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Member of the Québec Bar since January 1984. Practice in Immigration law for the first 9 years. Acted as Immigration Judge (arbitre). Since 1995 practice in family law solely and mainly related to international matters. Represented parents from all around the world to the Court for Child Abduction cases whether Hague cases or not. Member of REUNITE. Member of Family Law Association in Québec (AAADFQ), member of AIFI. Published texts and given conferences on Child Abduction cases and International Family Law.

Languages Spoken: French and English, Basic Spanish

Practice Areas: Child Custody/Residence/Visitation/Contact, Custody/Residence/Visitation/Contact, Domestic Abuse/Violence/Protection Orders, Enforcement: Child Custody, Hague Convention/Child Abduction, Modification/Variation: Child Custody, Relocation/Removal from Jurisdiction

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Member of the Quebec (Canada) Bar since March 2003 and of the Paris (France) Bar since July 2007.

French and Canadian.

Bilingual English and French.

23 years of experience in Family Law, my exclusive and only area of practice, with a strong dominant

in international family law cases (divorce and complex children's cases).

Certified mediator and trained in family mediation (CEDR certification- Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution) and interest-based negotiation.

Extensive experience in international children's cases: Hague 1980 / 1996 and international relocation.

ORGANIZATIONS

- Fellow of the International Association of Family Lawyers (IAFL)
- Member and officer of the family law commission of the International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member of the "Union Internationale des Avocats" (UIA)
- Member of the Franco-British Lawyers Society (FBLS)
- Member of the French-American Bar Association (FABA)
- Member of the Barreau de Paris « Commission en Droit de la Famille »
- Member of the Institut du Droit de la Famille et du Patrimoine (IDFP)
- Member of the « Association des Avocats du Québec en France » (AAQF)
- Referenced as a Lawyer in International Family Law at the Canadian Embassy in Paris, France
- and at the French Embassy in the UAE.

CONFERENCES IN INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW

- Speaker and chair at the IAFL, IBA, UIA, Academy of European Law (ERA) etc.
- Speaker at the "États généraux du droit de la famille et du patrimoine", Paris France
- Lectures to lawyers and family judges in international private family law
- Writing articles on the issues of private international family law in the quarterly edition of the
- specialized Journal of Family Law, Gazette du Palais and on different law journals.

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Richard is a partner at Green Kaminer Min & Rockmore, LLP in New York City. His practice focuses almost exclusively on international family law issues.

He has extensive experience in Hague Abduction Convention cases having worked on over 50 Hague cases across more than a dozen states including several appeals. In 2022 Richard argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Golan v. Saada*.

Richard frequently lectures and writes on the topic of international family law. He is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers and is the current Co-Chair of the ABA International Section Family Law Committee.