



# McKINLEY IRVIN

FAMILY LAW

## JEFFREY MATTHEWS PARTNER



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Divorce
- Complex Divorce (cases involving business interests, complex financial issues, or asset values of \$1 million or more)
- Contested Child Custody
- Relocation
- Child Support Modifications
- Parenting Plan Modifications

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Partner Jeffrey Matthews is a veteran family attorney who has practiced family law in Oregon for over 30 years. He has distinguished himself as one of Portland's most respected divorce and family law attorneys with his leadership, professionalism, and interdisciplinary approach to family law. Jeff is a longtime Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the immediate past president of the AAML Oregon chapter.

Jeff focuses his practice on financially complex divorce cases that include the valuation and protection of estates with high net worth, business interests, and other property distribution issues. He is also skilled with high conflict custody litigation. Before joining McKinley Irvin, Jeff was a shareholder at Yates Matthews Family Law for 17 years and previously was a partner at the Portland family law firm Gevurtz Menashe.

As a family law attorney, Jeff views his role with his clients as twofold. First, he serves as a guide through a huge life transition, seeing them through to the next chapter of their lives as whole as possible. Second, he is his client's zealous advocate, committed to protecting what they value most.

*"My approach with clients is to provide them with the best outcome we can achieve in their particular situation," says Jeff. "I listen and learn what their goals are, so I can provide informed and concrete advice on their situation that leads to a positive resolution."*

Jeff chose to focus his practice on family law because he is "drawn to people and their life stories. I'm fulfilled by helping clients and their families, where every case is different and presents unique challenges to tackle."

He has earned a reputation in the legal community as a successful advocate by focusing first on cooperative communication with the opposing party and their counsel. Jeff knows that this approach often results in a quicker and less costly legal process. When necessary, however, he is no stranger to the courtroom, having represented clients in over 100 trials and hearings over the years of his practice.

Jeff is committed to the community and has served with a number of non-profit organizations that aid those in need. In 1997 Jeff founded Oregon Lawyers Against Hunger which over the years has now raised over \$1 million for Oregon Food Bank. When he's not working, Jeff loves the outdoors, often accompanied by his dogs - Chester, a Golden Retriever and Amos Lee, a Bernese Mountain Dog. He very much enjoys literature and music; has completed seven marathons; barbeques in the rain and is an uncompromising Ducks fan.

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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 Oregon School of Law  
B.A., University of Oregon

## DISTINCTIONS

Distinguished as an Oregon Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers®, 2007-2018  
Peer review rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®  
Best Lawyers in America, 2016-2019  
Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML)  
Multnomah Bar Association's Award of Merit for Outstanding Service to the Profession and the Bar, 2000  
Avvo.com 10.0 "Superb" rating  
The National Trial Lawyers Association, Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Oregon, 2010

## APPOINTMENTS

President, AAML Oregon Chapter, 2014-Present  
AAML, President-Elect of the Oregon Chapter, 2013  
Past President and Board Member, Multnomah Bar Foundation, 2005-2007  
Past Secretary and Board Member, Multnomah Bar Association, 2001-2005  
Chair, Multnomah Bar Association CLE Committee

## MEMBERSHIPS

Oregon State Bar, Multnomah County Bar Association, Washington County Bar Association, Clackamas County Bar Association

## IN THE COMMUNITY

Oregon Lawyers Against Hunger, Founder  
Oregon Food Bank, Advocacy Committee  
Portland Children's Relief Nursery, Board of Directors, 2008-2012  
Oregon Food Bank, Board Member, 1999-2004  
Northwest Housing Alternatives, Board Member and past Vice President, 1999-2004

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Retirement Benefits," Oregon State Bar, Family Law CLE Publication, 1989 and 1997 Editions
- "Bankruptcy in Family Law" Oregon State Bar's Debtor/Creditor Section
- "Effective Cost Management in Divorce Cases" Oregon Law Institute
- "Family Law Mediation" Panel Presentation, Oregon State Bar ADR Section
- "Attorney Fees in Family Law Cases" Oregon Trial Lawyers Association
- "Premarital and Postmarital Agreements" The Seminar Group

*"I highly recommend this firm to anybody needing help with family court matters. My attorney was very helpful and responsive to my needs and worked very hard to get me the results I needed in a difficult situation."*

– GARY 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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