

# Guidance in Family Matters

Buckley Law, P.C.'s team-based approach provides clients with accessible and professional family law representation.

**“T**he whole point of a divorce is to set yourself free from a bad situation,” says Jaye Wickham Taylor, President and Shareholder at Buckley Law, P.C. “We help our clients move their lives forward with as little emotional and financial damage as possible.”

Buckley Law, located just outside Portland, Oregon, in Lake Oswego is a full-service law firm serving a wide range of clients, from individuals to multinational corporations. One of the firm's strengths is the diversity of its expertise, with dedicated teams focused on family law, business law, intellectual property, real estate law, civil litigation, and tax and estate planning.

“Our team of family law attorneys and paralegals have the expertise to handle high net worth divorces. We also leverage guidance from the top attorneys at our firm in business, tax, estate planning, and real estate,” says Taylor. In addition to her work as Buckley Law's president, Taylor leads one of the firm's family law practice groups and is licensed to practice law in Oregon and Washington.

“We have an enormous amount of experience in family law conflicts, and that allows us to guide our clients through the divorce process and, when necessary, through complex trials,” adds Katelyn Skinner, an attorney and shareholder at Buckley Law who leads a family law practice group at the firm. Skinner is licensed in Oregon, federal courts, and the Supreme Court of the United States. “We assist clients who need help with divorce, child custody and support, domestic partner agreements, international family law, prenups, elder abuse claims, guardianships, and adoptions,” she says.

## TEAM APPROACH AND GUIDANCE

The firm's team-based approach provides clients with excellent counsel while also providing a sense of security that comes from knowing there will always be someone to respond when emotions run high.

“If you're in a crisis because there's a custody tug-of-war and your lawyer is in court, we're still



**FROM LEFT: Jaye Wickham Taylor, President and Shareholder; Katelyn Skinner, Shareholder; Taylor Murdoch, Shareholder; Molly Becker, Shareholder; and Tiffany Minus, Shareholder.**

here,” says Taylor. “We have an entire team who knows your case and is ready to help.”

Buckley Law's team of family law attorneys and paralegals pursue and defend a client's best interests, whether that's in court, in mediation, or in a private trial with a reference judge. The team can guide clients through several types of alternative dispute resolutions—including mediation and arbitration—to resolve issues privately. Even in highly contested divorces, this approach can yield better results for both parties. Sometimes, however, the best outcome for clients can only occur in a courtroom, and in those cases an experienced trial attorney is essential.

“Divorce trials can be damaging,” says Skinner. “For some clients, we want to prevent them from having to spend days in a courtroom, being cross-examined on every parenting decision they've ever made. That experience can be worth it if clients are fighting for their kids, but it's always painful.

Sometimes there is no option but to go to trial, and in those cases, we are our clients' fearless champion in the courtroom.”

Even in cases where both sides want to settle the matter privately, Skinner notes, it's essential that clients work with an attorney who understands their goals and priorities.

“We're always looking at the next steps,” she concludes. “Our job is to help our clients reach their chosen destination.”



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