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FAMILY LAW

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

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For Katie Czubakowski, family law isn't about conflict. It's about helping people find a path forward.

Katie found her calling during an internship with a family law attorney, where she quickly realized she loved helping families navigate change with clarity and purpose. What began as an unexpected career path soon became a profession she found deeply rewarding.

"I love helping people figure out what the next stage of their life is going to be," Katie says. "Whether it's creating a parenting plan or helping someone move forward after a difficult chapter, I want to help them build a plan that works for their family."

Katie approaches every case by listening first. She believes effective advocacy starts with understanding not only what clients are saying, but what they truly need. By working collaboratively, she develops practical, personalized strategies that reflect each client's goals and priorities.

"I like to say that I'm a better listener than I am a talker," she explains. "I spend a lot of time listening, reflecting back what I'm hearing, and working with clients to find solutions that fit their lives."

Known for her calm, steady presence, Katie strives to reduce unnecessary conflict whenever possible while remaining a strong advocate when litigation becomes necessary. She believes lasting solutions are often built through thoughtful negotiation and mediation, but she is equally prepared to guide clients through complex trials when the situation demands it. Katie is especially drawn to complex areas of family law, including parentage cases involving allegations of sexual assault between parents, de facto parentage, appeals, and tribal law. Her interest in tribal law began through the University of Washington Tribal Clinic, where she represented clients in Tulalip Tribal Court. More broadly, she enjoys helping clients navigate novel legal issues in areas where the law continues to develop and established precedent may be limited.

Outside the office, Katie enjoys spending time with her husband, their two young daughters, and their two energetic Belgian Malinois, Ellie and Marley. A Maryland native, she also enjoys visiting local farmers markets, trying new restaurants, baking, and dusting off her piano whenever family life allows.

"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 Washington School of Law
B.A., Gettysburg College

MEMBERSHIPS

Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)
King County Bar Association
Snohomish County Bar Association
Washington State Bar Association

ADMISSIONS

Tulalip Tribal Court

"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.

