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FAMILY LAW

BRANDY ANDERSSON

SENIOR ATTORNEY



AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

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Brandy Andersson has had a remarkably diverse career since she started practicing law in 2002. Upon graduating law school, she earned an LL.M. in Taxation, and went on to become a felony criminal prosecutor. Brandy transitioned to family law when she decided she could better help domestic violence survivors by working directly as their advocate. She spent several years at Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) before transitioning to private practice as a family lawyer, where she often served as a Guardian ad Litem.

An open and honest communicator, Brandy ensures that her clients know what to expect during their dissolution proceedings. She enables them to identify their issues clearly and bring them into perspective, which empowers them to move forward. Brandy does this with great empathy and compassion, carried over from her years at ELAP. She succeeds in easing her clients' minds during a stressful time.

"The relief my clients feel is palpable when they are able to confront their issues directly and bring them to resolution. It is rewarding to help them recover their peace of mind."

As a former prosecutor, Brandy is an accomplished litigator in court. While she excels in litigation, her goal is to resolve her clients' cases long before trial becomes necessary.

Additionally, Brandy champions the welfare of children in divorce cases. The former Guardian ad Litem is skilled in promoting the best interests of the children in custody arrangements, and designs the most appropriate parenting plan in each situation.

Brandy enjoys reading, baking, and traveling with her Swedish husband and three daughters. Their favorite places to visit are Pacific Northwest beaches, Disneyland, and, of course, Sweden. They have two dogs: an English Shepard named Riley and a 110-pound Black Russian Terrier named Toby.

"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

LL.M. in Taxation, University of Washington School of Law
J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law
B.A., University of Missouri

DISTINCTIONS

Supreme Court Pro Bono Publico Honor Roll, 2016–2017; 2020–2022

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section
Member, King County Bar Association, Family Law Section
Member, East King County Bar Association, Family Law Section
Member, Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)
Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Washington Chapter
Member, American Bar Association, Family Law Section
DSV Committee, Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission

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

- Presenter, Protection Orders: Anatomy of a DVPO, ELAP Fellowship Orientation, June 2016-17
- Presenter, Motions for Reconsideration, Revision & Vacate, ELAP and Domestic Violence, 2015; Domestic Violence Advocacy and IMPACT Project Training, 2015
- Presenter, Ethics for Attorneys in Clinic and Pro Bono Setting, ELAP/Microsoft, 2014
- Panelist, Domestic Violence Dynamics, DV (and Sexual Abuse) and Parenting Plans, WSBA, 2012
- Presenter, Family Law Basics, Washington State Bar Association, 2012
- Panelist, Domestic Violence: What Attorneys Tell Us They Want to Know, ELAP/LifeWire, 2012

“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

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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