movie fanatic enjoys spending time with his family and wide network of friends.

"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., Seattle University School of Law
B.A., Gonzaga University

DISTINCTIONS

Distinguished as a Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers®, 2020-2023

APPOINTMENTS

Secretary, Loren Miller Bar Association, 2019-2021
Treasurer, Loren Miller Bar Association, 2020-2021
At-Large Executive Board Member, Loren Miller Bar Association, 2017-2018
Board of Directors, Family Law CASA, 2020-2022

MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association, 2016-present
King County Bar Association, 2016-present
Member, Loren Miller Bar Association, 2016-present
Q-Law, LGBT Bar Association of Washington, 2016-present

IN THE COMMUNITY

Board of Directors, Eastside Legal Assistance Program, 2018-2020
Volunteer Attorney, Eastside Legal Assistance Program, 2015-2020
Volunteer, Lake Washington School District: Elementary School PTSA President (2019-2021) and VP of Fundraising (2014-2015)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-presenter, Hot Topics in LGBTQ Law, Updates to the Uniform Parentage Act and the Impact for LGBTQ Relationships, Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, December 2019
- Author, "Raising Children and the New Family Law," *Sexual Orientation and the Law* (2018-2019 ed.), October 2018
- Author, "How to Become a Legal Parent in Washington," Legal Voice Family Law Publication, June 2018

"I would highly recommend Mr. Odimba for anything dealing with family practice. What I enjoyed was that he stayed on top of everything and if there were any big concerns dealing with the other side he would let me know what's going on and suggest the best route to take. Mr. Odimba was very personable and I felt that he truly had my best interest in mind when it came to negotiating my parenting plan."

- AISHA, 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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