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Kelsey’s practice is focused primarily on family law matters and limited employment law matters. She is passionate about building and protecting strong, healthy families. She believes the best way to do so is through crafting tailored strategies that result in positive, sustainable results for her clients and their family members. Navigating the legal process can be emotionally draining, and it is her goal to alleviate your stress so you can focus on what’s most important: yourself and the needs of your family.

For contested family law matters, it is essential to have an attorney who is comfortable both in the courtroom and out. Kelsey has been involved in family law trials and administrative proceedings for employment clients. She also represented the United States in criminal matters pending in federal court while working at the United States Attorney’s Office in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Prior to joining Cooney Law Offices, she advocated for maternal and early childhood health outcomes in Washington D.C., focusing on child nutrition, improved maternal health outcomes, and child education in developing nations. She also wrote grants advocating funding awards for anti-human trafficking efforts and addiction recovery support programs in Montana and Oregon.

In her spare time, Kelsey and her husband Colin like to camp with their two dogs, spend time at the lake, and travel.

**Areas Of Practice**

* ***Family Law***
  + Divorce
  + Paternity
  + Parenting Plans
  + Child Custody
  + Relocation
* ***Employment Law*** (just helping with Steve’s cases)

**Education**

* **Gonzaga University School of Law**, Spokane, Washington  
  Juris Doctor
* **University of Montana,** Missoula, Montana  
  Bachelors

**Recognition and Accomplishments**

* + Best Oral Argument, 2021 Clarke Family Prize in Legal Ethics and Professionalism

**Professional Associations and Memberships**

* + Washington State Bar Association
  + Spokane County Bar Association
  + American Bar Association
  + National Association of Counsel for Children
  + Washington Association for Justice