



IAFL Introduction to International Family Law Conference

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Educational Program Materials Pack



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University Club of San Francisco
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A conference for recently admitted IAFL Fellows
and Lawyers interested in discovering IAFL work

PROGRAM

Tuesday 14 May

Registration Desk/Breakfast opens at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome Speech and Introductory Talk: (9:00 – 9:10 a.m.)

Mia Reich Sjogren, Esq., President of IAFL from Sweden
Jorge M. Cestero, Esq., President of the IAFL USA Chapter from Florida.

Overview of Morning Program (Financial Issues) and Speakers (9:10 – 9:15 a.m.)

Pamela M. Sloan, Esq., New York, NY

International Discovery of Financial Information: "How To" (9:15 – 10:15 a.m.)

Ariel Leichter-Maroko, Esq., Beverly Hills, CA
Presentation 1-001 - Ariel Leichter-Maroko presentation material

International Agreements: Prenuptial, In-Marriage and Settlement: "Perils" (10:15 – 11:15 a.m.)

Thomas J. Sasser, Esq., West Palm Beach, FL
Presentation 2-001 - Thomas Sasser International Premarital Agreements

Break (11:15 – 11:25 a.m.)

International Enforcement Issues: "How To" (11:25 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.)

Steven K. Yoda, Esq., Woodland Hills, CA
Presentation: 3-001 - Steven Yoda Enforcing Foreign Orders (Slides).pdf

In Conversation: Two Icons of the IAFL (12:25 – 12:45 p.m.)

Thomas Wolfrum, Esq., Walnut Creek CA
Lowell Sucherman, Esq., San Francisco, CA

Lunch (12:45 – 1:35 p.m.)



Overview of Afternoon Program (Parenting Issues) and Speakers

Pamela M. Sloan, Esq., New York, NY

Hague Convention on Custody: "What and How"

Brent Seymour, Esq., San Francisco, CA

Presentation: 4-001 Brent Seymour The Hauge Convention Presentation.pdf

Additional Materials: 4-002 The Hauge Convention Additional Materials.pdf

International Issues Concerning Same Sex Parents (2:35 – 3:45 p.m.)

Ming Wong, Esq., San Francisco CA (National Center for Lesbian Rights)

Materials: 5-001 Ming Wong Legal_Recognition_of_LGBT_Families.pdf

Materials: 5-002 5-002 Mong Wong Issue Spotting for LGBT Parents in the US.pdf

Break (3:35 – 3:45 p.m.)

International Parenting Agreements: "Perils and Enforcement" (3:45 – 4:45 p.m.)

Stephen Page, Esq., Brisbane, Australia

Presentation: 6-001 Stephen Page International Parenting Agreements Slides.pdf

In Two Minutes: "What the IAFL Has Done for Me and My Career" (4:45 – 5:00 p.m.)

IAFL Fellows from around the globe



SPEAKER PROFILES

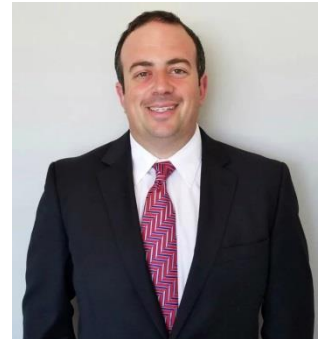


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Full CV in Support Documents



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I have been practicing law since 1990, Family Law exclusively since 2000. I have been a Certified Family Law Specialist, State Bar Board of Legal Specialization for over ten years. I believe that most cases can be settled with reduced emotional cost to the parties involved.

I graduated from the University of San Francisco, School of Law, Cum Laude, in 1990 and admitted to the State Bar of California in 1990.

For the last 15 years, I practiced at one of the most prestigious family law firms in San Francisco. In 2013, I opened the Law Office of Brent D. Seymour in Benicia. I continue to also practice in San Francisco.

My practice involves all aspects of family law and in particular, complex financial issues that arise in high asset dissolutions. In addition, I have developed an expertise in international cases involving the Hague Convention for return of children wrongfully abducted or retained outside of their habitual residence. Similarly, I have particular expertise in interstate and international custody cases involving the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act (UCCJEA).

I have presented seminars on International Divorce Practice and on Practice under the Hague Convention to family law attorneys both locally and internationally.

I am a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL).

In addition to the IAFL, I am a member of the San Francisco and Solano County Bar Associations, as well as the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, a non-profit organization of attorneys who have been designated Specialists in Family Law by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization.



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