



JUSTIN M. SEDELL

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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

Justin's practice concentrates on divorce, complex child custody disputes, collaborative law, and high conflict litigation. Justin is an experienced trial lawyer who represents clients facing a wide range of complicated family law disputes requiring sophisticated legal advice. He has practiced in Superior Courts throughout Western Washington and represents clients in the Washington State Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Washington.

EDUCATION

Seattle University School of Law

- Juris Doctor, cum laude, 2005

University of California at Davis

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 2002

IACP Collaborative Law Training (International Association of Collaborative Professionals)

IACP Facilitative Mediation Training (International Association of Collaborative Professionals)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- Law Clerk, Judge Mary I. Yu, King County Superior Court, 2005-2006
- Law Clerk, Judge Steven Gonzalez, King County Superior Court, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

- "Domestic Partnerships: Another Look, Additional Rights," King County Bar Bulletin (2009)
- "A Family Law Practitioner's Guide to Navigating the Domestic Partnership Expansion Bill," Washington State Bar News, co-authored with Elizabeth Hershman-Greven (2008)
- "Washington's Expanded Domestic Partnership Registry Grants Important New Rights for GLBT Couples," Perspective, co-authored with Elizabeth Hershman-Greven (2008)
- "Legislature Acts Post-Anderson Domestic Partnership Bill Paves Way," King County Bar Association Bar Journal, co-authored with Elizabeth Hershman-Greven (May 2007)



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PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Family Law 101: What You Need to Know," Pincus Professional Education (2015)
- Co-Chair, "WSBA Community Property Seminar," Washington State Bar Association CLE (2012)
- Speaker, "Introduction to Collaborative Practice," CLE for family law attorneys (2011)
- Speaker, "Parenting Plan Litigation," King County Bar Association CLE (2010)
- Speaker, "Impacts of Washington's Domestic Partnership Laws on the Elder Care Community," CLE (2008, 2009)
- Speaker, "Parenting Plans and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act," King County Bar Association CLE (2009)
- Speaker, "Litigating Cases Involving Unmarried Couples," Snohomish County Bar Association CLE (2009)
- Speaker, "Understanding Washington's Domestic Partnership Legislation," Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association CLE (2008)
- Speaker, "Relationship Agreements," King County Bar Association CLE (2008)
- Speaker, "Washington State's Domestic Partner Law," Washington ACLU Seminar (2007)
- Speaker, Domestic Partner Law Forum, Equal Rights Washington Public Event, Tacoma, WA (2007)

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

- Washington State Bar Association
- Adjunct Law Professor, Seattle University School of Law, 2007 – present
- Named Best Lawyers® 2023 ed. "Lawyer of the Year" in Seattle in 'Family Law'
- Named to "Best Lawyers" by Best Lawyers in America® in the practice area of Family Law, 2019 ed. - 2024 ed.
- Recognized as part of the 2024 Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Family Lawyers
- Selected for inclusion to the Washington Super Lawyers List, Family Law, by Washington Law & Politics Magazine, 2022 - 2023
- Named a 'Rising Star' by Washington Law & Politics and Washington Super Lawyers magazines, Family Law, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020
- Member and prior Co-Chair, Judicial Evaluation Committee, QLaw Bar Association of Washington
- Member of King County Superior Court Unified Family Court Committee
- Prior Member, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Washington State Bar Association
- Member, QLaw Bar Association
- Member, Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section
- Member, International Association of Collaborative Professionals
- Member, Collaborative Professionals of Washington
- Member, King County Collaborative Law



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