



IAFL Introduction to European Family Law Conference

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09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and Introduction to the IAFL

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LL.B. from University of Montreal in 2000; Called to the Bar of the Province of Quebec in 2002; Member of the Canadian Bar Association and Vice-president of the Children's Law Section, Quebec division; Member of the Association of Family Lawyers of Quebec. Practice includes all aspects of family law, including child abduction cases, whether Hague cases or not. Prior to working in private practice, worked five (5) years at the Hague Conference on Private International Law, on the Children Conventions and in particular in matters of International Child Abduction, Recovery Abroad of Child Support and other type of family maintenance, Inter-country adoption and cohabitation outside marriage.

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Oren has practiced family law exclusively since 2005. He advocates for his clients when negotiating agreements, appearing before trial and appellate courts as well as in mediations and arbitrations. Oren handles all aspects of family law including property and support, parental decision-making responsibility (custody), and parenting time (access). Oren acts for clients based in Ontario and internationally.

Oren is a highly-regarded member of the legal community, recognized for his proficiency by inclusion in Best Lawyers in Canada® and Lexpert®. His commitment to advancing legal practice is demonstrated through his active involvement with the Toronto Lawyers Association and The Advocates' Society. Furthermore, his international standing is underscored by his roles as a past Governor of the International Academy of Family Lawyers and past President of the Canadian Chapter.

Oren is a qualified mediator and arbitrator. He was granted the OAFM accreditation and designation by the Ontario Association for Family Mediation.

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Heather is the President of the IAFL, having previously served as Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. She began to practice solely family law in 2000, after spending several years as an Assistant Public Defender (criminal law) in Maryland. Heather currently practices in Maryland and D.C. and has been recognized many times for her work in family law. She is an active participant as a member, leader, and lecturer in many organizations. She graduated from Boston University, simultaneously earning a BA in Political Science *summa cum laude*, and a JD in 1995. Professor Silbaugh was her family law professor at B.U.