



# McKINLEY IRVIN

FAMILY LAW

## JANET A. GEORGE

OF COUNSEL



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Difficult Custody and Divorce
- Complex Divorce (cases involving business interests, complex financial issues, or multi-million dollar asset values)
- Complex Property Distribution
- Spousal Support
- Support Modifications

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Ask those in the know to name the finest family law attorneys in the state and one thing is certain: Janet George will appear on every list. It's been that way for more than four decades—and counting.

With typical modesty, this gifted lawyer who one prominent Seattle attorney calls “the most empathetic person I know,” shrugs off the public accolades, including a 24-year, pace-setting appearance on the pages of *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

*“My success in the practice stems in large part from my intuitive ability to accept people just as they are,” notes the psychiatric nurse-turned-lawyer. “I meet interesting, accomplished individuals in a state of crisis—people with a lot on the line who can be difficult, angry, and upset.*

*“With my background as a therapist, I’m able to help them work through their anger and begin to build a foundation for moving on with their lives. I don’t consider divorce a failure. It’s not right or wrong; there are no absolutes. But there is always hope for a better tomorrow.”*

While she dedicates her days to marital dissolutions for high-net-worth clients, Janet’s after-hours avocations reflect her eclectic interests and love of life: pilot, avid golfer, ski enthusiast, and lifelong equestrian who, as a part owner of four racehorses, delights in her days at Emerald Downs.

Of counsel with McKinley Irvin, Janet continues to take on a select number of high-profile cases (“The more challenging, the better!”) and routinely shares her considerable expertise and experience with younger attorneys.

*“I could have retired years ago,” she quips. “But I treasure the opportunity to give back to this great profession. It’s been exceedingly good to me.”*

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*“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 Puget Sound School of Law  
M.A., University of Washington, Psychiatric Nursing  
B.A., Stanford University, Nursing

## DISTINCTIONS

Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1992-2023  
Peer review rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell over 30 years  
Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Family Law, 1995-2024  
Distinguished as a *Washington Super Lawyer*, 2003-2023  
Top 100 Attorneys in Washington State, *Washington Super Lawyers*, 2012-13, 2018-21  
Listed in “Top 50: Women Washington Super Lawyers” 2017-2022

## APPOINTMENTS

AAML Washington Chapter: Past President, member of Board of Managers,  
CLE Chair and Judicial Conference Committee over many years

## MEMBERSHIPS

Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section  
King County Bar Association, Family Law Section

## IN THE COMMUNITY

Longtime supporter of King County Family Law CASA and Treehouse, a non-profit that advocates for foster children.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co-authored with Elizabeth A. Hoffman-Graff, Chapter 22: Discovery in Family Law Litigation, Washington Family Law Deskbook, WSBA Continuing Legal Education, 2022
- Featured in “The Many Lives of Janet George,” Super Lawyers Magazine, 2018
- Washington Family Law Deskbook, “Methods of Discovery in Family Law Litigation,” 1999 and updated in 2012.

## PRESENTATIONS

- Regular speaker and chairperson at family law and other area CLE presentations; most recently “Mastering Social Media” (KCBA, 2015) and “Family Law Hot Topics” (KCBA, 2014).

*“Janet was amazing! Comprehensive. Timely. Caring. Has many, many years of experience which provide a significant advantage. Strongly advocated for me and made sure that I understood what was going on every step of the way! Could not be more satisfied.”*

– MICK, 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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