

Sarah W. McClain, Associate Attorney

Sarah W. McClain is an accomplished attorney with a Juris Doctor from the Willamette University College of Law. With over fifteen years of experience in law, Sarah is a recognized expert in her field and is known for her work as both an advocate and an attorney. During her career, she has contributed significantly to expanding statewide access to justice issues and has worked with skill and dedication to support marginalized populations in Montana. Sarah provides expert legal representation in family law matters including divorce, parenting plans, guardianships, and other matters, in addition to immigration law matters including the areas of family-based, humanitarian, business, and removal defense.



Sarah's contributions to family law and immigration law reflect her dedication to helping individuals and families navigate critical and difficult situations. She is praised for her strong communication skills, including her ability to explain complex legal processes in relatable terms. Additionally, she is proficient in both Spanish and English, making her uniquely positioned to support individuals belonging to minority populations and rural communities. Her interest in law stems from a deep passion and dedication to social justice. In 2004, she earned her Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from the University of Oregon, graduating with a double major in Fine and Applied Arts and Spanish. Afterward, she studied at the Willamette University College of Law and obtained her Juris Doctor in 2007, graduating with honors in Legal Research and Writing.

Throughout her legal career, Sarah has worked extensively to advocate for children, survivors of abuse, and individuals residing in low-income, Spanish-speaking, and rural areas of Montana. As a family law attorney at Laird Cowley, her work is intensely focused on domestic concerns regarding divorce and separation, spousal support, property division, child custody and support, and other family-related matters. She holds vast experience in supporting clients involved in complex and emotionally challenging matters such as domestic and sexual violence.

In addition to her success in family law, Sarah is also known for her efforts in social justice and humanitarian matters. She regularly oversees cases involving immigration, visas, green cards, adjustment of status, political asylum, and other immigration issues. Her experience includes representing clients before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Department of Justice, and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (Immigration Court). She has also represented clients in appellate matters before the USCIS Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) and the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

Today, Sarah is recognized as being one of the top attorneys serving the Helena area focused on immigration law and family law. She is an inspiration and a pillar of strength in her community, and works tirelessly to ensure justice for families and individuals in Montana state.

Education

Juris Doctor (J.D.), Willamette University College of Law (2007)
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), University of Oregon – Eugene (2004)

Bar Admission

Montana