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FAMILY LAW

Willa Staats

ATTORNEY



AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

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For Willa Staats, family law is about more than legal disputes. It's about people, their complexities, and helping them find their footing during life's most challenging transitions. With a sharp analytical mind, genuine curiosity, and a talent for untangling complicated financial matters, Willa brings both determination and humanity to her practice.

Her interest in the law began early. Growing up in Austin, Texas, Willa watched her mother, a respected child abuse prosecutor, devote her career to advocating for others. Inspired by that example, Willa pursued law and discovered her passion for family law, where she could combine complex legal problem-solving with meaningful personal advocacy.

"What drew me to family law is how personal it is. You're not just solving a legal problem. You're helping someone navigate so many different parts of their life."

Willa has handled more than 150 family law matters, including high-asset divorces involving estates valued at up to $100 million. Her experience includes complex property division, asset tracing and valuation, child custody disputes, protective orders, and interstate and international family law matters.

She's particularly passionate about helping clients who feel unheard or overwhelmed by complicated finances. Whether investigating assets, asking difficult questions, or negotiating a resolution, Willa works to ensure her clients have both answers and a voice in their future.

"I like digging into the details, asking the questions no one else has asked, and finding answers that can make a real difference. Sometimes the most rewarding part is helping someone find their voice again."

Outside the office, Willa describes herself as a fan of "big skies and small screens," a nod to her Texas roots and love of documentaries. She's also a lifelong Shakespeare enthusiast who attended Shakespeare camp throughout high school and later returned to teach it. Other interests include strength training and experimenting with Pacific Northwest ingredients on the grill. She's happily embracing Seattle's weather and food scene, though she admits nothing quite replaces a good Austin breakfast taco.

"Willa helped me finalize my divorce and I am so thankful for her. Everything well smooth and she was always very responsive. My divorce was finalized quickly and I never had to worry about the paperwork side of things. Please don't hesitate to use Willa for your legal needs."

– KATHRYNN, FORMER CLIENT

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EDUCATION

J.D., The George Washington University Law School

- Thurgood Marshall Scholar (2018–2019)
- President, Gulf Recovery Network
- Member, Federal Communications Law Journal
- Member, GW Law Mock Trial Board
- Antitrust Law Tutor

B.A., University of Texas

MEMBERSHIPS

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

"Willa was an excellent lawyer and worked hard to ensure that the process went as smoothly as possible. She maintained communication throughout, explaining every step of the process and answering every question I had, even when I asked them multiple times. Willa balanced making sure I understood everything without making me feel like it was a constant part of my daily life. All in all, she's an easy person to work with, especially through the stressful divorce process."

– MARI, 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.

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