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Different Matrimonial Property Regime (to Include Nuptial Agreements)

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Profile

In practice since November 1990, specialized in German and International Family Law, Law of International Adoption and Law of Inheritance. Certified Specialist in Family Law ("Fachanwältin für Familienrecht") since 2001. Memberships: President of the Family and Inheritance Law Committee of the German Federal Bar (BRAK, Berlin); Member of the European Law Committee of the German Federal Bar (BRAK, Brussels); Member of Family Law and Succession Law Committee of the CCBE; Member of German Association of Female Lawyers; Team Leader and EU Expert working in Russia (2011-2013) and Kosovo (2014-2022); Lecturer and Trainer to educate Lawyers and Judges in national, International and European Family Law; several publications in International Family Law for practicing attorneys and judges; Member of the publishing team of a Family Law Journal in Germany.

Languages Spoken: German, English

Practice Areas: Adoption, Child Custody/Residence/Visitation/Contact, Custody/Residence/Visitation/Contact, Divorce, Enforcement: Child Custody, Enforcement: Property Division, Finance: Pensions/Superannuation/Retirement and Employment Benefits, Finance: Property Issues, Hague Convention/Child Abduction, Pre-nuptial/Post-nuptial Agreements, Relocation/Removal from Jurisdiction, Same Sex Partnerships, Surrogacy

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Hugues Gaston is a Family lawyer admitted to the Paris Bar. He has experience in all areas of family breakdown.

His practice covers both complex financial cases and child-matters.

He advises clients on a broad range of international and domestic family law issues, including divorce or any kind of separation, inheritance, pre/post-nuptial agreements, adoption, surrogacy, recognition and enforcement of foreign decisions in France, whether in the context of litigation or negotiations.

He also has a significant experience on multi-jurisdiction divorce cases (notably Europe, United-States of America, United-Kingdom, Singapore, Hong-Kong, Japan and United Arab Emirates).

He has a particular expertise in child abduction cases due to his academic graduation and internships during his training as a lawyer.

During his studies, he worked with IAFL fellows Delphine Eskenazi and Frances Goldsmith.

Prior to join Alexandre Boiché & Associés law firm, he has also worked in the Department of Mutual Assistance, Private International and European Law (French Ministry of Justice), Central Authority in the application of numerous instruments of private international family law (Hague Convention of October 25, 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, Hague Convention of October 19, 1996 on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Cooperation in respect of Parental Responsibility and the Protection of Minors).

Finally, Hugues taught family law for 7 years at La Sorbonne Law School (Paris).

Hugues is a Fellow of the AIJA (International Association of Young Lawyers), registered in the International private clients and family law commission.

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Caroline Weerkamp is a family lawyer from Vienna, working in her law firm in the heart of Vienna. Caroline completed her studies in Vienna. During her studies she interned with the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health in Mumbai, India, and also did an Erasmus semester in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. After her studies, Caroline worked in various renowned lawyer's offices in Vienna and was admitted to the bar in Vienna, Austria. For the last 6 years, Caroline has been working in the field of family law, litigating not only divorce, maintenance and the separation of marital assets, but also child-related cases, such as custody disputes, or in case social services remove children from their home. She also works with a consumer protection organisation as one of their lawyers of trust.

Caroline is engaged in various networks supporting women in legal professions in Vienna. She is also engaged in the Austrian bar to support young lawyers and make the profession more attractive and accessible for women. Her most recent publication concerns a current case of product liability at the Court of Justice of the European Union, in which she represents the claimant.

Caroline speaks German, Dutch and English.

Melissa Arnold

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Melissa is a Partner at Osbornes Law in the family department, based in London. She advises on broad range of family law issues with a focus on divorce and separation. Melissa specialises in providing advice on the financial arrangements which might need to be made following the end of a relationship and has extensive experience advising high net worth individuals and those who have complex financial circumstances, including businesses and international assets.

Melissa is a trained family law mediator and provides advice on matters both in and out of court proceedings. Melissa is a keen advocate for non-court-based methods of resolution.

Melissa regularly represents vulnerable clients or individuals who lack capacity to litigate.

Melissa is ranked in the UK Chambers and Partners High Net Worth Matrimonial Finance directory. She is known for her dedication and compassionate client-focused approach. She has been quoted as having sound strategic instincts and excellent client management skills.

Judge Ervin Pupe

Member of the Supreme Court

Tirana

Albania



Ervin PUPE was born in Tirana, on February 21st, 1973.

He completed his studies in Law from 1991-1995 and postgraduate studies in civil law in 2001-2003 at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana.

In 2003-2005, he completed his postgraduate studies in European law at the European Institute of the University of Geneva (IEUG, Switzerland).

He obtained “Doctor of Juridical Science” Degree in civil law in 2009 and earned the title of “Associate Professor” (Prof.Assoc.Dr.) in 2015.

In February 1996, he was appointed full-time lecturer at the Civil Law Department of the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, as a lecturer/co-lecturer of “Law of Obligations and Contracts” courses.

From 2013 he has taught civil law courses (obligations) in the initial training program and has been legal expert at the continuous training program of judges and prosecutors at the Albanian School of Magistrates.

From 2007 to March 2020 he practiced the lawyer’s profession.

Mr. Pupe was appointed judge to the Supreme Court by decree no. 11453, dated 11 March 2020, of the President of the Republic from among the prominent jurists.

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Professional Summary

Attorney at the Court of Cassation, PhD in Law, and Assistant

Professor of Higher Education, with over 15 years of experience in legal practice and higher education. Her career combines extensive legalexpertise, advanced academic training, and substantial university teaching experience.

Areas of Expertise

Civil law, family law, private international law, business law and arbitration.

Languages: Arabic: Native Language, French: C2 – Proficient user, English: C2 – Proficient user, German: A2 – Basic user

Professional Experience

- Attorney at the Court of cassation Jan. 2026- Present, National Bar
- Association of Tunisia, Tunis Bar Section
- Member of the National Sectoral Commission for Legal Sciences
- Jan. 2026-Present, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Tunisia
- Assistant-Professor of Higher Education Sept. 2024 – Present, Faculty of Law and Political Science of Tunis, University of Tunis El Manar
- Tunisia Correspondent for CRIDON Lyon (Regional Research and Documentation Centre for Notaries) Jan. 2024-Present
- Permanent University Assistant Jan. 2015-Sept. 2024, Faculty of Law and political Sciences of Tunis
- Attorney at the Court of appeal July. 2013-Jan. 2026
- Trainee Lawyer July. 2011- July. 2013