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IAFL Introduction to European Family Law

In cooperation with University of Tirana

15th and 16th October 2026

Education Chairs: Konstantinos Rokas (Greece), Jemma Dally (England & Wales), Elodie Mulon (France), and Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens (Germany) and James Stewart (England & Wales)

Thursday, 15th October 2026

10:15 am: Introduction and welcoming remarks - Alice Meier-Bourdeau, IAFL European Chapter President

10:30 am to 11:45: Session 1

1996 & 1980 Hague Convention and Movement of Children

Panel Chair: Jemma Dally (England & Wales)

Panel:

Eniana Qarri, Lecturer in Family Law, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (Albania)

Katrin Orav (Estonia)

Vlora Tamté (Sweden)

Nataša Plavšić, Serbia

11:45 to 12:15: Refreshment break

12:15 to 13:30: Session 2

Different Matrimonial Property Regime (to Include Nuptial Agreements)

Panel Chair: Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens (Germany)

Panel:

Hugues Gaston (France)
Caroline Weerkamp (Austria)

Melissa Arnold (England & Wales)
Ervin Pupe (Supreme Court Judge, Albania)
Olfa Triki, Tunisia

13:30 to 14:30: Lunch break

14:30 to 15:45: Session 3

Alternative Dispute Resolution and Methods

Panel Chair: Elodie Mulon, France

Panel:

Silvana Çinari (Lecturer in Civil Procedure Law, University of Tirana)

Emanuel Lerch, Austria

Davide Piazzoni, Italy

Andrea Šťástková, Czech Republic

15:45 to 16:00: Coffee break

19:00 Drinks and Dinner at Vila Ferdinand

Friday, 16 October 2026

9:30 – 10:00: Young Lawyers' Award

Introduction and presentation of the winner and runner up: Alexandre Boiché

Presentation of the 2026 Winner – Femke Boymans, Netherlands

10:00 to 11:15 Session 4

Comparative Law and Comparative Law Perspectives

Panel Chair: Konstantinos Rokas (Greece)

Panel:

Sarah Casto (Germany)

Alex Kolitsi (Albania/Greece)

Jorida Xhafaj (Kosovo)

Brikena Kasmi (Albania)

11:15 to 11:45: Refreshment break

11:45 to 12:15: Closing remarks

12:15 – Light lunch and end of Conference

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Monday 12 October 2026
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (followed by networking cocktails at the Grand Hyatt Hotel 5.30pm to 8.00pm)

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Bonifacio Global City (UP BGC)
32nd/38th Street, Taguig City 1634

International Child Abduction and the Hague Convention

Moderator: Jaerey Velasco *(Hong Kong China)*
Speakers: Sasha Allison *(Hong Kong China)*, Tomoko Takase (*Japan*), Undersecretary Raul Vasquez *(Department of Justice, Philippines)*

Keynote Speaker

Supreme Court Associate Justice Maria Filomena D. Singh

Financial Support and Property Relations

Moderator: John Spender *(Australia)*
Speakers: Linda Ong *(Singapore)*, Olivia Grobtuch *(Australia)*, Atty. Soledad Margarita Deriquito-Mawis *(Philippines)*

Domestic Violence: Spouse, Child and Protection

Moderator: Stephen Peaker *(Hong Kong China)*
Speakers: Simon Bruce *(England and Wales)*, Azan Marwah *(Hong Kong China)*, Atty. Minerva June Ambrosio *(Philippines)*

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IAFL ANNUAL MEETING
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InterContinental Hotel, Dublin, Ireland
2 – 6 September 2026

Education Program Committee: Rhian McGrath (Maryland, USA), Frances Goldsmith (Paris, France) and Jemma Mackenzie (Melbourne, Australia)

Thursday, 3 September 2026

08:30 – 08:35 Introduction and Welcome from IAFL President
Heather Hostetter, Washington DC USA

08:35 – 09:00 Keynote Address
The Hon. Ms. Justice Nuala Jackson, Judge of the High Court of Ireland

09:00 – 10:10 Definition of Maintenance, how do you define maintenance?
Maintenance v. equitable distribution; how do you isolate and define maintenance obligations across conflicting legal systems
Moderator: Frances Goldsmith France
Speakers: Paul McCarthy SC, Ireland
Jocelyn Tsao, Hong Kong China
Robin B. Taub, Maryland, USA
Maria Mercedes Lacasa Valls, Spain

10:10 – 10:40 Refreshment Break

10:40 – 11:00 Presentation by IAFL Substantive Committees

11:00 – 12:00 For the Love of Money – International Maintenance Recovery
Moderator: Julia Swain, Pennsylvania, USA
Speakers: Justin Spain, Ireland
Jason Naimi, Nevada, USA
Dervla Browne SC, Ireland
Diane Sussman, France

Friday, 4 September 2026

08:45 – 9:00 Update on Kenyan Law Students
Speaker: Professor Jens Scherpe, Denmark

09:00 – 10:00: Collegial Session, Children's Right to Identity, Selfhood, and International Family Law.
Speakers: Professor Marilyn Freeman, University of Westminster, England
Professor Nicki Taylor, University of Otago, New Zealand

Professor Aisling Parkes, University College, Cork

This presentation will address why change is needed in the way we think about identity and selfhood in the family justice and related fields. Article 8 of the UNCRC provides children with the right to preserve their identity. However, this is currently a right hidden in plain sight, largely unrecognised by law, policy and practice. Yet, the preservation of a child's identity cannot be frozen in time. It should apply to the more static features of identity already identified within Article 8 (name, nationality, family relations) as well as those aspects that arise in response to significant life events and transformations experienced by children within and outside of their families (e.g., gender, out-of-home care, forced marriage, relocation, abduction, migration, detention).

This presentation will lift the veil on family law and consider how it can better address child identity issues. A more expansive approach to Article 8 will lead to identity becoming a more explicit consideration in relevant cases before the courts and other decision-makers. Children need to be actively involved in shaping their own identity and their views on this should be ascertained and taken into account in legal decision-making processes. We also reflect on the possibility of a General Comment to clarify Article 8's scope and interpretation, whether identity should feature in child-related statutory enactments, and how to teach family law to better equip lawyers, judges, related professionals, and society going forward.

10:05 – 11:10: Session 1A - Rethinking communication to get your point across
Speaker: Brodie Riordan, Executive Coach, Psychologist and Author

You already possess a wide range of communication approaches that you can use with clients and colleagues, and chances are, you overuse approaches in your comfort zone. In this session, get a refresher on the full range of communication approaches that you possess, ranging from directive (telling, instructing, directing) to non-directive (asking, listening, coaching) and everything in between. You'll leave the session with tangible, actionable strategies for identifying and using the best approach for the situation and what you want to accomplish with your clients and colleagues. *Reminder to All: Those who think they do not need this brush up on communication skills are probably those who need it most!*

10:05 -11:10: Session 1 B – Topic presented by the Relocation Committee
Moderators: Anna Worwood, England and Wales
Hassan Elhais, United Arab Emirates
Speakers: Zofia Józefowicz-Paszewska, Poland
Narghis Bundhun, Mauritius
Alfonso Sepulveda Garcia, Mexico
Alex Verdan KC, England and Wales

11:10 – 11:35: Refreshment break

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11:35 – 12:40: Session 2A - Rethinking communication to get your point across *(repeat)*

11:35 – 12:40: Session 2B – Forced Marriage
Forced marriage is one of the most complex and sensitive challenges in family law. Often sitting at the intersection of cultural practices, human rights, and cross-border legal frameworks, forced marriage is an issue which affects some of the most vulnerable members of society.

This session will explore the evolving response to forced marriage around the globe, examining how different jurisdictions define, prevent, and remedy such situations, as well as touching on the practical difficulties for family lawyers and their clients.
Moderator: Jemma Mackenzie, Australia
Speakers: Shabina Begum, England and Wales
Ruth Kalnitsky Roth, Canada
Patricia Mundia, Kenya

Saturday, 5 September 2026

08:30 – 09:30 Through New Eyes: Junior Practitioners on the Future of Family Law
How do young lawyers perceive the profession and general trends they see, things they think are antiquated and should change.
Moderator: Rhian McGrath Maryland, USA
Speakers: Dillon O'Toole Illinois, USA
Ailbhe Keegan Dublin, Ireland
Hui Yee Kee, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Ronan Bergin, Dublin, Ireland
Pol Martin Gonzalez Mansilla, Barcelona, Spain
Joanna Metaxas, Geneva, Switzerland

09:30 – 10:00 Refreshment break

10:00 – 11:00 Audrey Ducroux Memorial Lecture
Jim O'Callaghan TD, Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

11:00 – 11:30 *Concurrent sessions:*
European Chapter AGM and Asia Pacific Chapter AGM

11:30 - 12:00 *Concurrent sessions:*
USA Chapter AGM and Canadian Chapter AGM

12:00 – 12:45 IAFL AGM

12:45 – 13:00 Board of Governors

20:00 till late President's Dinner and Dancing at the Guinness Storehouse

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IAFL INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW MEETING

EDUCATION PROGRAM

LAVERY, 1 PLACE VILLE-MARIE, 35TH FLOOR, MONTREAL, QC H3B 4M4

FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2026

Friday 12 June 2026

08:30 – 09:00: Registration

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

Caroline Harnois, IAFL Canadian Chapter President, Oren Weinberg, IAFL Canadian Chapter Immediate Past President and Heather Hostetter, IAFL President

09:30 – 10:45: Why Practice in International Family Law

This panel will explore why practicing in international family law is not only intellectually engaging, but increasingly essential in today's mobile and interconnected world. The panelists will discuss the practical realities that make cross-border family disputes distinctive—multiple legal systems, competing jurisdictions, forum shopping, urgent interim measures, and significant challenges around recognition and enforcement.

Drawing on their own experience, the panelists will share concrete examples of memorable, unusual, and sometimes unexpected cases they have handled.

Chair: Kenneth Fishman, IAFL Canadian Chapter President Elect (Canada)
Speakers: Oren Weinberg (Canada), Elizabeth Carson (England) and Mudita Chawla IAFL Assistant Treasurer (New York, USA)

10:45 – 11:00: Coffee break

11:00 – 12:15: **Hague Convention on the Civil Aspect of International Child Abduction**

This panel will focus on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, with an overview of its core objectives, guiding principles, and the exceptions to return. It will then turn to practical challenges in its application,

including issues arising from time-limited stays abroad, and mirror orders, undertakings and protective measures upon return, the interaction with asylum and refugee protection frameworks (including the Refugee Convention) as well as other overlapping legal regimes. The discussion will also consider procedural and evidentiary questions, and recent trends in jurisprudence across jurisdictions.

Chair: Andy Hayher KC, IAFL Canadian Chapter Treasurer (Canada)
Speakers: Sonia Heyeur (Canada), Rahima Nato-Kalfane (France) and Richard Min (New York, USA)

12:15 – 13:30: Lunch

13:30 – 14:45: Pre-nuptial and separation agreements in international cases

This panel will explore pre-nuptial and separation agreements in cross-border family matters, with a focus on how to plan, draft, and litigate these agreements effectively in an international context. It will address key strategic and technical issues such as jurisdiction and forum selection, applicable law, and the recognition and enforceability of agreements and separation agreements abroad.

The discussion will also compare approaches across jurisdictions—particularly regarding financial disclosure requirements, procedural safeguards (independent legal advice, notarization, translations), and substantive review standards (fairness, needs-based claims, public policy).

Chair: Caroline Harnois, (Canada)
Speakers: Kim S. Kieller (Canada), David Allison, IAFL Secretary (England), Jason Naimi, IAFL Treasurer (Nevada, USA)

14:45 - 15:00: Coffee break

15:00 - 16:15: Jurisdictional Differences

This panel will examine jurisdictional requirements in divorce and other family disputes, including the factors courts use to assume jurisdiction and the practical implications of choosing one forum over another. It will also address the recognition and enforcement of foreign divorces and related family orders, including common grounds for refusal.

The discussion will cover the operation of lis pendens and parallel proceedings, as well as the doctrine of forum non conveniens, with a focus on how courts manage competing proceedings and conflicting outcomes. Panelists will highlight strategic considerations for advising clients when multiple forums are available.

Chair: Richard Diamond, IAFL Canadian Chapter President Elect Designate (Canada)
Speakers: Karon C. Bales (Canada), Rachael Kelsey, IAFL Immediate Past President (Scotland), Heather Hostetter (USA), Ian M. Solloway (Canada)

16:15 - 17:00: Modern Families

This panel will examine the evolving landscape of modern families in an international context. Topics will include the legal recognition of same-sex marriages and families, multi-parentage arrangements, and polyamorous unions, as well as the cross-border recognition—or non-recognition—of these family forms. The discussion will also address the resulting practical and legal challenges in areas such as parental rights and responsibilities, filiation, adoption and assisted reproduction, immigration and nationality, inheritance, and access to social benefits, with a focus on conflict-of-laws and comparative approaches across jurisdictions.

Chair: Shelley Hounsell KC, IAFL Canadian Chapter Secretary (Canada)
Speakers: Ruth Kalnitsky Roth (Canada), Evan R Marks (Miami, USA), Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands)

17:00 – 19:00: Reception/Cocktail at Lavery

19:30: Dinner at Auberge Saint-Gabriel

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Program as at 12 May 2026

IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting
Education Program
Grand Hyatt Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 20 – 24 May 2026

Conference Chair: John Spender (Australia),
Education Program Coordinators: Inger Blackford (New Zealand), Kiranjit Dhaliwal (Malaysia), William Sloan (Australia) and Caroline McNally (Hong Kong, China)

Thursday 21 May

8:45–9:00 am **Introduction and Welcome**
John Spender, President, Asia Pacific Chapter
Lee Jia Ping, President, Women's Aid Organisation

9:00-9.45 am
***Keynote Address:* The Interplay between civil and Sharia law systems**
T G Maimun *former Chief Justice of Malaysia*

9.45-11:15 am **Family Law in Southeast Asia: An Overview**
Moderator: Teong Liang Yap (Singapore)
Speakers: Siew Choon Jern (Malaysia)
Dyah Nur Sasanti (Indonesia)
West Nareth Hib (Cambodia)
Roll Chunhakasikarn (Thailand)
Judge Maricel Magpantay-Ng (Philippines)
Diemphuong Nguyen (Vietnam)

11:15-11:45 am Coffee/tea break

11:45-1:00 pm **Divorce Nomads and Expatriates in Asia and the Middle East**
Moderator: Madeleine Mendy (United Arab Emirates)
Speakers: Fahri Azzat (Malaysia)
Mukhtar Gharib (United Arab Emirates)
Geeta Luthra (India)
Sasha Allison (Hong Kong, China)
Miao (Echo) Zhao (China)

1:00-2:00 pm Lunch

Friday 22 May

8:45-10:00 am ***Concurrent Sessions***

Legislative Responses to Child and Forced Marriage

Moderator: Sally Nicholes (Australia)

Speakers:

Sara Hossain (Bangladesh)

Mrinalini Sen (India)

Sala Sihombing (Hong Kong, China)

Shabina Begum (England and Wales), *remote participation*

Tahera Hasan (Pakistan) *remote participation*

Citizens of the World: When Divorce, Wealth and Enforcement Collide

Moderator: Nicola Watts (Australia)

Speakers:

Pinky Anand (India)

Jeremy Johnson (New Zealand)

Jennifer Lee (England and Wales)

10:00-11.15 am ***Concurrent Sessions***

Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in Property Proceedings

Moderator: Kai Yun Wong (Singapore)

Speakers:

Alison Ross (Australia)

Andy Hayher KC (Canada)

Lavanya Regunathan Fischer (India)

Yet Ngo Foo (Malaysia)

Lisa Ann Sharpe (USA)

Concurrent sessions (continued)

Third Parties in Parenting Matters

Moderator: Kiranjit Dhaliwal (Malaysia)

Speakers:

Derek Ho (Hong Kong, China)

Kay Feeney (Australia)

Goh Siu Lin (Malaysia)

Shannon Miles (USA)

Michael Wells-Greco (Switzerland)

11.15-11.45 am Coffee/tea break

11.45-1:00 pm ***Concurrent Sessions***

Variation of Overseas Child Maintenance Orders

Moderator: Inger Blackford (New Zealand)

Speakers:

Saudamini Sharma (India)

Cath Devine (Australia)

Ezane Chong (Malaysia)

Peter Barnes (Hong Kong, China)

Conduct and behaviour in family law matters (parenting/property and maintenance)

Moderator: Caroline McNally (Hong Kong, China)

Speakers:

Paul Fildes (Australia)

Aleksandar Pavleski (Serbia)

David Allison (England and Wales)

Tomoko Takase (Japan)

Shu Mei Hoon (Singapore)

1.00-2.15 pm Lunch

2.15-3.30 pm **All Things Being Equal, I'm Yours, No Refunds (No Longer Spouses, Who Gets the Houses?)**

Moderators: Judge Mariette Peters (Malaysia)

Corinne Remedios (Hong Kong, China)

Speakers:

Robin Colesmith (Australia)

Lynda Kearns KC (New Zealand)

Sam Longworth (England and Wales)

Avi Levy (USA)

3.30-4.00 pm Coffee/tea break

4.00-4.45 pm **In memory of Anne Marie Hutchinson OBE**

Introduction: John Spender

Speakers to include:

Sulema Jahangir (England and Wales)

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IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter and Malaysian Bar Council Symposium
Burning Issues and Trends in International Family Law
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Tuesday 19 May 2026

Tuesday 19 May

8.30-9.00 am Registration

9:00-9.30 am **Opening Ceremony**

Kee Hui Yee, Co-Chairperson of the Family Law Committee, Malaysian Bar

John Spender, President, IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter (Australia)

Dato' Lee Swee Seng, Federal Court Judge (Malaysia)

9.30-11.15 am **What is HOT in Property Division in Cross-Border Disputes?**

Session 1

Moderators: Kee Lay Lian (Singapore)

Kee Hui Yee, Co-Chairperson of the Family Law Committee, Malaysian Bar

Panelists: Datin Paduka Evrol Mariette Peters, JCA (Malaysia)

Prawidha Murti (Indonesia)

Alexander Leuftink (Netherlands)

Elizabeth Hicks (England and Wales)

Kim Kieller (Canada)

11:15-11:45 am Coffee/tea break

11:45-1:30 pm **What is HOT in Parenting Matters in Cross-Border Disputes?**

Session 2

Moderators: Evan Marks (USA)

Rajashree Suppiah, Co-Chairperson of the Family Law Committee, Malaysian Bar

Panelists: Dato' Faizah binti Jamaludin, JCA (Malaysia)

Liuda Yablokova (Russian Federation)

Sally Nicholes (Australia)

Hassan Elhais (United Arab Emirates)

Ayako Ikeda (Japan)

Yet Ngo Foo (Malaysia)

1:30-3:00 pm Lunch

3:00-4.45 pm **What is HOT in Jurisdiction & Forum Issues in Cross-Border Disputes?**

Session 3

Moderators: James Stewart (England and Wales)

Honey Tan, immediate past Chairperson of the Family Law Committee, Malaysian Bar

Panelists: Jacky Campbell, (Australia)

Jaerey Velasco, (Hong Kong, China)

Anil Malhotra (India)

Stacy Heard (USA)

Yet Ngo Foo (Malaysia)

4:45-5:00 pm **Closing Ceremony**

Speakers: Anand Raj, President, Malaysian Bar

Heather Hostetter, President, IAFL

Rajashree Suppiah, Co-Chairperson of the Family Law Committee, Malaysian Bar

5:00-7:00 pm **Networking Drinks Reception**

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IAFL EUROPEAN CHAPTER MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAM
4 – 8 February 2026
The Majestic Hotel & Spa
Education Program Chair: Karen O'Leary, Ireland and Northern Ireland

Thursday 5 February 2025

08:45 – 9:00: Welcome and Introduction to the Education Program
Emma Hatley, European Chapter President, England & Wales

09:00 – 10:30: Understanding Behavioural Styles to Manage Yourself and Work Effectively with Others
Chair: Karen O'Leary, Ireland and Northern Ireland
Dr Carolann Edwards OBE, Managing Director at Workplace Psychology

10:30 – 11:00: Refreshment Break
Pulseras Candela bracelets for sale during the refreshment break

11:00 - 11:45: Breakout 1: Acquiring Parenthood Across Borders which follows into Children: ADR
Chair: Arnaud Gillard, Belgium
Speakers:
Valentine Darmois, France
Lavanya Regunathan Fischer, India
Ruth Juliet N Gachanja, Kenya
Michael Gration KC, England & Wales

11:45 – 12:30: Breakout 1:Children: ADR
Chair: Patricia Mundia, Kenya

11:00 - 11:45: Breakout 2: Financial
Dealing with Modern & Unusual Assets: Crypto-Asset tracing, Carried Interest, Royalties and Intellectual Property which follows into Financial: ADR
Chair: William Tyzack, England & Wales
Speakers:
Alphonse Provinziano, California, USA
Marie Baronin von Maydell, Germany

11:45 – 12:30: Breakout 2: Financial: ADR
Chair: Suzanne Kingston, England & Wales

12:30: End of session

18:45 – 19:45: Happy Hour at Chica Club

Friday 6 February 2025

09:00 – 10:00: BRBII TER Regulation and private International law- impact in practice on children and finances cases
Chair: Esther Susin, Spain
Speakers:
Cristina González Beilfuss, Spain
Michael Wells-Greco, Switzerland
Julie Losson, France
Sandra van Staden, South Africa

10:00 – 10:45: Coercion & Controlling Behaviour: Victim or Villain?
Chair: Arnaud Gillard, Belgium
Speakers:
Lucy Loizou, England & Wales
Manuela Tirini, Italy
Anne Heide-Jørgensen, Denmark

10:45 – 11:15: Refreshment break
Pulseras Candela bracelets for sale during the refreshment break

11:15 – 12:30: **Diversity & Inclusion: The Opportunity Cycle**
Chair: Rachael Kelsey, Scotland
Speaker: Professor Doyin Atewologun, CEO & Founder, Delta Leadership & Inclusion Consulting

12:30: End of session

18:30 – 19:30: Happy Hour at Gala restaurant

Saturday 7 February 2025

09:15 – 10:30: Technological Risks and Opportunities to our practice: AI, Data breaches, cyber security …digital editing. Tips & Traps
Chair: Karen O'Leary, Ireland and Northern Ireland
Speakers:
Peter Burgess, England & Wales
Richard Abbey, UK&I Forensic & Integrity Services Leader, EY, UK
David Sanchez, New York, USA

10:30 - 11:00: Refreshment break
Pulseras Candela bracelets for sale during the refreshment break

11:00 - 12:00: Live Demo of What AI can do in practice with Q&A
Speakers:
Michael Gouriet, England & Wales
Dipali Maldonado, United Arab Emirates
Mert Yalcin, Turkey
Nimrita Dadlani, Founder & CEO, Pivot
Hannah Markham KC, Pivot

12:00 - 12:05: Pro-Bono Committee presentation
Sarah Higgins, England & Wales

12:05 – 12:10: IAFL Pensions Committee
Sarah Hoskinson, England & Wales

12:10 – 12:15: IAFL Amicus Committee
Ed Freedman, Israel

12:15 - 12:20: Club 25 & Wrap Up

12:20: End of Session

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Asia Pacific Chapter

Program as at 19 November 2025

IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting

Education Program

The Murray Hotel, Hong Kong, China, 3 – 8 December 2025

Conference Chairs: Kai Yun Wong (Singapore) and Corinne Remedios (Hong Kong, China)

Education Program Coordinators: John Spender (Australia), Inger Blackford (New Zealand) and William Sloan (Australia)

Thursday 4 December

8:45–10:00 am **Judges' Session: "The Pace of Change, Is it Revolution or Evolution?"**

Systemic changes in the legal systems in the Asia Pacific region.

Keynote Speaker: The Honourable Mr Justice Johnson Lam, Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal (Hong Kong, China)

Moderator: Judge Alison Burt (Australia)

Speakers: His Honour Judge Ivan Wong (Hong Kong, China)
Judge Celia Conlan (Australia)
Kenneth Yap (Singapore)

10:00-11:15 am **Same Sex Parenting: "Same Same or Different?"**

The rights and legal responsibilities of same-sex parents

Moderator: Katharine W Maddox (USA)

Speakers: Azan Marwah (Hong Kong, China)
Alexandre Boiché (France)
Keiko Imazato (Japan)
Mrinalini Sen (India)
Richard Roane (USA)

11:15-11:45 am Coffee/tea break

11:45-1:00 pm **Enforcement: "What's Mine is Yours"**

How to enforce financial and property rights across international borders

Moderator: Steven Yoda (USA)

Speakers: Jason Tian (China)
Lisa Wong (Hong Kong, China)
Francesco Mazzei (Italy)
Byron Leong (Australia)

Friday 5 December

8:45-9:00 am **The Case for the Day**

Corinne Remedios (Hong Kong, China)

9:00-10:15 am **Hague Convention: "Defending an Application for Child Abduction"**

To what extent does the child have a say?

Moderator: Inger Blackford (New Zealand)

Speakers: Jemma Mackenzie (Australia)
Patricia Apy (USA)
Justice Bebe Chu *ret'd* (Hong Kong, China)
Nina Hansen (England and Wales)

10:15-10:45 am Coffee/tea break

10:45-12.00 pm **Financial Disputes and 3rd Parties "Are There Three in This Relationship?"**

Adjudicating the rights and obligations of third parties in property division

Moderator: Rita Ku (Hong Kong, China)

Speakers: Margaret Neal (Australia)
Oren Weinberg (Canada)
Engelin Teh SC (Singapore)
Narghis Bundhun (Mauritius)

12:00-1.15 pm **Silks Session: "Saying No to the Exercise of Jurisdiction"**

When will one forum give way to another?

Moderator: Anita Chan KC (New Zealand)

Speakers: David Dura SC (Australia)
Geeta Luthra Senior Advocate (India)
Mairead Rattigan SC (Hong Kong, China)

1.15-2.15 pm Lunch

2.15-3.30 pm **Marriage Structuring: "Distrusting the Trust"**

Will control of a trust make it a marital asset?

Moderator: Claire Gordon (England and Wales)

Speakers: Nicholas Lobenthal (USA)

Dr John Bonello (Malta)

Prawidha Murti (Indonesia)

Deepak Nagpal KC (England and Wales) Hong Kong, China

3.30-3.45 pm Coffee/tea break

3.45-5.00 pm In memory of Anne Marie Hutchinson OBE

Ink on the Pre-Nuptial Agreements and Party Invitations

Moderator: Corinne Remedios (Hong Kong, China)

Speakers: Ian Kennedy AM (Australia)

Poonam Mirchandani (Singapore)

Jorge Cestero (USA)

The Hon Mr Justice Coleman (Hong Kong, China)

Anita Chan KC (New Zealand)

Winnie Chow (Hong Kong, China)

Simon Bruce (England and Wales)

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IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter Symposium
HOT TOPICS in International Family Law
Hong Kong Club, Hong Kong, China, Tuesday 2 December 2025

Conference Chairs: Kai Yun Wong (Singapore) and Corinne Remedios (Hong Kong, China)

Education Program Coordinators: John Spender (Australia), Inger Blackford (New Zealand) and William Sloan (Australia)

Tuesday 2 December

9:30–9:45 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Kai Yun Wong, immediate past President, IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter (Singapore)

09:45-11:15 am **What is HOT in Parenting Matters in Cross-Border Disputes?**

Session 1

Moderator: Winnie Chow (Hong Kong, China)

Speakers: Richard Min (USA)
Masami Kittaka (Japan)
Inmaculada Ruz (Spain)
Elodie Mulon (France)

11:15-11:45 am Coffee/tea break

11:45-1:15 pm **What is HOT in Forum Issues in Cross-Border Disputes?**

Session 2

Moderator: Eleanor Lau (Australia)

Speakers: Natalia Wilson (USA)
Ivan Cheong (Singapore)
Mingyue Gao (China)
Caroline Harnois (Canada)

1:15-2:45 pm Lunch

2:45-4:15 pm **What is HOT in Property Division in Cross-Border Disputes?**

Session 3

Moderator: Christine Arndt (Switzerland)

Speakers: Alex Carruthers (England and Wales)
William Sloan (Australia)
Zenobia du Toit (South Africa)
Dr Pinky Anand (India)

4:15-4:45 pm	**What is HOT in International Family Law Practice in Different Jurisdictions?**
Open Session	*Moderator:* Kai Yun Wong, immediate past President, IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter (Singapore) *Speakers:* Representatives from the various Bar Associations / Law Societies
4:45-5.00 pm	**What is HOT in the IAFL?**
Closing	Heather Hostetter, President, IAFL
5.00-6.30 pm	**Networking Drinks Reception**

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International Academy of Family Lawyers
European Chapter

IAFL Introduction to European Family Law

In cooperation with Bucerius Law School, Hamburg

23rd and 24th October 2025

Thursday, 23rd October 2025

10:00 am: Introduction and welcoming remarks

Emma Hatley, IAFL European Chapter President, and Prof. Dr. Henrike von Scheliha

10:15 am to 11:45: Session 1

Between borders and best interest: Child Protection in a Multi-Level legal framework

Keynote speaker: Prof. Dr. Henrike von Scheliha presents a recent case and related court orders in light of the Hague conventions of child abduction and protection of children and aspects of German constitutional law. The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion.

Panel Chair: Soma Kölcsényi, Hungary

Panel: Sandra Strahm, Switzerland

Carolina Marin Pedreno, England

11:45 to 12:15: Coffee Break

12:15 to 13:30: Session 2

Divorce proceedings all over Europe

Panel Chair: Renato Labi, England

Panel: Alexandre Boiché, France

Daniela Jezova, Slovakia

The panel presents answers to questions related with divorce proceedings, such as

- Jurisdiction for divorce proceedings in different systems: Forum conveniens vs. EU regulations
- Requirements for divorce in different jurisdictions (no-fault divorce; consequences for the party who is responsible for the breakdown of the marriage)
- Applicable law and recognition of foreign divorce orders

13:30 to 14:30: Lunch break

14:30 to 16:00: Session 3

The connection between international family law and immigration law

Chair: Dr. Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens, Germany

Panel: Alice Meier-Bourdeau, France

Konstantinos Rokas, Greece

We shed light on frequently asked questions, such as:

- Is a marriage concluded abroad (including religious marriages) valid?
- Can a foreign divorce (including private divorce) be recognised?
- Questions of descent as a prerequisite for a child's nationality
- Adoption and fostering in family reunification
- Habitual residence of the child in the event of the parents' flight

16:00 to 16:30: Coffee break

16:30 to 17:30: Young Lawyers' Award

Introduction and presentation of the winner and runner up: Alexandre Boiché

Presentation of the 2025 winner: Hannah Sheen, England

18:00: Drinks Reception

19:00: Dinner

Friday, 24th October 2025

9:00 to 10:30: Session 4

Married and unmarried couples: Maintenance and other financial consequences when relationships break down

Keynote speaker: Dr. Christopher Reibetanz speaks about the different treatment of marriage and non-marital partnerships in international private law and substantive law.

The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion which also focusses on financial consequences of the divorce.

Panel Chair: Valentine Darmois, France

Panel: Alexander Breedon, England

Lukas Deppenkemper, Germany

Lovisa Janhagen, Sweden

10:30 to 11:00: Coffee Break

11:00 to 12:15: Session 5

Becoming a mother through Reproductive Medicine: Legal perspectives in a transnational context

Keynote speaker: Anna Schneeberg speaks about legal pathways to motherhood through Reproductive Medicine in a transnational context.

The following panel discussion will, amongst others, line out the definition of motherhood in different European countries.

Panel Chair: Eniko Fulop, Romania

Panel: Sandra Verburgt, The Netherlands

Matthias Thorshaug Rengard, Norway

Carolyn Vanthienen, Belgium

12:15: Closing remarks

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IAFL ANNUAL MEETING, NAIROBI, KENYA **3-7 September 2025**

Program as at 1 September 2025

Monday 1 September	
0830 - 1400	Student Symposium on the Future of Family Law (for Law Students)
Tuesday 2 September 2025	
1000 - 1830	**Symposium at Trademark Hotel, Nairobi (for practitioners, members of the judiciary and civil society organisations)**
Wednesday 3 September 2025	
1830 - 1930	**AGM Welcome Drinks Reception at Trademark Hotel** *Presentation of the IAFL Early Career Awards*
1930 – 2200	**AGM Dinner at Trademark Hotel**
Thursday 4 September 2025	
0830 - 0845	**Welcome and introduction to the Education Program** Brief opening remarks: **Rachael Kelsey**, IAFL President (Scotland) **Ramadhan Abubakar**, President, East Africa Law Society (Kenya) Welcome to Nairobi and tribute to the Late Judy Thongori SC: **Faith Odhiambo** (President, Law Society of Kenya)
0845 – 0915	**PLENARY SESSION 1**
	FAMILY LAW IN KENYA: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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	Chair: Zenobia du Toit (South Africa) **Panel:** 1. **Hon. Lady Justice Joyce Aluoch EBS,CBS (Rtd)** Judge of the High Court of Kenya and inaugural head of the Family Division of the High Court of Kenya 2. **Hon. Jacqueline Kibosia,** Senior Resident Magistrate at the Milimani Children's Court, Kenya 3. **Ruth Juliet Nyambura Gachanja**, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Lecturer, Kabarak University, School of Law (Kenya)
0915 – 1030	**PLENARY SESSION 2**
	CHANGING FAMILY LAW IN OUR CHANGING WORLD Part I: Influencing and affecting legislative change **Chair**: **Patricia Mundia,** (Kenya) 1. **Hon. Anne Musiwa,** Rapporteur to African Union Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (Zimbabwe) 2. **Hon. Millie Grace Akoth Odhiambo Mabona,** Member of Parliament (Kenya) 3. **Cheryl Hepfer,** (Maryland, USA) 4. **Barbara Mills KC**, Chair of the Bar Council of England and Wales (England)
1030 – 1100	**Coffee Break & Networking**

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1100 - 1200	**AUDREY DUCROUX MEMORIAL LECTURE**
	Chair: Rachael Kelsey (Scotland) **Speaker: Her Ladyship Martha K. Koome,** Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of Kenya
1200 - 1315	**PLENARY SESSION 3**
	CHANGING FAMILY LAW IN OUR CHANGING WORLD Part II: Judge-led change and strategic litigation in family law matters **Chair**: **Pat Moodley** (South Africa) **Panel:** 1. **The Hon. Judge Constance Baratang Mocumie,** Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal (South Africa) 2. **Judge Valentina Pavlicic**, President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro (Montenegro) 3. **Judge Dr Natasa Plavsic,** Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia (Serbia) 4. **Karabo Ozah**, Director Centre for Child Law (South Africa) 5. **The Hon. Associate Chief Justice Gwen Hatch** of the Court of King's Bench (Family Division) (Manitoba, Canada)
1315 - 1415	**Lunch**

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1415 - 1530	PLENARY SESSION 4 – concurrent sessions	
	PRE-NUPS *This panel will be a discursive conversation about the challenges of dealing with pre-nups where there are international dimensions: When do your must have/like to have clauses or processes cause problems for me, and what do we do about it? One deed or two? Severability clause or not? and other challenges in multi-jurisdictional matters* **Chair: Shu-Mei Hoon** (Singapore) **Panel:** 1. **Beverly Clark** (South Africa) 2. **Larry Ginsberg** (California, US) 3. **Rose Mbanya** (Kenya) 4. **Elizabeth Carson** (England and Wales) 5. **Julie Losson (**France) 6. **Andy Hayher KC** (Canada) 7. **Monica Bardaji Pudejas** (Spain)	**DOMESTIC ABUSE, CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL CLAIMS** *This panel will contain a presentation on the latest research on domestic abuse and conduct in family law matters, and the impact it has on the outcome of financial claims, and then an interactive discussion on approaches internationally in relation to the impact (or not) that conduct has in financial outcomes.* **Chair: Gretchen Rubel** (California, USA) **Panel:** 1. **Olivia Piercy,** Co-Chair Resolution Economic Abuse Working Party (England and Wales) 2. **Judge Ruth Lumbongo Mbambi,** Registrar, Family and Children's Division of the High Court (Zambia) 3. **Caroline Harnois** (Canada) 4. **Karolina Zoi Andriakopoulou** (Greece) 5. **William Sloan** (Australia)
1530 – 1600	**Tea break**	
1600 - 1715	**PLENARY SESSION 5 – concurrent sessions**	

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	RELATIONSHIP STATUS & PROPRIETARY/FINANCIAL CLAIMS *An exploration of the status afforded to adult human relationships and the legal consequences that flow from status (or lack thereof). This panel will include consideration of the status of Cohabitation, Traditional Practices, Irregular Marriage, Plural Marriage and Polygamy* **Chair: Maria Mbeneka,** Treasurer, Commonwealth Lawyers Association (Kenya) **Panel:** 1. **Professor Jens Scherpe** (Denmark) 2. **Gary Yan** (Melbourne, Australia) 3. **Pamela Sloan** (New York, USA) 4. **Laura Hayes** (Texas, USA) 5. **Ochiel Dudley** (Kenya)	**CHILD PROTECTION** *This session will provide an in-depth discussion of the developments and hot topics in child protection law internationally, including the operation of the 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention.* **Chair: Patricia Apy** (New Jersey, USA) **Panel:** 1. **Hon. Anne Musiwa,** Rapporteur to African Union Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (Zimbabwe) 2. **Hon. Lady Justice Mwamba Chanda,** Judge-in-Charge, Lusaka High Court Family Division (Zambia) 3. **Joëlle Schickel-Küng** (Switzerland) 4. **Philippe Lortie,** First Secretary, Permanent Bureau, Hague Conference on Private International Law (Netherlands) 5. **Diahann Gordon Harrison**, Children's Advocate of Jamaica (Jamaica)

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Friday 5 September 2025	
1530 – 1600	**Asia-Pacific Chapter AGM**
1600 - 1630	**USA Chapter AGM**
1630 – 1700	**Canada Chapter AGM**
1700 – 1730	**European Chapter AGM**
Saturday 6 September 2025	
0830 - 0930	**PLENARY SESSION 6**
	Novel and Hot Topics in Child Law *This panel will consider a number of developing areas of law, including: the significance of the child's right to identity and the impact in child law matters; recent research and emerging practice in relation to violence against parents by children; frontiers of children's capacity- recent cases from England and Wales, and adoption and kinship care.* **Chair: Sam Lewis** (South Africa) 1. **Mia Dambach, Executive Director, Child Identity Protection (CHIP)** (Switzerland) 2. **Charles Hale KC** (England and Wales) 3. **Leah Kiguatha** (Kenya)
0930 - 1030	**PLENARY SESSION 7**

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	Wellbeing in Family Law – How to get the best from yourself and others in 2025 and beyond *We will give you the opportunity to submit questions in advance to this panel of experts drawn from the fields of coaching psychology and law firm management. A large part of the session will be an opportunity for the experts to take your questions.* **Chair: Sarah Anticoni** (England and Wales) 1. **Meighan Harmon,** (Illinois, USA) 2. **Dr Catherine Sykes,** Consultant Psychologist, (England) 3. **Rita Ku** (Hong Kong, China)
1030 – 1040	**Presentation of the IAFL International Guide on the Legal Issues related to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity** **David Allison**, Chair of the SOGI Committee (England and Wales)
1040 – 1100	**Coffee & Networking**
1100 – 11.45	**PLENARY SESSION 8**
	IN CONVERSATION WITH … *Barrister, Rachel Cooper, is the driving force behind the first, and most successful, family law podcast in the UK- the Family Law Week Podcast. She started it in 2019 and has interviewed a wide range of people with an interest in family law including judges, practitioners and others involved in the civil justice system. She will be interviewing Justice Steven Arnold Majiedt, a current Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of South Africa. Justice Majiedt's practicing career was characterised by significant political work, and his ethos is primarily centered on advocating for the voiceless. He completed his legal training before the transition to a democratic government in South Africa, and will be giving us his thoughts on the evolution of family law during his career.*

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	Justice Steven Arnold Majiedt, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of South Africa **Chair: Rachel Cooper** (England and Wales)
1145 – 1230	**IAFL Annual General Meeting for All Fellows**
1230 – 1245	**Board of Governors' Meeting**

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Tuesday 2 September 2025, Trademark Hotel, Village Market, Nairobi

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Tuesday 2 September	
09:00 - 09:15	**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME** **Moderator: Patricia Mundia,** IAFL **Faith Odhiambo**, President, Law Society of Kenya **Ramadhan Abubakar**, President, East Africa Law Society (Kenya) **Maria Mbeneka**, Treasurer, Commonwealth Lawyers Association (Kenya) **Rachael Kelsey**, President, International Academy of Family Lawyers (Scotland)
09:15 - 09:30	**SESSION 1**
	GENDER INEQUALITY IN FAMILY LAWS IN AFRICA: An Overview Of Key Trends in 20 African Countries **Moderator: Pat Moodley**, IAFL **Esther Waweru**, Senior Legal Adviser, Equality Now (Kenya)

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09:30 - 10:30	**SESSION 2**
	CROSS BORDER AJS AND NCDR **Moderator: Patricia Mundia,** IAFL **Speakers:** **Chacha Odera** (Kenya) **Anthony Asiimwe** (Uganda) **Prisca Chogero** (Tanzania) **Efe Etomi** (Nigeria) **Dr Joseph Yav** (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
10:30 - 11:00	**Tea and Networking**
11:00 – 11:15	**SESSION 3**
	UN COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILD **Moderator: Pat Moodley,** IAFL **Speaker: Timothy Ekesa,** UN Committee on the Rights of the Child; Director, Kenya Alliance for Advancement of Children
11:15 - 13:00	**SESSION 4**
	HAGUE CONVENTIONS IN AFRICA: Adoption, Abduction and Child Support Conventions **Moderator: Maria Mbeneka**, Commonwealth Lawyers Association

	Speakers: • **The Hon. Judge Constance Baratang Mocumie, Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal** (South Africa) • **Hon. Lady Justice Joyce Aluoch EBS,CBS (Rtd)** Judge of the High Court of Kenya and inaugural head of the Family Division of the High Court of Kenya • **Philippe Lortie**, First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private International Law HCCH (Netherlands) • **Adelaide Benneh Prempeh** (Ghana) • **Leah Kiguatha** (Kenya) • **The Hon. Associate Chief Justice Gwen Hatch** of the Court of King's Bench (Family Division) (Manitoba, Canada) • **Joëlle Schickel-Küng** (Switzerland)
13:00 - 14:00	**Lunch**
14:00 - 15:15	**SESSION 5**
	CHILD RIGHTS' IMPLEMENTATION, DATA, IDENTITY AND PROTECTION **Moderator**: **Ruth Juliet Nyambura Gachanja**, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Lecturer, Kabarak University, School of Law (Kenya) **Speakers :** • **Nankali Maksud,** Child Protection Regional Advisor, UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Office (Kenya) • **Mia Dambach**, Executive Director, Child Identity Protection (Switzerland) • **Everlyne Simiyu,** Directorate of Strategy, Planning & Organizational Productivity, Judiciary of Kenya (Kenya) • **Diahann Gordon Harrison**, Children's Advocate of Jamaica (Jamaica) • **Rachael Kelsey**, IAFL and CLA Family Law Committee Member (Scotland)

15:15 - 16:15	**SESSION 6**
	SURROGACY AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS **Moderator: Patricia Mundia,** IAFL **Speakers:** • **The Hon. Millie Grace Akoth Odhiambo Mabona,** Member of Parliament (Kenya) • **Karabo Ozah**, Director of the Centre for Child Law (South Africa) • **Prof Jens Scherpe**, Aalborg University (Denmark)
16:15 - 16:45	**SESSION 7**
	CRADLE- A Celebration Chaired by **Ruth Juliet Nyambura Gachanja**, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Lecturer, Kabarak University, School of Law (Kenya)
16:45 - 17:00	**Close** **Rachael Kelsey**, IAFL (Scotland)
17:00 – 18:30	**Drinks Reception**

IAFL EUROPEAN CHAPTER MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAM
21 – 25 May 2024
Istanbul, Turkey
Swissôtel The Bosphorus
Education Program Chairs
Carolina Marín Pedreño (England & Wales), Mert Yalcin (Turkey),
Daniela Ježová (Slovakia), Soma Kölcsényi (Hungary)

Thursday 22 May 2025

08:30 – 08:40: Welcome and Introduction to the Education Program
Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands), European Chapter President

08:40 – 09:00: History of Istanbul
Haluk Mimaroğlu, Broadcaster

09:00 – 10:30: Navigating Family Law Across Diverse Religious Contexts: An International Perspective
Chair: Mert Yalcin (Turkey)
Speakers:
Mani Singh Basi, Judge of the Sikh Court and Barrister at 4PB (England & Wales)
Marzia Ghigliazza (Italy)
Delphine Eskenazi (France)
Diana Hamade' AlGhurair (UAE)
Alexandra Tribe (England & Wales)

10:30 - 11:00: Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30: The Discovery of Assets in your Jurisdiction and Abroad for Financial Litigation
Chair: Carolina Marín Pedreño (England & Wales)
Speakers:
Sirin Yüce (Switzerland)
Sara Ismail (Cayman Islands)
Barbara Corbett (Jersey)
Tim Amos KC (England & Wales)

12:30: End of Session

18:30 – 19:30: Happy Hour at the Swissôtel The Bhosphorus

Friday 23 May

09:00 – 09:30: The Transformation of Law – The Big Moment of AI
Chair: Mert Yalcin (Turkey)
Speaker: Emin Alper Karaçar, Head of Consulting, KPMG (Turkey)

09:30 – 11:00: Litigating Before the Supreme Court
Chair: Alice Meier-Bourdeau (France)
Speakers:
Michael Horton KC (England & Wales)
Richard Min (New York, USA)
Christine Pasquier-Ciulla (Monaco)

11:00 – 11:30: Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30: **Mediation in Cross Border Cases, Arbitration, Collaborative and the Judicial Approach**
Chair: Soma Kölcsényi (Hungary)
Speakers:
Dr Adrienn Várai Jeges, Head of Family Law Group, Judge (Hungary)
Teertha Gupta KC, (England & Wales)
Yordanka Bekirska (Bulgaria)

12:30: End of session

19:00 – 23:00 Evening Party at Yalcin & Toygar Law Office for All

Saturday 24 May

09:00 – 09:30: Divorce Coaching: What do Clients Expect from Us and their Different Emotional Phases in the Process
Introduction: Carolina Marín Pedreño (England & Wales)
Speaker: Sara Davison, The Divorce Coach, Author (England)

9:30-10:45: Case Study with Q&A
Chair: Daniela Ježová (Slovakia)
Speakers:
William Longrigg (England & Wales)
Alfred Kriegler (Austria)
Mayte Garcia (Spain)

10:45-11:15: Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15: Protection of Family (and Children)
Chair: Mert Yalcin (Turkey)
Speakers:
Oleksandr Gubin (Ukraine)
Anita Vimlati (Hungary)
Mindaugas Vaiciunas (Lithuania)
Hansu Yalaz (Partner, Chauveau Mulon & Associés France)

12:15 – 12:45: Club 25 Ceremony

12:45 – 13:15: Mor Cati – Women's Shelter Foundation

IAFL US & CANADIAN CHAPTERS MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAM

Education Program Committee:
Chair: Melissa A. Kucinski (Washington, D.C., USA)
Jonathan Lounsberry (South Carolina, USA)
Jessica Kirk Drennan (Alabama, USA)

Chapter Presidents:
Wendy Brooks Crew (Alabama, USA) and Oren Weinberg (Ontario, Canada)

Welcome to Charleston, South Carolina. Our Education Programs are based on a hypothetical family who is experiencing some significantly complicated legal issues. With guidance from our expert legal teams on each panel, we will debate the merits of our family's legal problems and propose solutions to solve their family law woes.

Thursday, February 6, 2025

8:30 to 8:40 AM **Introduction and Welcome from the Chapter Presidents**

Wendy Brooks Crew (Alabama, USA) & Oren Weinberg (Ontario, Canada)

8:40 to 9:10 AM **Welcome to Charleston**

Our Opening Speaker will welcome all fellows with a fascinating tale of the history of this great city.

Katherine Pemberton, Museum Director of the Powder Magazine Museum and Director of Programming for the National Society of Colonial Dames in America in the State of South Carolina

9:10 to 9:20 AM **Mobile Families and Conflicts in Laws**

You will be introduced to a highly mobile family. For each panel, a team of international lawyers will advise and guide our family through a complex maze of international family law problems, which will highlight the complex conflict of laws problems that may exacerbate litigation, and, hopefully, propel settlement.

Peter and Kay are a highly mobile, international couple, that are finding themselves in a lot of legal trouble as they navigate starting a family, marrying, divorcing, and addressing their finances. We have assembled some of the most sophisticated global legal teams to provide advice to Peter and/or Kay.

Introduction by Melissa Kucinski, Managing Partner of the "IAFL International Law Firm"

9:20 to 10:20 AM **Valuing an international business**

Kay is the part-owner of an international lumber and shipping company. The company is headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware, United States, but has its warehouse and shipping facility in Canada. Peter is the owner of an import/export company that has done significant business throughout the Asia-Pacific region, including in Singapore. Its headquarters is in London, and it has a satellite office in Melbourne, Australia.

Both Kay and Peter need to value these international companies, and they agree to hire Mr. Brian Burns to conduct a neutral business valuation of each.

Speakers: Brian Burns (Richmond, Virginia), Ian Kennedy, AM (Melbourne, Australia), Mélissa Chevalier (Montreal, QC, Canada)

10:20 to 10:30 AM **DivorceLawyer.com speaking**
10:30 to 10:50 **Break**

10:50 to 12:00 PM **International Parentage and Surrogacy**

Peter and Kay are madly in love, but Kay is having difficulty conceiving a child, something she desperately wants. The couple is not yet married. Kay is living in Paris, France in a home owned by Peter, but travels frequently to Canada, where she oversees operations for her family's business. Peter is spending time between England and France. He periodically travels to the Asia-Pacific region to engage in business as part of his international import/export company. Kay travels to the United States where she reconnects with her good friend, Rachael, who is willing to be the surrogate that carries Kay's child.

Speakers: Colin Rogerson (London, England), Bruce Hale (Boston, Massachusetts), Shirley Eve Levitan (Toronto, Canada)

Friday, February 7, 2025

8:30 to 10:00 AM **The International Movement of Children**

Kay's child, Marlene, is born through Rachael. Kay and Marlene will spend approximately four months each year in France, Canada, and the United States with the child, although she may periodically visit Peter while he is on job assignment elsewhere. During one visit with Peter in Singapore, where he was negotiating a new contract for his company, Peter proposes that they temporarily relocate to Singapore for one year. Kay agrees to the temporary relocation, but, concerned about packing the family's households with a now 2-year-old toddler, Kay travels to the United States and leaves Marlene with Rachael, who is also the child's godmother. Rachael has a close connection to Marlene and is very concerned about the family's plans to relocate to Singapore. Rachael refuses to return Marlene to Peter and Kay when it comes time for the move. Peter and Kay file a lawsuit in New York, where Rachael is living, seeking Marlene's return.

Speakers: Richard Min (New York, New York), Isabelle Rein-Lescasteryres (Paris, France), Alexandra Carr (Toronto, Canada)

10:00 to 10:10 AM **CBIZ Speaking**
10:10 to 10:30AM **Break**

10:30 to 12:00 PM **The role of fault in dividing international assets, the transfer of assets between countries and other considerations**

Fast forward. Peter and Kay manage to resume care and custody of Marlene from Rachael. Rachael is in jail in the United States for having kidnapped Marlene. Peter and Kay have reconciled and remained in Singapore beyond the one year originally contemplated. They marry in a small private ceremony at home in Singapore. Marlene is now age 5, It's finally time for Peter and Kay to enroll Marlene in school, and Kay would like the child to attend an elite private boarding school in Canada. Peter and Kay get into a fight. Kay moves out with Marlene and goes to her family home in Canada. She rekindles a relationship with Jason, an old boyfriend from university, who now plays for the National Hockey League (NHL). Jason lives most of the year in New York and is spending substantial time with Kay in Peter and Kay's two-bedroom apartment on the Upper East Side, which Peter and Kay had utilized as a pied a terre. When Peter finds out, he decides to divorce Kay.

The couple has the following key assets:

For Kay: Bank and Brokerage accounts in Canada, the United States, Singapore, and France; retirement assets in New York; a share in the family

business in Canada, which is held in a trust; a small condo in Paris; an inheritance right in the real estate where she resides while in Canada; among other things.

For Peter: Bank and Brokerage accounts in England, France, Singapore, and Australia; retirement assets in England; his import/export company that is headquartered in London; a house in Paris, France; an apartment in New York, among other things.

Speakers: Karon Bales (Toronto, Canada), Gretchen Beall Schumann (New York, NY), Tim Amos, KC (London, England), Kai Yun Wong (Singapore)

Saturday, February 8, 2025

8:15 to 9:15 AM **US Chapter and Canadian Chapter Business Meetings**

9:15 to 9:35 AM **Break**
9:35 to 9:40 AM **Wilmington speaking**
9:45 to 11:15 AM **International Discovery**

Peter and Kay are in the thick of litigation in France (for child custody), Singapore (for divorce), and Canada (for the division of certain assets). They realize that for all aspects of their case, they are going to need information from within and without each country. They each independently consult their legal teams about how to obtain the necessary disclosures.

As a reminder, the parties have the following assets:

For Kay: Bank and Brokerage accounts in Canada, the United States, Singapore, and France; a share in the family business in Canada; a small condo in Paris; her relative having passed, real estate where she resides while in Canada as well as real estate in Alabama where she stays while visiting Rachael; among some other assets. Peter also suspects that Kay owns 40% of a subsidiary of her family's business that has multiple sites in the Alabama Gulf shores.

For Peter: Bank and Brokerage accounts in England, France, Singapore, and Australia; his import/export company that is headquartered in London; a house in Paris, France; among some other assets. Peter also owns real estate in London which he inherited from a wealthy aunt. He and Kay stayed in one of the properties from time to time when on vacation and/or passing through London *en route* to Singapore.

Both are also very wary of the other hiding additional assets and consult their respective teams on how to obtain as much financial information about the other as possible and the most efficiently.

Speakers: Frances Auchincloss Goldsmith (Paris, France), Jane Keir (London, England), Kenneth Fishman (Toronto, Canada), Jessica Kirk Drennan (Birmingham, Alabama)

IAFL EUROPEAN CHAPTER MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAM
4 – 8 December 2024
Paris, France
The Westin, Paris Vendôme
Education Program Chairs

Magali van Maanen (Netherlands) and Alex Boiché (France)

Thursday 5 December 2024

09:00 – 09:30: Welcome and Introduction to the education program
Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands)

09:30 – 10:45: Introduction to case study – Matrimonial Property and Succession
Chair: Alex Boiché
Panel:
Eelco Anink (Netherlands)
Julia Pasche (Germany)
Laura Dale (Texas, USA)
Fredric Renström (Sweden)
Dervla Browne (Ireland)
Beatriz Martinez (Brazil)

10:45 - 11:15: Coffee break

11:15 - 12:30: Case study on topics discussed in panel - with contributions from each table of delegates

12:30 – 13:00: 35th Anniversary: Landmark Law Decisions

13:00: End of Session

18:30 – 19:30: Happy Hour at the Westin Paris Vendôme for All

Friday 6 December 2024

09:00 – 09:45: Bina de Boer (Keynote speaker), Adoption Coach, Trainer, NLP Coach, Systemic work

09:45 – 11:15: Adoption and Assisted Reproduction
Chair: Magali van Maanen
Panel:
Jemma Dally (England & Wales)
Amy Hickman (Florida, USA)
Eniko Fulop (Romania)
Geeta Luthra (India)
Tarik Zouhair (Morocco)

11:15 – 11:45: Coffee break

11:45 – 12:30: **The Evolution of the International Family Law in the last 35 years and in the next 35 years**
Speaker: Professor Dr.Horatia Muir-Watt

12:30 – 13:15: Community Support Activity - Stuff a Bag for Barreau des Rues
Co-Presidents of the Barreau des Rues, Gregory Groleas and Lilly Diener along with Anne-Sophie Laguens, Maxime Clery Melin, Pierre-François Rousseau, and Alice Meier-Bourdeau and Marie Hue.
Please donate chocolates, sweets and cakes (individually wrapped).

13:15: End of session

13:15 – 14:15: Light Lunch at the Westin Paris Vendôme for All

19:00 – 20:00: Happy Hour at the Westin Paris Vendôme for All

Saturday 7 December 2024

09:00 – 10:00: Recent Case Law European Court of Justice and European Court of Human Rights
Speaker: Prof. Dr. Ian Sumner (Netherlands)

1**0:00-10:30: Summary and end of education program wrap up**
Alex Boiché and Magali van Maanen

10:30: End of Education Program

10:30 – 11:00: Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00: IAFL European Chapter AGM

IAFL INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE
TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER
CONSEIL SUPÉRIEUR DU NOTARIAT, PARIS

PROGRAM

10.00 - 11.30 **Session 1:** Packaging a family by agreement – how effective are agreements when it comes to regulating where children live and maintenance?
Speakers: Jennifer Wilkie, Scotland; Bérangère Diot, France; Sarah Jane Boon, England, Melis Yoka Asova, Turkey

11.30 - 12.00 **Coffee Break and Networking**

12.15 - 13.30 **Session 2:** Access and enforcement of maintenance obligations

Speakers: Frances Goldsmith, France; John Davies, England; Gaëlle Bonnet, France ; Sophie de Carné de Carnavalet ; Representative of the French Central Authority

13.30 - 14.30 **Light Lunch**

14.30 - 16.00 **Session 3:** Relocation and child abduction

Speakers: Amy Rowe, England; Christelle Unsalan, France; Michael Wells Greco, Switzerland; Agata Kiełczyńska, Poland

16.00 **Champagne Reception**

IAFL USA-Canada Meeting, Seattle, Washington

Day One: Thursday September 12, 2024 (2.5 hours 8:30am-11am) 2 hours 30 minutes total

a. *Welcome Remarks*: Peter Buchbauer & Kay Melby (5min; 8:30am-8:35am)
b. *Seattle introductory speaker*: Judge Abby Abinanti (1 hour; 8:35am-9:35am)
c. BREAK (25 min; 9:35am-10:00am)
d. *Hot Topics in Family Law* (1 hour; 10:00am-11:00am)
    i. Julie Gerock
    ii. Caroline Harnois
    iii. Lucy Loizou

Day Two: Friday September 13, 2024 (3.5 hours 8:30am-12:00pm) 3 hours 30 minutes total

a. *Sleepless in Seattle: Losing Sleep over Complex Financial Quagmires* (1 hour 30 min; 8:30am-10:00am)
    1. Ric Roane moderator
    2. Nancy Green
    3. Richard Diamond
    4. Heather Apicella
    5. Jeffrey Brend
b. BREAK (30 min; 10:00am-10:30am)
c. *Custody Conundrums IRL: Decoding a Child's "Nope," "No Way," "IDK" and Other Legal Labyrinths* (1 hour 30 min; 10:30am-12:00pm)
    1. Kelly Schindell DeLacey moderator
    2. Gretchen Rubel
    3. Ginger Connell
    4. Michael Stangarone
    5. Stacy Heard

Day Three: Saturday September 14, 2024 (3 hours 9:00am-12:00pm) 3 hours total

a. Chapter meetings (1 hour; 9:00am-10:00am)
b. BREAK (30 minutes; 10:00am-10:30am)
c. *Marcum Presentation* to Fellowship (10:30am – 10:40am)
d. *Baldwin v. Reed Baldwin* (1 hour 15 min; 10:40am–11:55pm)
    i. Ret. Judge Dianna Gould-Saltman
    ii. Lucy Loizou & Mudita Chawla as facilitators
e. *Closing remarks*: Peter Buchbauer & Kay Melby (5 min; 11:55am – 12:00pm)

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IAFL ANNUAL MEETING, BOSTON, USA **5-9 JUNE 2024**

Wednesday 5 June 2024	
1830 - 1930	**Welcome Drinks Reception**
2000 – 2300	**Dinner**
Thursday 6 June 2024	
0830 - 0900	**Welcome and introduction to the Education Program** **Opening remarks:** Rachael Kelsey, IAFL President (Scotland, UK) **Welcome from our Principal Sponsor:** Marcum LLP **Welcome to Boston:** Geraldine Gruvis-Pizarro, Director of Advocacy and Pro Bono, Volunteer Lawyers Project
0900 - 1030	**PLENARY SESSION 1**
	CHILD LAW ISSUES FOR INTERNATIONALLY MOBILE FAMILIES **Chair**: The Hon. Justice Tom Altobelli AM, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) (Sydney, Australia) **Panel:** Hachem El Housseini (Lebanon) Larry Ginsberg (California, USA) Karabo Ozah (South Africa) Ekaterina Tyagay (Russian Federation)

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1030 – 1100	**Coffee Break & Networking**		
1100 - 1230	**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**		
	CONCURRENT SESSION 2A **HAGUE ABDUCTION CONVENTION** **Chair:** Ed Freedman (Israel) **Panel:** Philippe Lortie, First Vice President, Permanent Bureau, Hague Conference on Private International Law Richard Min (New York, USA) Michael Gration KC (England & Wales, UK) Zenobia du Toit (South Africa) Carolina Marín Pedreño (England & Wales, UK) Ruth L. Mbambi, Registrar of the Family and Children's Division of the High Court (Zambia)	**CONCURRENT SESSION 2B** **PRE-NUPS IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT** **Chair:** Shu Mei Hoon (Singapore) **Contributors:** Sheridan Emerson (Australia) Arnaud Gillard (Belguim) Daniela Horvitz Lennon (Chile) Lucy Loizou (England & Wales, UK) Lisa Wong (Hong Kong) Judith Poller (New York, USA) Gonzalo Gross (Uruguay)	**CONCURRENT SESSION 2C** **TRANSGENDER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE LAW** **Chair:** John McKendrick KC (England & Wales, UK) **Contributors:** Lavanya Regunathan Fischer (India) Nadia de Araujo (Brazil) Hirotaka Honda (Japan)

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Friday 7 June 2024	
0900 - 1000	**PLENARY SESSION 3**
	CHALLENGES OF PRACTICE **Chair:** Sarah Anticoni (England & Wales, UK) **Panel:** Robert Russell, Cage & Miles, (San Diego, USA) Jerry Zhou, Co-Founder, Supio (Seattle, USA) David Leadercramer (England & Wales, UK)
1000 - 1030	**PLENARY SESSION 4**
	BEING BRAVE AND REAPING THE BENEFITS **Chair:** Sarah Anticoni (England & Wales, UK) **Speaker:** Barbara Mills KC (England & Wales, UK)
1030 – 1100	**Coffee Break & Networking**

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1100 - 1200	**PLENARY SESSION 5**
	FORUM COMPETITION IN FINANCE MATTERS **Chair:** Anita Chan KC (New Zealand) **Panel:** Sherri Anderson (Washington State, USA) Charlotte Butruille-Cardew (France) Judy Thongori (Kenya) Emma Hatley (England & Wales, UK)
1200 - 1300	**PLENARY SESSION 6**
	PARENTS, CHILDREN AND SOCIAL MEDIA **Chair**: Heather Hostetter (Maryland, USA) **Speaker:** Professor Katharine B. Silbaugh, Boston University (Boston, USA)
1300 - 1400	**LUNCH**
1330 - 1430	**STUFF A BAG**

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Saturday 8 June 2024	
0900 – 0930	**IAFL AGM for all Fellows**
0930 – 1000	**Board of Governors' Meeting - open to all**
1000 – 1030	**Coffee Break & Networking**
1100 - 1200	**PLENARY SESSION 7**
	AUDREY DUCROUX MEMORIAL LECTURE **Chair:** Rachael Kelsey (Scotland, UK) **Speaker:** Ambassador Johnnie Carson, former Assistant Secretary of State and Ambassador to Kenya
1200 - 1300	**Lunch**
1300 - 1400	**PLENARY SESSION 8**
	HOW FAMILY VIOLENCE IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN FINANCIAL PROCEEDINGS **Chair:** Paul Doolan (Australia) **Panel:** Jacky Campbell (Australia) Shelley Hounsell-Gray KC (Nova Scotia, Canada) Adelaide Benneh Prempeh (Ghana) Thomas D. Colin, Connecticut Superior Court Judge (Ret.) (Connecticut, USA)

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1400 - 1415	EDUCATION CLOSE
	Closing remarks: Rachael Kelsey, IAFL President (Scotland, UK)

IAFL INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LAW SCHOOL OF ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY, THESSALONIKI
EDUCATION PROGRAM

Wednesday 17 April

13:30-13:45 **Welcome and Introduction to the Education Program**
Opening remarks: Sandra L.A. Verburgt, Netherlands, European Chapter President

13:45-14:45 **Session 1:** Presentation of the EJN (European judicial network in civil and commercial matters)
And The new EU Commission Proposal on protection of adults

Speaker: Marie Vautravers, Secretary of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters, DG JUST, European Commission

14:45-15:15 **Coffee Break and Networking**

15:15-16:45 **Presentation of Greece's new legislation on same-sex marriage and recognition of decisions establishing a parent-child relationship in same-sex couples**

Speakers:

1. Konstantinos Rokas, Greece
2. Professor Lina Papadopoulou
3. Hugues Gaston, France
4. Alberto Perez Cedillo, Spain and England
5. Agnieszka Swaczyna, Poland

16:45-17:00 **Closing remarks: First Conference Day** - Rachael Kelsey, IAFL President

18:45-20:00 **Welcome Drinks Reception at Mpakal Restaurant**

20:00-22:30 **Dinner at Mpakal Restaurant**

Thursday 18 April

09:00-10:00 **Session 1: update on ECHR case law on adoption, separation and placement**

Speakers:

1. Gregory Thuan dit Dieudonné, France
2. Karina Löhmus-Ein, Estonia
3. Simona Ambroziunaité, Lithuanie

10:00-10:30 **Session 2: Subpoena and service of decisions**

Speakers:
1. Apostolos Anthimos, Greece

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break and Networking**

11:00-12:15 **Session 3: Pre and post-nuptial agreements**

Speakers:
1. Eniko Fulop, Romania
2. Johan Sarvik, Sweden
3. Aleksandar Pavleski, Serbia
4. Alexander Breedon, UK

12:15-13:30 **Light Lunch**

13:30-14:45 **Session 4:** Crossborder families in times of trouble (war, refugee issue etc)

Speakers:
1. Ed Freeman, Israel
2. Dimitrios Kourtis, Greece
3. Oksana Voinarovska. Ukraine
4. Brikena Kasmi, Albania

14:45-15:15 **Coffee Break and Networking**

15:15-15:45 **Session 5:** Presentation of IAFL European Chapter Young Lawyers' Award 2024
By Olalla Garcia-Arreciado, England

15:45-16:00 **Closing Remarks -** Sandra L.A. Verburgt, Netherlands, European Chapter President

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IAFL ASIA PACIFIC CHAPTER MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAM
Emporium Hotel, Southbank, Brisbane, Australia
21st-25th February 2024

'Navigating Troubled Waters and International Borders'

Education Program Chairs:
Hon. Michelle May AM KC (Australia),
Geoff Wilson (Australia), Kai Yun Wong (Singapore)

Thursday 22nd February

9:00-9:30 **Introduction and Welcome**
Geoff Wilson (Australia) IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter President and Victoria Parker CEO of the meeting charity The Lady Musgrave Trust

Welcome to Country

9:30-10:15 ***The lighthouse and other beacons***

The internationally acclaimed Lighthouse Project and other developments in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Divisions 1 and 2

Moderator: Hon Michelle May AM KC (Australia)

Speakers: Judge Kevin Lapthorn, Judge of the Federal Circuit & Family Court of Australia (Division 2) and Lisa O'Neill, Senior Judicial Registrar, Federal Circuit & Family Court of Australia

10:15-10:45 ***Cruising the South Pacific (Part 1)***

Family Law and the South Pacific: Pluralism and Mixed Family Law Systems

Moderator: Hon Justice Susan Purdon-Sully, Supreme and National Courts of Papua New Guinea
Speaker: Professor Emerita Jennifer Corrin, University of Queensland (Australia)

10:45-11:30 ***Cruising the South Pacific (Part 2)***

Round up of family law in South Pacific countries

Moderator: Hon Justice Susan Purdon-Sully (Papua New Guinea)
Speakers: Seruwaia Nayacalevu (Fiji) and Isaac Hikaka, (Cook Islands)
Commentary: Professor Emerita Jennifer Corrin, University of Queensland (Australia)

11:30-12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00-1:15 ***Finding a safe harbour: The lunacy of jurisdiction and forum litigation for international families***

Judge: Professor David Hodson OBE KC (Hons) (England)
Speakers: Kai Yun Wong (Singapore) and Mark Parker (Australia)

1:15 **End of Session**

Friday 23rd February

9:00-10:30 ***Safe passage from prevailing winds***

- **Developments in prenuptial and post nuptial agreements around the globe particularly in the Asia Pacific region**
- **Best practice: assessment of and drafting of choice of law and forum clauses particularly in prenuptial and post nuptial agreements**

Moderator: Anita Chan KC (New Zealand)
Speakers: Michael Horton KC (England), Sheridan Emerson (Australia) and Naidong (Michael) Ma (China)

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30 ***Send out the life rafts and life jackets***

Coercive Control and Article 13 of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

Moderator: Sally Nicholes (Australia) and Keturah Sageman (Australia)
Speakers: The Hon. Justice Victoria Bennett AO, Federal Circuit & Family Court of Australia (Division 1) and Geeta Luthra (India)
Commentary: Evan Marks (Florida, USA), Shu Mei Hoon (Singapore), Inger Blackford (New Zealand), Keiko Imazato (Japan)

12:30-1:45 **Lunch Break**

1:45-3:00 ***Calming the high seas***

International Mediation, Arbitration, Collaborative Practice and other DR processes (early neutral evaluations, private financial adjudication (HK) & conciliation)

Moderator: Suzanne Kingston (England)
Speakers: Winnie Chow (Hong Kong, China), Andrew Davies (Australia), Lay Lian Kee (Singapore), Kim Kieller (Canada)

3:00-4:15 ***Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, QC (hon.) Memorial Lecture***

Moderator: Hon. Michelle May AM KC (Australia)
Speaker: Stephen Page (Australia)

4:15 **End of Education Program**

4:15-4:45 **IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter Annual General Meeting**

4:45-5:15 **IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter Management Meeting**

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Burning Issues in International Family Law
20 February 2024 9.30am-6.00pm

Dexus Place, Level 31, Waterfront Place,
1 Eagle Street, Brisbane, Australia

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Education Program Chairs:
Jacky Campbell (Australia), Geoff Wilson (Australia),
Kai Yun Wong (Singapore)

9.30 - 9.45 **Introduction and Welcome**
Geoff Wilson (Brisbane, Australia) President Asia Pacific Chapter and Teong Liang Yap, (Singapore) President Elect LAWASIA

9.45 - 11.15 **Session 1: What is HOT in Marriage and Divorce in Cross Border Disputes?**

- Recognition of cohabitation unions?
- Recognition of same sex marriages?
- Implications in cross border disputes?

Moderator: Kai Yun Wong (Singapore)
Presenters: Geeta Luthra (India); Justin Dowd (Australia); Billy Ko (Hong Kong, China); Marlene Moses (Tennessee, USA)

11.15 - 11.45 **Coffee break**

11.45 - 1.15 **Session 2: What is HOT in Parenting Matters in Cross Border Disputes?**

- Recognition of shared parenting?
- Acceded to the Hague Convention?
- Implications in cross border disputes?

Moderator: Jacky Campbell (Australia)
Presenters: Steven Yoda (California, USA); Masami Kittaka (Japan); Jason Tian (China); Rachael Kelsey (Scotland)

1.15 - 2.45 **Lunch**

2.45 - 4.15 **Session 3: What is HOT in Property Division in Cross Border Disputes?**

- Definition of matrimonial property, whether including premarital assets, or gifts/ inheritances?
- Any new developments and unique considerations in determining apportionment?
- Recognition of prenuptial agreements and property regimes?
- Implications in cross border disputes?

Moderator: Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands)
Presenters: Inger Blackford (New Zealand); Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres (France); Damien Greer (Australia); Suzanne Todd (England)

4.15 - 4.30 **Closing Remarks:** Rachael Kelsey (Scotland) IAFL President

4.30 – 6.00 **Networking and Drinks**

IAFL INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE
EDUCATION PROGRAM
Bucharest, Romania
Wednesday 15 November – Thursday 16 November 2023
Hilton Garden Inn Bucharest Old Town
Education Program Chairs
Daniela Jezova, Slovakia

Wednesday 15 November

13:30-13:45 **Welcome and Introduction to the Education Program**
Opening remarks: Sandra L.A. Verburgt, Netherlands, European Chapter President and Flavia Teodosiu, Counsellor, Bucharest Bar Association

13:45-14:45 **Session 1: Who knew? Different Perspectives of Interim Measures – useful tips in different jurisdictions. Short presentations and contributions from the floor**
Chair: Daniela Jezova, Slovakia

Speakers:
- Eniko Fulop, Romania
- William Healing, UK
- Julia Pasche, Germany

14:45-15:15 **Coffee Break and Networking**

15:15-15:45 **What´s new? The new EU Commission Proposals on the Recognition of Parenthood. Presentation.**
Speaker: Alice Meier-Bourdeau, France

15:45 – 16:00 **Closing remarks: First Conference Day** - Rachael Kelsey, IAFL President

18:30-20:00 **Welcome Drinks Reception at Linea Restaurant**

20:00-22:00 **Dinner at Linea Restaurant**

Thursday 16 November

09:00-10:00 **Session 1: What´s new? Brussels II bis Recast Regulation**
Chair: Renato Labi, UK

Speakers:
- Konstantinos Rokas, Greece
- Brikena Kasmi, Albania
- Alexandre Boiché, France

10:00-10:30 **Coffee Break and Networking**

10:30-11:30 **Session 2: Who knew? Important Fact of Family Law in Different Jurisdictions**
Chair: Sandra L.A. Verburgt, Netherlands

Speakers:

- Calin Viorel luga, Romania
- Sandra Strahm, Switzerland
- Katrin Orav, Estonia
- Yordanka Berkirska, Bulgaria

11:30 – 12:00 **Presentation of IAFL European Chapter Young Lawyers' Award - international matrimonial regimes – case study**
Speaker: Michael Allum, UK

12:00-13:30 **Light Lunch**

13:30-14:30 **Session 4: Who knew? What others should know about the child maintenance in your country? Short presentations and contributions from the floor**
Chair: Karen O´Leary, Ireland

Speakers:

- Inmaculada Ruz, Spain
- Soma Kölcsényi, Hungary
- Arnaud Gillard, Belgium

14:30-15:00 **Coffee Break and Networking**

15:00-15:45 **The child in times of war from Ukrainian perspective**
Speaker: Oksana Voynarovska, Ukraine

15:45 – 15:55 Our Family Wizard presentation

15:55-16:15 **Closing Remarks -** Sandra L.A. Verburgt, Netherlands, European Chapter President

IAFL Annual Meeting, USA and Canadian Chapters Meeting
Santiago, Chile, 6-10 September 2023

EDUCATION PROGRAM

As at 10-August-2023

Thursday 7 September 2023

8:30-8:45 **Introduction and Welcome**

Thomas J Sasser *IAFL President*
Peter Buchbauer *USA Chapter President*
Kay Melbye *Canadian Chapter President*

8:45-9:15 **Santiago introductory speaker**
Ambassador Bernadette M Meehan, *USA Ambassador to Chile*

9:15-10:00 **International Service of Process**

Moderator Michael S Coffee, *The George Washington University School of Law, Washington, D.C.*
Speaker Gary Caswell (San Antonio, TX)

10:00-10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30-12:00 **Comparative Jurisdictions – Family Law in Latin America**

Moderator Caroline Harnois (Canada)
Speakers Daniela Horvitz (Chile), Ana Maria Kudisch Castello (Mexico), Patricia Kuyumdjian de Williams (Argentina), Cassio S. Namur (Brazil)

End of Session

Friday 8 September 2023

8:30-9:45 **Asylum/Refugee Status and Intersection of the Hague Abduction Convention**

Moderator Melissa A Kucinski (Washington DC)
Speakers Natalia Olowska-Czajka (Warsaw, Poland), Michael J. Stangarone (Toronto, Canada), Ashley Goins Alderson (Nashville, TN)

9:45-10:15 *Coffee break*

10:15-11:15 **Comparative Law – Equal Parenting and Best Interests**

Moderator Katharine Maddox (Virginia, USA)
Speakers Keiko Imazato (Japan), Abed Awad (New Jersey), Fernanda Machado (Brazil), Evan Marks (Florida)

11:15-12:00 **Child Support and related financial considerations for children over the age of 18 years**

Moderator Mudita Chawla (New York)
Speakers Hassan Elhais (United Arab Emirates), Mayte Garcia Munumel (Spain), Victoria Ocampo (Argentina), Juan Francisco Zarricueta (Chile)

End of Session

Saturday 9 September 2023

8:30-9:30 **IAFL USA and IAFL Canada Chapter Meetings**

9:30-10:30 **IAFL Annual General Meeting and Board of Governors' Meeting**

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:00 **Audrey Ducroux Lecture**
Speaker Diahann Gordon Harrison (Jamacia)

IAFL INTODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE
EDUCATION PROGRAM
Santiago de Chile
Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Educational Program Chairs
Jorge M. Cestero, USA and Juan Francisco Zarricueta, Chile

EDUCATION PROGRAM
As at 26-July-2023

Tuesday 5 September 2023

10:00-10:10 **Introduction and Welcome**

Peter Buchbauer, USA and Juan Francisco Zarricueta, Chile

10:10-11:30 **Session 1: Who knew? Useful things you didn't know about the law in other jurisdictions.** Short presentations and contributions from the floor.
Chair: Jorge M. Cestero, Florida, USA
Panelists:
Cassio Namur, Brazil
Ana Maria Kudisch, Mexico
Juan Francisco Zarricueta, Chile
Richard Roane, Michigan, USA
Esther Susin Carrasco, Spain

11:30-12:00 **Conversation with a legend of International Family Law**
Hosted by Daniela Horvitz, legend Cheryl Hepfer, Maryland, USA

12:00-13:15 **LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING**

13:15-14:45 **Session 2: The rise of Interamerican Family Law: A discussion of treaties, enforcement, and realities.**
Chair: Jorge M. Cestero, USA
Panelists:
Elisha Roy, Florida, USA
Daniela Horvitz, Chile
Fernanda Machado Moreira, Brazil
Jeremy Morley, New York, USA
Michael Stangarone, Toronto, Canada
Gonzalo Gross, Uruguay

14:45-16:00 **Keynote speaker:** The Honorable Constanza Feliu Slater, Judge of the Family Court, Santiago, Chile and Professor Pablo Cornejo

16:00-17:00 Happy hour with IAFL Officials

IAFL ASIA PACIFIC CHAPTER MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAM
Banyan Tree Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Thursday 1 June 2023 – Protecting the money

8:45-9:15: Introduction and Welcome

Geoff Wilson (Australia) President Asia Pacific Chapter and a representative from the meeting charity 'Hands Across the Water'

9:15-9:45: Legal and Social Issues facing the Family in Thailand

Moderator: Nigel Nicholls (Australia)
Presenter: The Honourable Judge Apiradee Phoprom (Thailand)

9:45-10:30: Family Law in Thailand: An Overview

Moderator: Sharon Ser (Hong Kong, China)
Presenters: Sasirusm (Roll) B Chunhakasikarn (Thailand) and David Lawrence (Thailand)

10:30-11:00: Coffee break

11:00-12:30: Discovery: Comparison through Asia Pacific jurisdictions on available remedies

Moderator: Sheridan Emerson (Australia)
Presenters: Jocelyn Chi – Managing Director, Kroll (Hong Kong, China), Jacky Campbell (Australia), Foo Yet Ngo (Malaysia), Ashok Chugani (Singapore) and Cindy Diggs (Texas, USA)

12:30 End of Session

Friday 2 June 2023 – Protecting families/Protecting children

9:00-10:30 Marriage-like Relationships in the Asia Pacific Region

Moderator: Corinne Remedios (Hong Kong, China)
Presenters: James Stewart (England), Anita Chan KC (New Zealand), Winnie Chow (Hong Kong, China), Judge Amanda Humphreys (Australia) and Simon Bruce (England)

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

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Friday 2 June 2023 (continued)

11:00-12:15 **Application of Sharia law in jurisdictions with mixed jurisdictions**
Moderator: Foo Yet Ngo (Malaysia)
Presenters: Halijah Mohamad (Singapore) and Azmi bin Mohd Rais (Malaysia)

12:15-1:15 **International Commercial Surrogacy – ethical issues**
Moderator: Judge Alison Burt (Australia)
Presenters: The Hon. John Pascoe AC CVO (Australia), Margaret Casey KC (New Zealand) and Aimpaga Techa-Apikun (Thailand)

1:15-2:15 **Lunch Break**

2:15-3:15 **Abduction of Children to Non-Hague Convention Countries**
Moderator: Poonam Mirchandani (Singapore)
Presenters: Jason Tian (China), Pinky Anand (India), Kiran Dhaliwal (Malaysia) and Prawidha Murti (Indonesia)

3:15-4:00 **The Inaugural Lecture in honour of**
Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, QC (Hon)
Introducer: Corinne Remedios (Hong Kong, China)
Presenter: The Honourable, Mr Justice Russell Coleman (Hong Kong, China)

4:00-4:30 **Tea break**

END OF EDUCATION PROGRAM

4:30-5:00 **IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter Annual General Meeting**

5:00-5:30 **IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter Management Meeting**

IAFL INTRODUCTION TO
INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE
Bangkok, Thailand

Chair: John Spender (Australia)

Tuesday 30 May 2023

10:25-10:30: Introduction and Welcome

Geoff Wilson (Australia), IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter President and
Thomas Sasser (Florida, USA), IAFL President

10:30-11:30: Marriage and Divorce

- Requirements for a marriage
- Whether various religious ceremonies are recognised as marriages
- Whether same sex marriages are recognised
- Recognition of foreign marriages or divorces
- Jurisdictional requirements for divorce
- Grounds for divorce
- Whether common law marriages or de facto relationships are recognised

Moderator: Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands)
Presenters: Eleanor Lau (Australia), Diane Sussman (France) and Claudia Zhao (China)

11:30-12:00: Coffee Break

12:00-1:00: Parenting Matters

- Principles generally - what are the legal principles and bases for making parenting orders in the jurisdiction of the panellist?
- Approaches when a child is abducted by one parent to the jurisdiction of the panellist, including:
  - The approach and process where the 1980 Hague Abduction Convention applies and
  - The approach and process when the 1980 Hague Abduction Convention does not apply
- Approaches to relocation or leave to remove applications

Moderator: Corinne Remedios (Hong Kong, China)
Presenters: Makiko Mizuuchi (Japan), Ivan Cheong (Singapore) and Simon Bruce (England)

1:00-2:00: Lunch

2:00-3:20: Property and Financial Matters

- Jurisdictional requirements
- Does the relief sought need to be linked to an application for divorce?
- The property regime(s) prevailing in each jurisdiction
- Valuation and discovery issues, including whether there is a duty to make disclosure
- Dealing with assets overseas
- Forum disputes when more than one country may have jurisdiction
- Is it possible to have such pre-nuptial agreements in the jurisdiction of the panellist? If not, what is the next best thing one can do?
- Is it possible to have cross-jurisdictional agreements in the jurisdiction of the panellist
- Requirements for a valid pre-nuptial agreement
- Limitations of pre-nuptial agreements, including grounds to set them aside or declare them not to be binding

Moderator: John Spender (Australia)
Presenters: Lay Lian Kee (Singapore), Keturah Sageman (Australia), Steven Yoda (California) and Rita Ku (Hong Kong, China)

3:20-3:30: Closing Remarks

Geoff Wilson (Australia), IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter President and
Thomas Sasser (Florida, USA), IAFL President

3:00-4:00: Closing Tea

IAFL EUROPEAN CHAPTER MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAM
Venice, Italy
Sala Ridotto (level 1), Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal, Venice, Italy
Education Program Chairs

Francesca Zanasi (Italy) Alice Meier-Bourdeau (France) Michael Gouriet (England)

Thursday 2 February 2023

08:50 - 09:00: Welcome and introduction to the education program

Alberto Perez Cedillo (England and Spain)

09:00 - 09:40: A short history of Venice

Fabio Moretti (Italy) – President of the Music Conservatory of Venice and past President of the Academy of Fine Arts of Venice

09:40 - 10:40: Introduction to case study - itinerant families (loosely based on the travels of infamous Venetian adventurer and author Giacomo Casanova) - covering a range of topics such as relocation, abduction, polygamy, basis for divorce, cohabitation, child maintenance.

Panel:

Armando Restignoli (Italy)
Pascal Koerfer (France)
Annemarie Braun (Netherlands)
Paola Tamborero (Spain)
Liuda Yablokov (Russian Federation)

10:45 - 11:15: Coffee break

11:15 - 12:30: Case study on topics discussed in panel - with contributions from each table of delegates

12:30: End of session

Friday 3 February 2023

09:00 - 10:15: **Parental alienation – domestic and international**

Panel:

Soma Kölcsényi (Hungary)
Silvia Katzenmaier (Germany)
Michael Gration KC (England)
Dr Stefano Benzoni (Italy) - Child Neuropsychiatrist and Psychotherapist
Katharine Maddox (Virginia, USA)

10:15 – 10:45: Coffee break

10:45 - 11:30: Use of experts and use of evidence (oral and written) in family court proceedings - disparity of approach between jurisdictions

Panel:

Geraldine Keehan (Ireland)
Judith Poller (New York, USA)
Ia Sveger (Sweden)
Arnaud Gillard (Belgium)

11:30 - 12:15: Crypto currencies, digital assets and disclosure

Panel:

Kate Landells (England)
John Bonello (Malta)
Lisa Locca (Switzerland)
Nuno Cardoso Ribeiro (Portugal)

12:15: End of session

Saturday 4 February 2023

09:00 - 09:45: Alternative dispute resolution perspectives

Panel:

Elodie Mulon (France)
Gillian Crandles (Scotland)
Petra Beishuizen (Netherlands)
Joanna Wsolek (Poland)

09:45 - 10:30: Practising family law in times of uncertainty

Panel:

Carlo Rimini (Italy)
Aminat Suleymanova (Ukraine)
Samantha Gershon (Hong Kong, China)

10:30 - 10.40 – Summary and education program wrap up

Educational Chairs: Alice, Francesca and Michael

End of Education Program

10.40-11:00: Coffee break

11:00 - 12:00: IAFL European Chapter AGM

12:00: End of session

IAFL ANNUAL MEETING 2022
EDUCATION PROGRAM
Four Seasons Resort Hotel, Marrakech, Morocco

Education Program Chair: Jorge Cestero, Florida, USA

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

09:00 Welcome and Introduction to the Education Program
Opening remarks: Tom Sasser, IAFL President (Florida, USA)

09:10 Welcome to Africa: Perspective of a Court of Appeal Judge
Honourable Justice Mocumie (South Africa)

09:40 Non-Hague Convention Child Abductions
Chair: Amy Rowe (England)
Panel: Alexandra Tribe (UAE / England), Véronique Chauveau (France), Nancy Zalusky Berg (Minnesota, USA) and Mr Justice Coleman (Hong Kong)

10:40 Coffee Break

11:10 Introduction to UCCJEA for non-US Lawyers
Elisha Roy (Florida, USA), Ronald Kauffman (Florida, USA), Sarah Hutchinson (England) and Frances Goldsmith (France)

12:00 Pensions Survey Presentation
Chair: Sarah Hoskinson (England)
Panel: Philip Way (England), Frances Goldsmith (France) and Oren Weinberg (Canada)

12:30 End of Session

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

8:30 International Taxation
Claire Blakemore (England), Brian Vertz (Pennsylvania, USA), Caroline Harnois (Canada), Marzia Ghigliazza (Italy), Jorge Marfil (Spain) and Daniela Horvitz (Chile)

09:30 Coffee Break

09:45 Family Law in Africa
Chair: Zenobia Du Toit (South Africa)
Panel: Efosa Etomi (Nigeria), Adelaide Benneh Prempeh (Ghana); Elizabeth Carson (England)

11:15 End of Session

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER

09:30 International Business Valuation
Neil Beaton, CPA, ASA, (Seattle, USA)

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 IAFL Annual Meeting for all Fellows

11:45 Board of Governors Meeting
All Fellows are permitted to attend

12:30 End of Program

Programme updated Tuesday 29 November 2022

IAFL INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE
EDUCATION PROGRAMME
Ibiza, Spain
Thursday 13 October – Friday 14 October 2022
Palacio de Congresos de Ibiza

Education Programme Chairs
Frances Goldsmith, *France* and Jennifer Wilkie, *Scotland*

Thursday 13 October

1400-1410 **Welcome and introduction to the Education Programme**
Opening remarks: Rachael Kelsey, *Scotland*

1410-1455 **Resilience, avoiding burnout in family law practice and why feedback in the office and with clients is so important**
Chair: Frances Goldsmith
Speaker: Dr Ali O'Malley PhD, *USA*

1455-1555 **Session 1: Who knew? Useful things you didn't know about the law in another jurisdiction. Short presentations and contributions from the floor**
Chair: Jennifer Wilkie, *Scotland*
Speakers:

- Dr Jorida Xhafaj, *Kosovo*
- Dr Marta Zavadilová, *Czech Republic*
- Andrea Mariani, *Italy*
- Julie Losson, *Russian Federation (and France)*
- Dr Daniela Ježová, *Slovakia*
- Dr Brikena Kasmi, *Albania*

1555-1615 **Coffee Break and Networking**

1615-1715 **Session 2: Who knew? Useful things you didn't know about the law in another jurisdiction. Short presentations and contributions from the floor**
Chair: Frances Goldsmith, *France*
Speakers:

- Simona Ambroziūnaitė, *Lithuania*
- Eniko Fulop, *Romania*
- Tijana Saldic, *Serbia*
- Sandra Strahm, *Switzerland*
- Iryna Moroz, *Ukraine*
- Yordanka Bekirska, *Bulgaria*

1830-1930 **Welcome drinks reception** *Ginger Bar*, **Sol Beach House Hotel**
2000-2300 **Pre-paid dinner at the Chiringuito Blue, Ibiza**

Friday 14 October

0930-1115 **Be the change! Influencing and changing the law: strategic litigation and working for, in and against government**
Chair: Rachael Kelsey, *Scotland*
Speakers:

- Margaret Casey KC, Barrister, *New Zealand*
- Michal Kubalski, Head of Family Law Unit, Office of Human Rights Commissioner, *Poland*
- Mia Dambach, Executive Director, Child Identity Protection, *Switzerland*
- Prof. Jakub Urbanik, University of Warsaw, *Poland*
- Arpi Avetisyan, Head of Litigation, ILGA Europe, Armenia and Belgium

1115-1145 **Coffee Break and Networking**

1145-1245 **Privacy rules in your jurisdiction and the enforceability of non-disclosure agreements**
Chair: Jennifer Wilkie, *Scotland*
Speakers:

- Jamie Kennaugh, *England and Wales*
- Lukas Deppenkemper, *Germany*
- Frances Goldsmith, *France*
- Larry Ginsberg, *USA*

1245-1250 **Our Family Wizard Presentation**

1250-1300 **Presentation of IAFL European Chapter Young Lawyers' Award**

1300-1415 **Light Lunch,** *The Kitchen*, *Sol Beach House Hotel*

1415-1500 **Capacity (I) Starting the conversation about capacity in family law matters**
Chair: Rachael Kelsey, *Scotland*
Speakers:

- Dr Sian Tucker, *Scotland*
- Samantha Hillas KC, *England and Wales*
- Jenna Lucas, *England and Wales*

1500-1530 **Coffee Break and Networking**

1530-1615 **Capacity (II) Capacity in international family law matters- the International Protection of Adults Convention 2000 and its relationship with European Regulations and domestic law**
Chair: Jennifer Wilkie, *Scotland*
Speakers:

- Josef Alkatout, *Switzerland*
- Pierre-Guillaume Ducluzeau, *France*
- Magda Fernandes, *Portugal*

1615-1630 **Closing Remarks -** Alberto Perez-Cedillo, *England and Spain*

1830-1930 **Drinks reception,** *Ginger Bar*, **Sol Beach House Hotel**

2000-2130 **Pre-paid dinner at Hotel Aguas de Ibiza**

IAFL EUROPEAN CHAPTER MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAMME
Athens, Greece
Wednesday 11 May – Sunday 15 May 2022

Education Programme Chairs
Mark Harper (England), Julia Pasche (Germany) and James Stewart (England)

Thursday 12 May

08:30-08:40 **Welcome and introduction to the Education Programme**
Alberto Perez Cedillo (England & Spain)

08:40-09:10 ***Athens between the sheets:* an exploration of love, marriage and divorce in Ancient Greece**
Professor James Davidson, Professor of Classics and Ancient History, University of Warwick, and author of numerous critically acclaimed publications and books on Ancient Greece, including '*The Greeks and Greek Love'* and '*Courtesans and Fishcakes: the Consuming Passions of Ancient Athens.'*

09:10-09:40 **Modern Greek family law and cross-examination of two leading Greek lawyers**
Konstantinos ('Kostis') Stavropoulos (IAFL Fellow, Greece) and Dr Konstantinos Rokas (New IAFL Fellow, Greece), Rokas Law, Athens and School of Law, University of Nicosia will be interviewed by Mark Harper on family law in modern Greece including major reforms governing the protection of children's rights and the introduction of shared parenting as a legal presumption in Greek family law – the first major reform of Greek family law since 1983.

09:40-10:10 **Coffee Break and Networking**

10:10-11:30 ***Sailing through the Symlegades:* Post-Brexit pitfalls for European lawyers in cases with a UK dimension**
Karen O'Leary (IAFL Fellow, Ireland and Northern Ireland) will chair a panel which will discuss the pitfalls for European and other lawyers who have cases with an English, Scottish or Northern Irish dimension.
The panel will:

- Share their practical experiences of the *forum non conveniens* principles now applied by the UK courts in the event of a forum dispute between the UK and another jurisdiction.
- Consider recognition and enforcement of orders relating to finance and children.
- Consider recognition of English divorce orders in Europe.

The session will include an introduction and technical overiew by Karen O'Leary). Karen's panelists will include Arnaud Gillard (IAFL Fellow, Belgium); Frances Goldsmith (IAFL Fellow, France); Magali van Maanen (IAFL Fellow, The Netherlands) and Daniela Ježová (IAFL Fellow, Slovakia).

11:30 **End of Session**

Friday 13 May

09:00-09:10 Sarah Hoskinson (IAFL Fellow, England) and Karen O'Leary on the Expansion Programme / underrepresented jurisdictions and the IAFL Pensions Project.

09:10-11:00 ***Orpheus and Eurydice:* 'til Hades – or the judge – do us part**

Alexander Boiché (IAFL Fellow, France) and his panel will explore the practical implications of the EU matrimonial property and succession Regulations, with a focus on:

- Interaction of the two Regulations and a technical overview.
- Scope of both Regulations: Qualification of § 1371 BGB / Mahnkopf (European Court of Justice).
- English property regime in the EU courts.
- Habitual residence as a point of connection (definition by the European Court of Justice)
- Trusts in divorce and succession (including an overview of different jurisdictions, the concept of a trust by a Continental European lawyer).
- Matrimonial contracts in relation to succession.

Alex's panellists will include Silvia Katzenmaier (IAFL Fellow, Germany); Amparo Arbáizar (IAFL Fellow, Spain); Christine Pasquier-Ciulla (IAFL Fellow, Monaco); William Tyzack (New Fellow, England) and Natalia Olowska-Czajka (IAFL Fellow, Poland).

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break and Networking**

11:30-12:30 ***Apollo and Cassandra,* Domestic abuse and coercive control, financial and economic abuse**

Cassandra, daughter of Priam, the last king of Troy was loved by the God Apollo, who promised her the power of prophecy if she would comply with his desires…

Barbara Mills QC (IAFL Fellow, England) will lead an interactive panel which will explore:

- How to identify coercive control and domestic abuse.
- The impact of domestic abuse and coercive control in the context of divorce, financial and children proceedings.
- Validity of a marital agreement or financial settlement where one of the parties has been subjected to domestic abuse including coercive control.
- Parental alienation: how to spot it and how to deal with it.

Joining Barbara on her panel are Pinky Anand (IAFL Fellow, India and former Additional Solicitor General of India), Niamh Ni Ghairbhia Garvey (Guest Lawyer, France), Katharine Maddox (IAFL Fellow, Virginia), Karolina-Zoi Andriakopoulou (Guest Lawyer, Greece) and Marzia Ghigliazza (IAFL Fellow, Italy).

12:30 **End of Session**

Saturday 14 May

08:45-09:40 ***The birth of Athena:* Becoming parents by surrogacy – different ways and complications**

The panel, chaired by Delphine Eskenazi (IAFL Fellow, France), will discuss:

- The legal position on surrogacy agreements in various European jurisdictions.
- Availability of surrogacy to individuals and cohabiting couples (both heterosexual and same sex) throughout Europe.
- How to run a surrogacy matter: top tips.
- Pitfalls for parents and practitioners.

Delphine's panelists will include Dr Konstantinos Rokas, Rokas Law, Athens and School of Law, University of Nicosia (New IAFL Fellow, Greece), Oksana Voynarovska (IAFL Fellow, Ukraine), Jill Hersh (IAFL Fellow, California, USA), Sarah Williams (Guest Lawyer, England) and Jemma Dally (IAFL Fellow, England / reporting from Hague conference).

09:40-10:30 ***The Oracle of Delphi*: the future of family practice and procedure in your jurisdiction – the Eurovision Family Law Contest**

Suzanne Kingston, IAFL Fellow, England, masquerading as Greek Eurovision presenter, Maria Menounos, will host the Eurovision Family Law Contest, an interactive discussion which will take a futuristic look at the new tomorrow in family practice.

Our contestants will consider:

- What have family lawyers learnt from the Covid pandemic and how will this change their practice?
- What will the future of family law look like (in terms of the role of Artificial Intelligence, family dispute resolution and remote courts)?
- What would Hygieia, goddess of health, say about the well-being of family lawyers going forward?
- How will the international practice of family law be impacted?

Contestants will include IAFL Fellows: Severine Tamburini-Kender representing France, Petra Beishuizen representing the Netherlands, Marie von Maydell representing Germany, Mert Yalcin representing Turkey, and honorary European, Gretchen Beall Schumann representing the US.

10:30-10:40 **Summary and Education Programme highlights**

Mark, Julia and James.

End of Education Programme

10:40-11:00 **Coffee Break and Networking**

11:00-12:00 **IAFL European Chapter AGM**

12:00 **End of Session**

IAFL USA and CANADIAN CHAPTERS ANNUAL MEETING CLE

CLE Materials for Fellows

February 17-19, 2022

New Orleans, Louisiana

Reneaux Collins, Louisville, Kentucky, USA,

Chapter President

Karon Bales, Ontario, Canada,

Canadian Chapter President

Continuing Legal Education Schedule
February 17 to February 19, 2022

<u>Thursday, February 17, 2022</u>
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
Reneaux Collins

9:15 am "*Origins of New Orleans"*
Robert Florence

9:45 am – 10:30 pm "*Business Valuation"*
Jay Fishman, Neil Beaton, Farley Cohen [Canada]

Materials

1. General IVSC Presentation
2. IAFL.NOLA.F
3. International Divorce Presentation

10:30 am – 10:45 am Coffee Break
10:45 am QDRO Group

10:50 am – 12:00 pm "*Business Valuation" Cont'd*

<u>Friday, February 18, 2022</u>
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

9:00 am *"Civil vs. Common Law"*
Brigitte Garceau [Canada], Delphine Eskenazi [France], Renee Ross [USA]
Moderator: Sally Brown Richardson

Materials

4. IAFL Civil Common Presentation

10:00 am – 10:15am Soberlink and Our Family Wizard

10:15 am – 10:30am Coffee Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm *"Post-Covid Mental Health, Addiction Issues, Domestic Violence"*
Anne Durward [USA], Cheryl Goldhart [Canada], Jerry Bowles, Sue Moss [USA]

Materials

5. Post Covid Mental Health Outline
6. 1.20.22 COVID and Family Law
7. A2 Covid-19 Case Index (003)

<u>Saturday, February 19, 2022</u>
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

9:00 am – 10:15am USA and Canadian Chapters Annual Meeting

10:15 am – 10:30 am Coffee Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm CLE Presentation by the Right Honourable Richard Wagner, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada

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IAFL EUROPEAN CHAPTER MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAMME
Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Wednesday 11 – Sunday 15 September 2019

Education Programme Chairs
Elizabeth Hicks (England) and Maryla Rytter Wróblewski (Denmark)

Thursday 12 September

08:50 **Welcome and introduction to the Education Programme**
William Massey (England), President European Chapter

09:00 **LGBT Survey Update**
David Allison, Chair, IAFL LGBT Committee (England) and Pamela M. Sloan, IAFL LGBT Committee (New York, USA)

09:10 **What is a pension?**
- Is it capital or income / maintenance?
- How is it treated?
- How is it defined?

Pensions Expert: George Mathieson (Pensions expert in England who will also reference Europe)
Chair: Julia Pasche (Germany)
Panel: Oren Weinberg (Canada), Gabriela van Huisseling (Switzerland), Amparo Arbáizar (Spain), Daniela Ježová (Slovakia)

10:35 **Coffee Break and Networking**

11:05 **What is capacity – or incapacity?**
- Capacity to marry and divorce
- Capacity to deal with finances
- Temporary / transient incapacity (eg through drugs or alcohol) or
- Permanent incapacity (dementia) and effect on divorce proceedings

Capacity Expert: Dr Shruthi Guruswamy, (Consultant Psychiatrist at Harley Street, London, England)
Chair: Claire Blakemore (England)
Panel: Dr Jehanne Sosson (Belgium), Esther Susin Carrasco (Spain), Oksana Voynarovska (Ukraine) and Kesavan Nair (Singapore)

12:30 **End of Session**

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Friday 13 September

09:00 **What is a divorce?**

- Religious / private divorces
  - Shariah Law
  - Jewish divorces
  - Catholic annulment

Chair: Rahima Nato Kalfane (France)
Panel: Edwin Freedman (Israel), Diana Hamade' AlGhurair (Dubai), Else-Marie Merckoll (Norway), Jennifer O'Brien (Ireland)

10:30 **Coffee Break and Networking**

11:00 **What is an asset?**
Nicholas Ward Lobenthal (New York, USA) and John M Teitler (New York, USA)

11:45 **European Regulation on Property Regimes June 2019**
Prof Dr Ian Sumner (Netherlands)

12:30 **End of Session**

Saturday 14 September

09:00 **What is a parent?**

- Parental rights
- Parental responsibilities
- Different types of parent
- Surrogacy and IVF

Chair: Alexander Verdan QC (England)
Panel: Mudita Chawla (New York, USA), Konstantinos Stavropoulos (Greece), Ekaterina Vasina (Russian Federation) and Annemarie Braun (Netherlands)

10:30 **End of Education Programme; Coffee break and networking**

11:00 **IAFL European Chapter AGM**

12:00 **End of Session**

IAFL USA and CANADIAN CHAPTERS JOINT MEETING 2019
San Francisco, California USA

Continuing Legal Education Schedule
May 16 to May 18, 2019

Thursday, May 16, 2019

8:30 AM-12:15 PM

8:30-8:40 AM **Opening Remarks**
Jorge Cestero

8:40-9:10 AM ***"Brexit and Family Law: Perspectives for the Non-European"***

William Longrigg [United Kingdom] and Sandra Verburgt [Netherlands]

9:10-10:10 AM ***"Forced Marriage, An Update"***

Moderator: Peter Buchbauer
Panel: Jeanne Smoot [USA], Deepa Matto [Canada]

10:10-10:30 AM **Health Break & Coffee**

10:30 AM-12:00 PM ***"Art/Surrogacy Around the World: An Update"***

Moderators: Amy Hickman [USA] and Anne-Marie Hutchinson, QBE Q.C. (Hon) [United Kingdom]
Stephen Page [Australia], Shirley Levitan [Canada]

Friday, May 17, 2019

8:30 AM-12:15 PM

8:30-8:40 AM **Announcements**
Jorge Cestero

8:40-10:10 AM ***"Parental Gatekeeping"***

Moderator/Lead: Deborah O. Day, Psy.D. [USA]
S. Margaret Lee, Ph.D. [USA], Richard West [USA] and Makiko Mizuuchi [Japan]

10:10-10:30 AM **Health Break & Coffee**

10:30 AM-12:00 AM ***"West Coast Cool: Property Distribution and Support Trends in West Coast Family Law"***

Moderator: Hon. Dian Gould-Saltman [USA]
Robert Blevans [USA], Ronald Granberg [USA], David Starks [USA] and Scott Booth [Canada]

Saturday, May 18, 2019

9:30 – 10:15 AM ***"The 2007 Hague Child Support Convention and its Protocol on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations"***

Philippe Lortie [Netherlands]

10:15 – 11:45 AM ***"Sanctuary Cities and the Family"***

Moderator: Marlene Eskind Moses [USA]
Jill Hersh [USA], Carl Witmeyer [USA], Jeffrey Brend [USA] and Karon Bales [Canada]

IAFL Introduction to International Family Law Conference
May 14, 2019
University Club of San Francisco
San Francisco, California USA

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.)

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Thursday 21 and Friday 22 March 2019
Ramada Plaza Hotel, Milan

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 21 MARCH

Registration Desk open from 1:00pm

Welcome Speech and Introductory Talk: (2:00-2:15pm)
William Massey, IAFL European Chapter President and Dr Adrienn Varai-Jeges (Hague Network judge and international family liaison judge for Hungary)

Session 1 (2:15-3:30pm): Family Law Reform: two things about divorce or financial provision that I would change in my jurisdiction
Chair: Carlo Rimini (Milan, Italy)
Panel: Julie Losson (Moscow/Paris), Alistair Myles (London), Francesca Mele (Milan), Maryla Rytter Wróblewski (Denmark)

Break (3:30-4:00pm)

Session 2 (4:00–5:15pm): The Modern Family – surrogacy, gay marriage and cohabitation rights
Chair: Suzanne Todd (London, England)
Panel: Konstantinos Rokas (Athens), Niamh Ni Ghairbia Garvey (Paris), Oksana Voynarovska (Kiev), Marie Berger (Geneva)

Welcome reception at the at the Milan Bar Association (6:30-7:30pm)

Pre-Paid Dinner with wine at Globe Restaurant (8:00pm)

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

Session 1 (9:45-11:00am): Permission to Remove Children Abroad
Chair: William Healing (London, England)
Speakers: Nicholas Anderson (London), Nina Wölfer (Potsdam), Grazia Cesaro (Milan)

Break (11:00-11:30am)

Presentation by IAFL European Chapter Young Lawyers Award Winner (11:30-11:45am)

Session 2 (11:45am-1:00pm): The Brand New EU Matrimonial Property Regulation: expert analysis
Speaker: Ian Sumner (Utrecht, Netherlands)

Lunch (1:00-2:15pm)

Session 3 (2:15-3:30pm): Dealing with difficult clients – top tips in those tricky situations
Chair: Cinzia Calabrese (Milan, Italy)
Speakers: Jennifer Wilkie (Edinburgh), James Riby (London), Chantal van Baalen (Amsterdam), Amparo Abaizar (Alicante)

Evening closing drinks at the Ramada Plaza Hotel (6:30-7:30pm)

Pre-Paid Dinner with wine at L'Isola del Tesoro (8:00pm)

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IAFL INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
Monday 18 February 2019
at the Australian National Maritime Museum

EDUCATION PROGRAMME
Chair: Max Meyer

9.00	**Opening** Max Meyer, IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter President
9:05	**Introduction to IAFL** Mia Reich-Sjögren, IAFL President
9.15	**Comparison of Code Civil and Common Law Jurisdictions** William Longrigg (London), Dr Daniel Trachsel (Zurich)
10:15	**Morning Tea**
10:35	**International pre and post nuptial agreements: a view from Australia, France, the Netherlands and Singapore** Sheridan Emerson (Australia), Alexandre Boiché (France), Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands), Koh Tien Hua (Singapore)
11:45	**A role play exercise in international collaborative practice in a financial dispute in Australia** Susan Pearson (Sydney), John Thynne (Brisbane), Valerie Norton (Sydney), Jamie Burreket (Sydney)
12:45	**Lunch**
1:45	**A role play exercise in international collaborative practice in a financial dispute in Australia (continued)**
2:45	**Afternoon Tea**
3:00	**The Hague Conventions about children:** 1) **More than just abduction, an introduction** Rachael Kelsey (Edinburgh) 2) **The operation of the 1996 Child Protection Convention** The Honourable Justice Victoria Bennett AO (Melbourne) 3) **The Hague Convention – the Japanese experience** Makiko Mizuuchi (Tokyo)
4:30	**Treaties and International Agreements relevant to Family Law proceedings in Australia** Jacky Campbell (Melbourne)
5.00	**Close and post conference reception**

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IAFL ANNUAL MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAMME
Crown Metropol Hotel, Melbourne, Australia
Wednesday 20 – Sunday 24 February 2019

Education Programme Chairs
Alexandre Boiché, Amanda Humphreys and Fredric Renström

"Enforcement of overseas orders and obligations"

Friday 22 February

09.00	**Session One**	
	Parenting Orders	**Region**
	Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE QC (Hon), England	Europe
	Tomoko Takase, Japan	Asia
	Jeremy Morley, New York, USA	America
	Simon Jefferson QC, New Zealand	Africa / Pacific
10.45	**Coffee Break**	
11.15	**Session Two**	
	Child Support and Maintenance Obligiations	**Region**
	Dr Soma Kölcsényi, Hungary	Europe
	Jonathan Mok, Hong Kong	Asia
	Caroline Harnois, Canada	America
	Sandra van Staden, South Africa	Africa / Pacific
12:45	**Lunch Break**	
1.45	**Session Three**	
	Divorce and Property Orders	**Region**
	Gunilla Olsson, Sweden	Europe
	Engelin Teh, Singapore	Asia
	Jorge Cestero, Florida, USA	America
	Jason Walker, Australia	Africa / Pacific
3:30	**Tea Break**	
4:00	**Session Four**	
	Discussion: What can we do to ensure the enforcement of decisions made abroad?	
5.00	**End of Education Programme**	

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IAFL FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE
EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The H Dubai, One Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai
Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 November 2018

Education Programme Chair: Maggie Rae

Tuesday

09.30 **Welcome and introduction to the Education Programme**
William Longrigg (England), IAFL Parliamentarian and former IAFL President

09.45 **Family Law in Dubai**
Judge Dr Jasim AlHosani (UAE), President of the Court of Appeal for Personal Status, Dubai

10.30 **Sprinkler Session: Family Law in India**
Malavika Rajkotia (India)

10.45 **Coffee Break and Networking**

11.00 **Marriage and Divorce: what does it mean?**
Chair: Shabana Saleem (England)
Panel: Sulema Jahangir (Pakistan), Elham Ali Hassan (Bahrain), James Carroll (England & Wales), Alexandre Boiché (France), Ghassan El Daye (Lebanon)

12.00 **The Malta Process**
Chair: Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, QC (Hon) (England)
Speaker: Philippe Lortie, First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)

12.40 **Lunch Break and Networking**

14.00 **Child Custody**
Chair: Tom Sasser (Florida, USA)
Panel: Hassan Elhais (UAE), Mert Yalçın (Turkey), Sarah Hutchinson (England), Anil Malhotra (India)

15.00 **Sprinkler Session: The EU and Family Law and the implications of Brexit**
Tim Amos QC (England), Charanjit Batt (England), Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres (France)

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15.15 **Tea Break and Networking**

15.30 **Child Relocation and Abduction**
Chair: Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, QC (Hon) (England)
Panel: Hassan Elhais (UAE), Chawkat Houalla (Lebanon), Rahima Nato Kalfane (France)

16.30 **Expats in Dubai: Social and legal issues**
Speakers: Anne Jackson (England and UAE) and Alexandra Tribe (England and UAE)

17.30 **End of Session**

Wednesday

09.30 **Family Governance**
Chair: Piers Master (England)
Panel: Diana Hamade (UAE), Tom Sasser (Florida, USA), Charlotte Butruille-Cardew (France), James Stewart (England)

10.30 **Sprinkler Session: International Mediation and Arbitration**
Suzanne Kingston (England)

10.45 **Coffee Break and Networking**

11.00 **Division of assets on divorce – why jurisdiction matters**
Chair: Alexis Campbell QC (England)
Panel: Sumaiya AL Balushi (Oman), Rachael Kelsey (Scotland), Mukhtar Gharib (UAE), Hadiya Aziz (Pakistan)

11.45 **Sprinkler Session: How divorce is dealt with in Iran and what developments are taking place in Iran**
Mozhdeh Pourmand (Iran)

12.00 **Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgements**
Chair: Tim Amos QC (England)
Speaker: Ibrahim AlHosani (UAE), Diana Hamade (UAE), Alessandro Tricoli (UAE), Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres (France)

12.45 **Wrap-up Session**
William Longrigg (England), IAFL Parliamentarian and former IAFL President

13.00 **End of Education Programme & Lunch**

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IAFL EUROPEAN CHAPTER MEETING
EDUCATION PROGRAMME
Stuttgart, Germany
Wednesday 26 – Sunday 30 September 2018

Education Programme Chairs
Dr Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens and James Stewart

Thursday 27 September

08.45 **Welcome and introduction to the Education Programme**
Dr Daniela Kreidler-Pleus, President European Chapter, Dr Martin Schairer, Mayor of Stuttgart and H Eberhard Birkert, senior ministerial council in the Ministry of Justice, Baden-Württemberg

09.00 **Recent developments in German Family Law**
Prof Dr Bettina Heiderhoff, Universität Münster. The speaker will address:-

- Child custody and unmarried parents
- New developments concerning equal rights of parents in relation to access and care of children
- Same sex marriages
- Main decisions in relation to surrogacy
- Underage marriages
- Private divorce in Germany and the decision in Case C-372/16, Soha Sahyouni v Raja Mamisch

9.30 **International relocation of children**
Chair: Dr Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens (Germany)
Panel: Anna Worwood (England), Liuda Yablokova (Russian Federation), Katharine Maddox (Virginia, USA), Esther Margarita Susin Carrasco (Spain), Oksana Voynarovska (Ukraine), Rahima Nato Kalfane (France)

A panel of experts in international children law, will lead this comparative analysis and discussion of the requirements for a separated or divorced parent who:-

a) Wishes to travel abroad with a child for the purposes of a holiday;
b) Wishes to permanently return to their home country (jurisdiction) with the children following a separation or divorce;

c) Wishes to travel abroad to a non-EU country with the child to enable their new partner to accept an offer of employment in that country;
d) Wishes to travel abroad to a non-EU country to be employed only for a non-permanent, only limited time.

10.30 **Coffee Break and Networking**

10.45 **Brussels II bis revised**
Christian Höhn, Head of Division, Federal Office of Justice for International matters relating to custody, child abduction and protection of children and adults.

11.15 **International Tax Pitfalls for Family Lawyers**
Chair: James Stewart (England)
Panel: Adam Smith, International Tax expert with Westleton Drake (England), Inga Zillmer, International Tax Law (Germany), Alexandre Boiché (France), Jennifer O'Brien (Ireland), Jorge Cestero (Florida, USA)

- Taxation of spousal/ children maintenance
- Taxation of transfers of capital between spouses including the matrimonial home
- What are the most important tax issues arising in your jurisdiction which you would like to highlight?
- The repatriation of capital from third party jurisdictions to fund the settlement or court order
- Specific issues arising in the case of US persons living abroad.
- Drafting considerations- how the drafting of a settlement or court order can help to mitigate the tax consequences of divorce. Do any third party documents, indemnities or the like, need to be drawn up?
- The tax treatment of interests in trusts, foundations and other structures

12.45 **End of Session**

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Friday 28 September

08.45 **Morning update**
Dr Daniela Kreidler-Pleus, President European Chapter

09.00 **International enforceability of Marital agreements**
Chair: Suzanne Kingston (England)
Panel: Gretchen Beall Schumann (New York, USA), Delphine Eskenazi (France), Nicholas Bennett (England), Amanda Humphreys (Australia), Marie Baronin von Maydell (Germany)

The purpose of this session is to examine legislation and case law insofar as it relates to marital agreements. Pre-arranged round tables of participants in the conference will discuss a practical case led by the panel.

10.30 **Coffee Break and Networking**

10.50 **Pitfalls regarding the German Pension System**
Judge Volker Bißmaier

11.20 **Brexit European Implications**
Chair: Karen O'Leary (Northern Ireland – also admitted in England and in the Irish Republic)
Panel: Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands), Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres (France), Alberto Perez-Cedillo (Spain – also admitted in England), Eleri Jones (England; author of IAFL, FLBA and Resolution Paper on Brexit)

12.45 **End of Session**

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Saturday 29 September

09.00 **International Service of Documents in Family Proceedings**

Chair: Tim Amos QC (England)
Panel: Else-Marie Merckoll (Norway), Julia Pasche (Germany), Alice Meier Bourdeau (France), Jean-Charles Gardetto and Laurie Dimitrov (Monaco), Michael Gouriet (England), Engelin Teh (Singapore), Anne Durward (Alabama, USA)

Service is important – ignore the requirements about effecting proper service in international cases at your peril! For instance, as between EU member states, service is an intrinsic part of the process of instituting proceedings so as to engage the lis pendens provisions (see Articles 16 and 19 of BIIr). Effecting proper service is critical to achieving jurisdictional priority. Our panel of experts will discuss:-

a) Service requirements in their own jurisdiction;
b) Service requirements outside of their home jurisdiction but within the EU;
c) Service in a country which is a signatory to the 1965 Hague Service Convention;
d) Service in a country which is not included in any of the above categories; and
e) Incoming service of foreign documents in their own jurisdiction.

In cases involving two EU member states: EU Service Regulation (full name: "Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents), and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1348/2000") will apply. The panel will discuss the Service Regulation in relation to divorce proceedings considering whether their jurisdiction is conclusively seised at the date of issuing proceedings or the actual date of valid service.

10.30 **End of Education Programme**

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IAFL Annual Meeting & Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting

Education Program 2018

Conrad Hotel, Tokyo

THURSDAY 31 May 2018: Asia Pacific Chapter Program

Chair: Ian Kennedy AM (Australia)

8:00-8:45: Asia Pacific Chapter Annual General Meeting

9:00-10:30: "A map, a compass and GPS - Exploring the Asia Pacific Family Law World"

Moderator: Nigel Nicholls (President, Asia Pacific Chapter)
Presenters: Jamie Burreket (Australia), Anita Chan QC (New Zealand), Yet Ngo Foo (Malaysia), Poonam Mirchandani (Singapore), Jonathan Mok (Hong Kong) and Claudia Zhao (China)

This session will present an overview of key aspects of family law in a range of Asia Pacific jurisdictions including the nature and structure of each family law system; the requirements for marriage and recognition of marriage; the availability and grounds for divorce; the nature if its property regime; the availability of spousal maintenance/alimony and child support; and the approach to parenting matters (including custody, relocation and abduction).

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

11:00-12:30: "Cross-border assets – Show me the money!"

Presenters: Ian Kennedy AM (Australia) and Anita Chan QC (New Zealand)

This session will explore the complexities arising from the different approaches in jurisdictions within the region to the resolution of cross jurisdictional financial disputes through an evolving, interactive Case Study with group discussion led by Chapter members at each table.

FRIDAY 1 June 2018: IAFL Program

Chair: Charlotte Butruille-Cardew (France)

9:00-10:00: Japanese Family Law

Moderator: Charlotte Butruille-Cardew (France)
Presenters: Professor Masayuki Tanamura (Japan), Ayako Ikeda (Japan), Makiko Mizuuchi (Japan) and Masami Kittaka (Japan)

This session will present an overview of key aspects of family law in Japan and then focus with Japanese lawyers on practical aspects: divorce, lis pendens and enforcement; adoption, child support, mediation and ADR; prenuptial agreements.

10:00-11:00: Religious Divorce – Islamic – Jewish Divorces

Moderator: Charlotte Butruille-Cardew (France)
Presenters: Edwin Freedman (Israel), Hassan Elhais (United Arab Emirates) and Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE QC (Hon) (England)

This session will focus on religious divorces and their recognition abroad: What are the key elements.

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11:30-12:30: Legal and practical issues in connection with the international recovery of child maintenance in the EU and worldwide

Presenter: Alberto Perez Cedillo (Spain)
Panel: Pierre-Hugues Fortin (Canada), Rita Ku (Hong Kong), Patricia Kuyumdjian de Williams (Argentina) and Nigel Nicholls (Australia)

This session will aim at identifying legal and practical issues in connection with the international recovery of child maintenance in the EU and worldwide (EU Regulation No 4/2009, the 2007 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and other Forms of Family Maintenance as well as the 2007 Hague Protocol on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations).

SATURDAY 2 June 2018

9:00-9:45 IAFL Annual General Meeting

9:45-10:30 Board of Governors Meeting

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break for all

10:45-12:15 Audrey Ducroux Lecture for all presented by **Resmaa Menakem**, author, healer and trauma specialist.

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Education Program
Waseda University, Tokyo
Tuesday 29 May 2018

9:00-9:30:	**Registration**
9:30-9:45	**Welcoming Remarks** – Laura Dale (Texas, USA)
9:45-10:15	**The 1980 Hague Abduction Convention: An Introduction and Overview** Shuji Zushi, Director, Hague Convention Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
10:15-11:30	**Enforcement of Return Orders under The Hague Abduction Convention** Panel: Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE QC (Hon) (England), Ian Kennedy AM (Australia), Jeremy Morley (New York, USA), Ayako Ikeda (Japan)
11:30-11:45	**Coffee**
11:45-13:15	**The Marital Estate: How to locate and divide foreign assets** Panel: John Spender (Australia), William Longrigg (England), Charlotte Butruille-Cardew (France)
13:00-14:00	**Lunch**
14:00-15:00	**Enforcement of Japanese divorce, custody and child support orders abroad: Case Studies by Jurisdiction** Panel: Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands), Susan Myres (Texas, USA), Makiko Mizuuchi (Japan)
15:00-15:15	**Coffee**
15:15-16:05	**International Relocation of Children: A comparative overview of child relocation cases** Panel: Carolina Marín Pedreño (England), Laura Dale (Texas, USA), Amanda Humphreys (Australia), Poonam Mirchandani (Singapore)
16:05-16:25	**Religious Courts: An overview of divorce and custody issues in non-secular judicial systems** Ed Freedman (Israel)
16:25-16:45	**Questions & Answers**
16:45-17:00	**Closing Remarks** – Laura Dale (Texas, USA)

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International Family Law

April 20 - 21, 2018

Wainwright Room

Friday Program

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration
8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Introduction Charlotte Butruille-Cardew, Paris, France
8:45 AM – 10:50 AM	Prenuptial/Postnuptial Agreements Jill Blomberg, Old Greenwich, Connecticut Charlotte Butruille-Cardew, Paris, France William Longrigg, London, England Thomas Sasser, West Palm Beach, Florida Sandra Verburgt, The Hague, Netherlands Oren Weinberg, Toronto, Canada
10:50 AM – 11:15 AM	Discussion and Break
11:15 AM – 12:30 PM	Hague and UCCJEA and Mirror Orders Patricia Apy, Red Bank, New Jersey Nancy Zalusky Berg, Minneapolis, Minnesota Melissa Kucinski, Washington, DC Katharine Maddox, Falls Church, Virginia David Schaffer, Naperville, Illinois
12:30 PM – 12:55 PM	Interview Cheryl Hepfer, Bethesda, Maryland William Longrigg, London, England
12:55 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch at The Down Town Association

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Parental Alienation
Justice Ellen Gesmer, New York, New York
Daniela Horvitz Lennon, Santiago, Chile
Katharine Maddox, Falls Church, Virginia
Harold A. Mayerson, New York, New York
Bernice Schaul, Ph.D. New York, New York
Elliot Wiener, New York, New York

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM Discussion

Saturday Program

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Registration

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM High Net Worth matters – outcomes, procedure and strategy
Sarah Boulby, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Rachael Kelsey, Edinburgh, Scotland
Else-Marie Merckoll, Oslo, Norway
Pamela Sloan, New York, New York
Thomas Sasser, West Palm Beach, Florida

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM Civil and Common Law Differences
Charlotte Butruille-Cardew, Paris, France
William Longrigg, London, England
Charles Fox Miller, Hollywood, Florida
Mia Reich Sjogren, Gothenberg, Sweden

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM Closing Remarks

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Guide to Materials, Advanced CLE for Fellows
February 22 to February 24, 2018
Savannah, Georgia USA

MARLENE ESKIND MOSES, NASHVILLE, TN, U.S. CHAPTER PRESIDENT
ELISABETH SACHS, ORANGEVILLE, ON, CANADIAN CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Thursday, February 22, 2018

8:30 - 8:40 AM **Opening Remarks -** ***Marlene Eskind Moses***

8:40-10:10 AM ***Laying the Foundation***
How to Get Information from an International Perspective, plus E-Discovery

Jorge Cestero **[Moderator]**
William Glucksman **[USA]/** ***Elizabeth Lindsey*** **[USA]/** ***Susan Moss*** **[USA]/** ***Elisha Roy*** **[USA]/**
Sarah Boulby **[Canada]/** ***Simon Bruce*** **[England]/** ***Alain Cornec*** **[France]/** ***Johan Sarvik*** **[Sweden]**

Materials:

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10:10-10:30 AM **Health Break & Coffee**

10:30-12:15 PM ***Best Interests of the Child?***
The Hague Convention Debate

Laura Dale **[Moderator]**
Catarina E. Tempesta **[Ontario, Canada]/** ***Jeremy Morley*** **[N.Y., USA]/** ***Judge Christopher S. Brasher*****,**
[Superior Court of Fulton County GA, USA]/ ***Ashley Tomlinson*** **[TX. USA]** ***Philippe Lortie*****, First Secretary, Permanent Bureau at the Hague Conference [The Hague, Netherlands]**

Materials:

002 TEMPESTA.Appellant Office-of-the-Children's-Lawyer Reply-Factum
003 TEMPESTA.FM010_Appellant_Office-of-the-Children's-Lawyer
004 TEMPESTA.FM020_Respondent_father JPB
005 TEMPESTA.FM030_Respondent_mother CRB
006 TEMPESTA.FM060_Intervener_Attorney-General-of-Canada
007 TEMPESTA.ONCA decision - JPB v CRB
008 MORLEY Materials
009 MORLEY Presentation

Friday, February 24, 2018

8:30-8:40 AM **Announcements** - ***Marlene Eskind Moses***

8:45-10:30 AM ***Cross-Examination at Depositions***
Roger J. Dodd

Materials:

010 DODD Materials

10:30-11:00 AM **Health Break & Coffee**

11:00-11:45 AM ***Train Your Client to be a Better Witness***
Kirstin Cole

Materials

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11:45 -12:15 PM ***Winning Trial Tips***
Frederic J. Siegel

Saturday, February 24, 2018

10:15-11:45 AM ***Revisionist History: Controversy, Celebration & Context***
A Global Perspective

Peter W. Buchbauer [Moderator]
Robert Rosen [USA]/ Ronald Nelson [USA]/ Dr. Pamela Palmater [Canada]
Daniela Kreidler-Pleus [Germany]

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012 ROSEN Revisionist History - Controversy Celebration Context - A Global Perspective
013 NELSON Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address - Wikisource, the free online library
014 NELSON Confederate Catechism
015 NELSON Confronting Slavery and Revealing the Lost Cause
016 NELSON DecImmCauses
017 NELSON Historians respond to John F. Kelly's Civil War remarks_ 'Strange,' 'sad,' 'wrong' - The Washington Post
018 NELSON Monument Erection by Year
019 NELSON SC Ordinance Of Succession
020 PALMATER - Resurgence or Revelation: white nationalist legacies in Canada
https://canadiandimension.com/articles/view/resurgence-or-revelation-white-nationalist-legacies-in-canada

021 PALMATER - Canada 150 is a celebration of Indigenous genocide
https://nowtoronto.com/news/canada-s-150th-a-celebration-of-indigenous-genocide/

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European Young Lawyers Conference in Warsaw: Hague, Human Rights and International Issues in Uncertain Times

A conference for recently admitted IAFL Fellows and Lawyers interested in discovering IAFL work

Thursday 16 and Friday 17 November 2017
Mercure Warszawa Centrum Hotel

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Registration Desk open from 1:00pm

Welcome Speeches: (2:00-2:15pm)
Dr Daniela Kreidler-Pleus, IAFL European Chapter President and Mikołaj Pietrzak, Dean of the District Bar Association in Warsaw

Session 1 (2:15-3:30pm): Disclosure and Confidentiality Issues
Chair: Natalia Ołowska-Czajka (Warsaw, Poland)
Speakers: Lukas Deppenkemper (Düsseldorf, Germany); Marina Faggionato (London, England); Dr Soma Kölcsényi (Budapest, Hungary); Jakub Biernacki (Warsaw, Poland)

Break (3:30-4:00pm)

Session 2 (4:00–5:15pm): Cross Border Enforcement of Decisions and Injunctions
Chair: William Healing (London, England)
Speakers: Eleri Jones (London, England) and Ruth Innes (Edinburgh, Scotland)

Welcome reception at the at the Polish Bar Association (6:00-7:30pm)
(depart Mercure by coach at 5:40pm)

Pre-Paid Dinner with wine at Pod Gigantami Restaurant (7:30pm)
(directly opposite the Polish Bar; coaches return at 10:30 & 11:00pm)

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Session 1 (9.45-11am): Oleksander and Maria: a case-study on international prenuptial agreements
Chair: Nicholas Bennett (London, England)
Speakers: Sonia Ryser (Geneva, Switzerland); Federico Cecolin (Milan, Italy); Iryna Moroz (Kiev, Ukraine)

Break (11:00-11:30am)

Session 2 (11.30am-12.45pm): What the Hague Conventions offer
Chair: Philippe Lortie (The Hague, Netherlands)
Speakers: Nicolas Sauvage (Paris, France); Elga Sykiäinen (Moscow, Russian Federation); Philippe Lortie

Lunch (12:45-2:15pm)

Session 3 (2.15-3.30pm): The EU & ECHR Cases
Chair: Julie Losson (Moscow, Russian Federation)
Speakers: Ian Curry (Utrecht, Netherlands) and Dr Konstantinos Rokas (Athens, Greece)

Evening closing drinks at the Mercure Warszawa Centrum Hotel (6:30-7:30pm)

Pre-Paid Dinner with wine at Strefa Restaurant (7:45pm)
(depart Mercure on foot at 7:30pm)

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Pre-Paid Walking Tour of Warsaw's Old Town, but is it so old? (9:30am-12 midday)
(depart Mercure for the meeting point by minibus at 9:10am)

2017 Annual Meeting – Education Program
Hilton Reykjavik Nordica
Suðurlandsbraut 2, 108 Reykjavik

Friday, September 15, 2017

9:00 – 9:10	**Welcome**	Nancy Zalusky Berg, IAFL President Minneapolis, Minnesota
9:10 – 9:40	**Tales of the North**	Hrefna Fridriksdottir, Reykjavik
9:40 – 10:15	**"Leaving on a Jet Plane" ~ Asylum & The Hague**	Caroline Harnois, Montreal, Canada
10:15 – 10:25	Break	
10:25 – 11:50	**"I've Been Everywhere" ~ Civil/Common Law Jurisdiction Panel** Chaired by: Introduction by: Panel:	 Dr Soma Kölcsényi, Budapest, Hungary The Hon Mrs Justice Judith Parker Justice of the High Court of England and Wales Edwin Freedman, Tel Aviv, Israel David Lister, London, England Ronald Nelson, Overland Park, Kansas Dr. habil. Orsolya Szeibert, PhD, Budapest, Hungary Oksana Voynarovska, Kiev, Ukraine
11:50 – 12:00	Question & Answer	
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	

1:30 – 2:45 **"Did You Ever Have to Make up Your Mind?" ~ Hot Topics in Ethics – An International Family Law Perspective**

Chaired by: Jean-Michel Camus, Angouleme, France
Maryla Wróblewski, Copenhagen, Denmark

Panel: Tim Amos QC, London, England
Karon Bales, Toronto, Canada
Lisa Kallemeyn, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Alice Meier-Bourdeau, Paris, France
Alberto Perez Cedillo, Madrid, Spain
Fredric Renström, Stockholm, Sweden

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:00 **"Billie Jean is not my lover…the kid is not my kid" ~ A Parentage Discussion**

Chaired by: Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE QC (Hon), London, England

Sarah Boulby, Toronto, Canada
Barbara Connolly QC, London, England
Zenobia du Toit, Cape Town, South Africa
Professor Mary Kay Kisthardt, Kansas City, Missouri

4:00 – 4:30 Question & Answer/Closing Remarks

Saturday, September 16, 2017

9:00 – 9:45 Annual General Meeting

9:45 – 10:30 Board of Governors Meeting

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 Audrey Ducroux Lecture presented by **Einar Kárason,** Icelandic author and storyteller

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Brexit – Does Brexit really mean Brexit for Family Law?
Monday 26th June 2017

Programme

09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-09:40	Conference opening - William Longrigg (Charles Russell Speechlys LLP)
09:40-10:00	Keynote Speech - Lord Justice Moylan
10:00-10:30	Philippe Lortie (HCCH) – **A View from The Hague: Can the Hague conventions take over from European instruments? Where does this leave us?**
10:30-10:50	Coffee
10:50-11:30	Nuala Mole (The Aire Centre), Anna Worwood* (Pennington Manches LLP), David Williams QC (4 Paper Buildings) and Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE QC (Hon) (Dawson Cornwell) - **What does Brexit mean for families and children – relocation and abduction Part One: Case Study Analysis**
11:30-11:50	Dr Jens Scherpe (fellow of Gonville and Caius College Cambridge) and Dr Ian Sumner (Voorts Legal Services) - **Divorced, but still family**
11:50-12:10	Michael Wells-Greco* (Charles Russell Speechlys SA) and Ruth Innes (Westwater Advocates) - **The impact of Brexit on the enforcement of child and family maintenance orders (incoming and outgoing)**

12:10-12:30	Rachael Kelsey (SKO), Jennifer O'Brien (Irish Family Law Chambers) and Karen O'Leary (Caldwell & Robinson Solicitors) - **Territorial Units or Countries**
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:00	**What does Brexit mean for families and children – relocation and abduction Part Two: Case Study Q&A**
14:00-14:30	Tim Scott QC (29 Bedford Row Chambers) and Philip Marshall QC (1 King's Bench Walk) - **Heavy fog in Channel: choices, problems and opportunities after Brexit**
14:30-15:00	Alberto Perez Cedillo (Alberto Perez Cedillo Spanish Lawyers and Solicitors), Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres (BWG Associes) and Dr Daniela Kreidler-Pleus (Dr Kreidler-Pleus und Kollegen) - **The morning after the night before: Europeans Wakeup to Brexit**
15:00-15:15	Tea
15:15-15:30	Eleri Jones (1 Garden Court) - **The sound of Brexit: so long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, adieu**
15:30-16:45	**The Big Question** Chair: William Longrigg (Charles Russell Speechlys LLP) Panel: Tim Amos QC (Queen Elizabeth Building), David Hodson OBE (International Family Law Group LLP), Mark Harper (Hughes Fowler Carruthers), William Healing (Alexiou Fisher Philipps) and Nick Bennett (Farrer & Co)
16:45-17:00	Closing remarks
17:00-19:00	Drinks

* Anna Worwood and Michael Wells-Greco are both members of the Resolution International Committee

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Thursday, May 25, 2017

8:30 am – 9:00 am
Welcome to Nashville
Former Mayor Karl Dean
Materials: None

9:00 am – 9:45 am
History of Nashville
David Ewing and Ridley Wills
Materials: None

9:45 am – 10:00 am
Break

10:00 am – 11:00 am
Music Industry Overview
John Strohm and Mary Lauren Teague
Materials: None

11:00 am – 12:15 pm
Hauge Service Conventions
Maria Pradilla Picas

Materials:

001	Hague Service Conventions – Maria Pradilla Picas
002	Hague Convention on Service
003	Hague Convention_Status Table and Signatories
004	Hague Convention Mandatory Form
005	Intern-American Convention on Letters Rogatory
006	Additional Protocol to the Inter-American Convention on Letters Rogatory
007	Inter-American Convention_Signatories
008	Addition Protocol_Signatories
009	IAC – Mandatory Form
010	Hague Convention on Taking of Evidence
011	USC 1782

Friday, May 26, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
International Estate Planning
Karon Bales and Professor Jeff Schoenblum

Materials: **012** **International Estate Planning – Karen Bales**

013 **Forced Heirship Materials – Jeffery Schoenblum**

10:45 am – 11:00 am
Break

11:00 am – 12:15 pm
International Valuation Issues
Hon. Judge Philip E. Smith and Barry Sziklay

Materials: **014** **International Valuation Issues – Judge Smith and Sziklay**

015 **May 26, 2017 IAFL Investment Value Issues – Judge Smith and Sziklay**

Saturday, May 27, 2017

10:00 am – 11:45 am
When Law Psychology and Religion Collide: A Critical Discussion of New Tennessee Code Title 63, Chapter 22 – Broader Implications and International Views.
Jorge Cestero, De. Deborah Day, Dr. Julia McAninch, Martha McCarthy and Zack Pruitt

Materials: **016** **Public Chapter NO. 926**

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International Family Law

April 28 - 29, 2017
Wainwright Room

Friday Program

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	Introduction Nancy Zalusky Berg, Minneapolis, Minnesota
9:10 AM – 10:25 AM	Common Law, Civil Law & Matrimonial Regimes William Longrigg, London, England Charlotte Butruille-Cardew, Paris, France Sandra Verburgt, The Hague Netherlands
10:25 AM – 11:40 AM	International Prenuptial Agreements Rachael Kelsey, Edinburgh, Scotland Charlotte Butruille-Cardew, Paris, France Oren Weinberg, Toronto, Canada Thomas Sasser, West Palm Beach, Florida Donald Schuck, New York, New York Eric Wrubel, New York, New York
11:40 AM – 12:00 PM	Discussion and Break
12:00 PM – 12:50 PM	International Surrogacy Issues and Comparative Analysis of the use of Genetic Material Throughout the World Michael Stutman, New York, New York Nancy Zalusky Berg, Minneapolis, Minnesota

12:50 PM – 1:00 PM	DISCUSSION
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	LUNCH AT THE DOWN TOWN ASSOCIATION
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM	ENFORCEMENT, DOMESTICATION AND REGISTRATION OF ORDERS AND THE TREATMENT OF ALIMONY WORLDWIDE CHARLOTTE BUTRUILLE-CARDEW, PARIS, FRANCE LAWRENCE KATZ, MIAMI, FLORIDA NICHOLAS LOBENTHAL, NEW YORK, NEW YORK WILLIAM LONGRIGG, LONDON, ENGLAND THOMAS SASSER, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	BREAK
3:30 PM – 4:20 PM	HAGUE CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW: HOW IT WORKS AND WHAT IT DOES DANIEL KLIMOW, U.S. DEPT. OF STATE ROBERT ARENSTEIN, NEW YORK, NEW YORK WILLIAM LONGRIGG, LONDON, ENGLAND
4:20 PM – 4:30 PM	DISCUSSION AND CLOSING REMARKS

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Saturday Program

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	UCCJEA or Hague Proceedings Evan Marks, Miami, Florida
9:50 AM – 10:15 AM	Drafting International Travel Documents Patricia Apy, Red Bank, New Jersey
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Questions and Break
10:30 AM – 10:55 AM	Effective Prosecution of 1980 Hague Cases (Federal & State) Robert Arenstein, New York, New York
10:55 AM – 11:20 AM	Habitual Residence and Cross Border Comparison Laura Dale, Houston, Texas Rachael Kelsey, Edinburgh, Scotland Ashley Tomlinson, Houston, Texas
11:20 AM – 12:35 PM	A View From And Presentation To The Bench: Hague and International Law Issues and Assessing Flight Risk Justice Linda Christopher, New York, New York Sylvia Goldschmidt, New York, New York Lawrence Katz, Miami, Florida
12:35 PM – 1:00 PM	Closing Comments & Questions

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IAFL European Chapter Meeting: Lisbon, Portugal

22nd – 26th March 2017

Education Programme – Autonomous Brexit?

Thursday 23 March

09.00 **The Hague Convention on the Protection of Adults from January 2000 – of which our host Portugal is the latest signatory**
Philippe Lortie, HCCH, First Secretary, The Hague

09.55 **"Help! My father is my mother?" Legal gender, family life and human rights**
Dr. Marjolein van den Brink, lecturer in law at the Utrecht University School of Law

10.50 Coffee

11.10 **IAFL Studentships reminder** – Rachael Kelsey, SKO, Edinburgh

11.15 **A tour d'horizon: anticipating the European horizon in family finance claims and international pre-nups**
Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres, BWG, Paris and Tim Amos QC, QEB, London

12.15 End of Session

Friday 24 March

09.00 **"Who is a parent and who is a child in a same-sex family?" - legislative and judicial issues for LGBT families post-separation from European and US perspectives**
Prof. Mary Kay Kisthardt, University Missouri, Kansas School of Law,
Dr. Peter Dunne, University College Dublin, and
Ric Roane, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, Grand Rapids, Michigan

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09.55 Finance panel session, chaired by Charlotte Bradley, Kingsley Napley, London
Maintenance methodology and formulas in the 21st century – is the role of the lawyer now redundant?
Panel: Alexandre Boiché and Delphine Eskenazi (France), Fredric Renström (Sweden), Maryla Rytter Wróblewski (Denmark), James Freeman (England and Wales), João Perry da Câmara (Portugal), Rachael Kelsey (Scotland), Alain Berger (Switzerland), Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands) and Jorge Cestero (Florida, USA)

10.50 Coffee

11.15 Children panel session, chaired by Rachael Kelsey, SKO, Edinburgh
Children's residence arrangements – what can and should the courts be doing?
Panel: Ruth Cabeza (England and Wales), Rahima Nato-Kalfane (France), Natalia Olowska-Czajka (Poland) and Jill Hersh (California, USA)

12.15 End of Session

Saturday 25 March

09.30 **Arbitration – an update from England and Wales, including children**
Suzanne Kingston, Withers, London

09.45 **Regulating succession; and the EU Succession Regulation – perspectives inside and outside the EU:**
introduced by Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres, BWG, Paris and Tim Amos QC, QEB, London

09.55 the notary's view: Bertrand Savouré, Paris

10.25 Dr. Daniel Trachsel, Trachsel Bortolani, Zurich

10.55 Closing remarks

11.00 End of Educational Programme

Mini Meeting

'Hot Topics in EU Family Law'

A conference for recently admitted IAFL Fellows and lawyers interested in discovering IAFL work

Date: Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November 2016
Venue: Vincci Soho Hotel, Madrid

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 10 AFTERNOON
Registration Desk open from 1:00pm
Welcome Speech (2:10pm-2:15pm)
Dr Daniela Kreidler-Pleus, IAFL European Chapter President

Session 1 (2.15pm to 3.30pm): Procedure and Soft Skills Topic
1. Introduction to Spanish Civil Justice – jurisdictions within a jurisdiction.
Speaker:
Paula Piquer, Alberto Perez Cedillo Spanish Lawyers and Solicitors, London, Madrid, Marbella
2. Cross Qualifying in Europe – practical points. What you and lawyers on your team can do
Speakers:
Paula Piquer, Alberto Perez Cedillo Spanish Lawyers and Solicitors, London, Madrid, Marbella
Charlotte Kibler, Kingsley Napley LLP, London, England
Chiao Lin Jocelyn Tsao, Withers LLP, Hong Kong

Session 2 (4.00pm to 5.15pm): Matrimonial Property Regimes – The New EU Regulation and International Prenuptial Agreements
Speakers:
Dr Ian Sumner, Voorts Legal Services, Utrecht, Netherlands
Maryla Rytter Wrōblewski, NR Law, Copenhagen, Denmark
Martin Haußleiter, SSW, Munchen, Germany

Welcome reception at the at the Hotel Vincci Soho 7.00-8.00pm
Pre-Paid Dinner with wine at LaMucca del Prado 8.00pm onwards

FRIDAY 11
Session 1 (9.45 am to 11am): the Maintenance Regulation at 5 years old
Speakers:
John West, SKO Family Law, Edinburgh, Scotland
Carlo Rimini, Rimini Law Firm, Milan/Professor of Law, University of Milan, Italy
Session 2 (11.30am to 12.45pm): Parental Responsibility and Jurisdiction issues relating to children
Speakers:
Carolina Marín Pedreño, Dawson Cornwell, London, England
Michael Gration, 4 Paper Buildings, London, England
Lunch
Session 3 (2.15pm to 3.30pm): Child relocation
Speakers:
Dr Alice Meier-Bourdeau, SCP Meier-Bourdeau Lecuyer, Paris, France
Stefanie Sharma, Familienrecht Sharma, Berlin, Germany

Evening closing drinks at the Hotel Vincci Soho 7.00-8.00pm
Pre-Paid Dinner with wine at restaurant Ana La Santa 8.00pm onwards

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Thursday 15th September 2016

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER(S)
9.00am-9.10am	Introduction from William Longrigg	William Longrigg
9.10am – 9.40am	Speech from Mr Justice Sikri	Mr Justice Sikri
9:40am – 10.30am	Roundtable 1 (recognition and status – rolling case study)	N/A
10.30am – 11.00am	Panel discussion 1 (surrogacy)	Anne-Marie Hutchinson (to chair) Ranjit Malhotra Ian Kennedy
11.00am – 11.30am	Coffee	
11.30am – 12.10pm	Roundtable 2 (domestic violence – rolling case study)	N/A
12.10pm – 12.35pm	Soft skills re counselling (and assisting lawyers)	Amita Sehgal
12.35pm – 1.00pm	Panel discussion 2 (cohabitation)	Jane Keir (to chair) Zenobia du Toit Joy Feinberg
1.00pm	Light buffet lunch	

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Friday 16th September 2016

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER(S)
2.00pm – 2.20pm	Short lecture on the adoption of The Hague	Philippe Lortie
2.20pm – 2.50pm	Short lecture on the Abduction Convention and challenges to implementation	Ambassador Susan Jacobs
2.50pm – 3.20pm	Roundtable 3 (interim maintenance on divorce and orders for legal fees)	N/A
3.20pm – 3.50pm	Panel discussion 3 (recognition)	Diana Hamade Véronique Chauveau (to chair) Anne-Marie Hutchinson Ed Freedman
3.50pm – 4.20pm	Tea	
4.20pm – 5.00pm	Panel discussion 4 (financial remedies – using rolling case study)	Alexis Campbell Nancy Berg (to chair) Catherine Por Daniela Kreidler-Pleus Pinky Anand
5.00pm – 5.10pm	Final plenary session	

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SESSION ONE (9.45 - 10.30)

- Present and Future work of the Hague Conference for Private International Law
  - *Philippe Lortie, First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)*

SESSION TWO (10.30 - 11.15)

- Cross-border mediation in International Child Abduction and Relocation cases
  - *Mathijs Storm, Legal advisor and mediator at the International Child Abduction Centre*
  - *Alison Shalaby, Reunite International Child Abduction Centre*
  - *Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE QC (hon.), England*
  - *Liuda Yablokova, Russia*

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COFFEE BREAK (11.15 - 11.30)

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SESSION THREE (11.30 - 13.30)

- International Judicial Co-operation: Taking Evidence abroad
  - *Hague Convention on Taking Evidence abroad in civil or commercial matters 1970*
  - *EU Evidence Regulation 1206/2001*
  - *Jorge Cestero, Florida, USA*
  - *Jacques Keltjens, Senior Judge and chairman of the Civil law department in the Court of first instance in The Hague*
  - *Freyke Bus, Judge of the Civil law department in the Court of first instance in The Hague*
  - *Jeffrey Brend, Illinois, USA*

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SESSION THREE (11.30 – 12.15)

- International Judicial Co-operation: Taking Evidence abroad

5 tips for using the Hague Evidence Convention
- *Jorge Cestero, Florida, USA*

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SESSION THREE (12.15 – 12.45)

- International Judicial Co-operation: Taking Evidence abroad

Experiences, tips & tricks from the judge

– *Jacques Keltjens*
– *Freyke Bus*

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SESSION THREE (12.45 – 13.15)

- International Judicial Co-operation: Taking Evidence abroad

Top 10 Stupidest Things People do to Hide Money in Divorce

– *Jeffrey Brend, Illinois, USA*

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SESSION THREE (13.15 – 13.30)

- International Judicial Co-operation: Taking Evidence abroad

Q&A

- *Jorge Cestero, Florida, USA*
- *Jacques Keltjens, Senior Judge and chairman of the Civil law department in the Court of first instance in The Hague*
- *Freyke Bus, Judge of the Civil law department in the Court of first instance in The Hague*
- *Jeffrey Brend, Illinois, USA*

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SESSION FOUR (9.00 – 9.40)

- Legal Position of Minors
  - *Lies Punselie, Legal advisor Ministry of Security and Justice (the Netherlands)*
  - *Dara Yapp, Villa Pinedo*

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SESSION FIVE (9.40 - 11.45)

- The Future of Spousal Support
  - *Jeroen Recourt, Dutch MP for PvdA (Labour)*
  - *Wendy Crew, Alabama, USA*
  - *Patricia Kuyumdjian, Argentina*
  - *Johan Sarvik, Sweden*
  - *Poonam Mirchandani, Singapore*
  - *Daniel Trachsel, Switzerland*
  - *Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres, France*
  - *Catherine Heath, Russia*

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COFFEE BREAK (10.30 - 10.45)

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CONTINUE SESSION FIVE (10.45 - 11.45)

- The Future of Spousal Support
  - *Live Polling*
  - *Case Study*
  - *Final Conclusions Panel*

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SESSION SIX (11.45 – 12.15)

- Update from the Dutch EU Presidency on developments regarding EU instruments on Family law
  - *Proposal for Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matters of matrimonial property regimes, COM(2016) 106 final*
  - *Proposal for Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matters of the property consequences of registered partnerships, COM(2016) 107 final*
  - *Just van der Hoeven, Legal advisor Ministry of Security and Justice (the Netherlands)*

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SESSION SIX(11.45 – 12.15)

- Update from the Dutch EU Presidency on developments regarding EU instruments on Family law
  - *Proposal for a council decision authorising enhanced cooperation in the area…, covering both matters of matrimonial property regimes and the property consequences of registered partnerships, COM(2016) 108 final*
  - *Anne-Marie Terhorst, Legal advisor Ministry of Security and Justice (the Netherlands)*

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Saturday (9.30 - 10.30)

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SESSION SEVEN (9.30 – 10.30)

- Legal and Social Recognition of same-sex love worldwide – a moving overview
  - *Kees Waaldijk, Professor of comparative sexual orientation law at Leiden Law School*

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April 14 - 16, 2016
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8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration & Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:10 am Introduction
William Longrigg, London, England
Nancy Zalusky Berg, Minneapolis, Minnesota

9:10 am – 10:25 am Common Law & Civil Law
William Longrigg, London , England
Charlotte Butriulle-Cardew, Paris, France
Sandra Verburgt, The Hague Netherlands

10:25 am – 10:45 am Break

10:45 am – 11:35 am International Prenuptial Agreements
Michele Katz, New York, New York
Eric Wrubel, New York, New York
Charlotte Butruille-Cardew, Paris France
Rachael Kelsey, Edinburgh, Scotland

11:35 AM – 12:25 PM Enforcement Registration

The Honorable Dianna Gould-Saltman, Los Angeles, California
Mia Reich-Sjogren, Goteborg, Sweden
Sylvia Goldschmidt, New York, New York

12:25 PM – 12:30 PM Discussion

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch at The Down Town Association

1:30 PM – 1:40 PM Discussion

1:40 PM – 2:45 PM Discovery of International Financial Documentation

Neil Beaton, Seattle, Washington
William Longrigg, London, England
Michael Stutman, New York, New York
Daniel Ribacoff, New York, New York

2:45 PM – 3:05 PM Break

3:05 PM – 4:10 PM International Financial Support Issues

Justice Laura Drager, New York, New York
Mudita Chawla, New York, New York
Sandra Verburgt, The Hague, Netherlands

4:10 PM – 4:30 PM Questions & Closing Remarks

Saturday Program

8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:20 am Effective Prosecution of Hague Cases (Federal & State)
Robert Arenstein, New York, New York

9:20 am – 9:40 am Habitual Residence & Cross Border Comparison
Laura Dale, Houston, Texas
Ashley Tomlinson, Houston, Texas

9:40 am – 10:00 am Non Exit Permissions and Article 13B Defenses
Daniela Horvitz Lennon, Santiago, Chile

10:00 am – 10:20 am Drafting International Travel Documents & Assessing Flight Risk
Patricia Apy, Red Bank, New Jersey

10:20 – 10:45 am Intersection of Private and Public International Law in Hague Proceedings
Professor Jorge Contessa, Newark, New Jersey

10:45 am – 11:00 am Break

11:00 am – 11:20 am UCCJEA or Hague Proceeding
Lawrence Katz, Miami, Florida

11:20 am – 11:40 am International Mediation
Nancy Zalusky Berg, Minneapolis, Minnesota

11:40 am – 12:00 pm Closing Comments & Questions

IAFL Family Law Cross Border Conference, Moscow, Russia

Sunday 28 February *The Kebur Palace Hotel*	
6.00pm – 8.00pm	Welcome reception / buffet dinner by IAFL at "KEBUR PALACE" Ostozhenka street, 32 http://www.keburpalace.ru/en/
Monday 29 February (Day 1 Co-Chairs – Dr. Kerstin NIETHAMMER-JÜRGENS and Elga SYUKIYAYNEN) *Russian-German House*	
8.30am – 9.00am	Registration and coffee
9.00am – 9.15am	*Welcome and introduction* **William LONGRIGG**, President IAFL and Partner, Charles Russell Speechlys, London, England http://www.charlesrussellspeechlys.com/people/l/longrigg-william/ **Dr. Kerstin NIETHAMMER-JÜRGENS**, German Bar and Fellow of the IAFL, Team Leader of the EU financed and by GIZ implemented Project on the Implementation on the Hague Conventions in Russia (2011-2013) http://www.juergens-law.de/kanzlei/anwaelte-k-niethammer.html
9.15am – 9.30am	*Address on behalf of the German Embassy* **Klemens MÖMKES**, Head of the Legal and Consular Section, German Embassy in Moscow
9.30am – 10.15am	*"The Hague Conventions in Russia – opportunities, impediments and pitfalls."* **Dr. Kerstin NIETHAMMER-JÜRGENS** **Elga SYUKIYAYNEN**, Jurist, Certified Mediator, Fellow of the IAFL
10.15am – 10.45am	*"Hague Conventions of 1980 and 1996: statistics and the role of the Central Authority."* **Irina I. ROMANOVA**, Head of the Division for normative and legal regulation in the sphere of children's rights protection of the **Russian Central Authority** (Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation) https://www.hcch.net/en/states/authorities/details3/?aid=928
10.45am – 11:15am	*"Hague Convention on Parental Responsibility and Protection of Children ("1996 Convention") – an international perspective"* **Anne-Marie HUTCHINSON OBE QC (Hon)**, Governor at Large of the IAFL and Head of Children Department at Dawson Cornwell, London. The recipient of the inaugural UNICEF Child Rights Lawyer award in 1999 and an OBE for her services to international child abduction and adoption. She is involved in work promoting the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. http://www.dawsoncornwell.com/en/about_amh.html
11.15am – 11.30am	Coffee break

11.30am – 12.00pm	*"Articles 12 and 13 of the 1980 Convention: exceptions to the obligation to return the child. How do Russian judges apply these articles?"* **Tatiana STARIKOVA**, Moscow Bar, Partner, Head of Private Practice of the Law Firm "YUST", Expert in the Group of the Russian Federal Chamber of Advocates acting for removed children's legal interests http://www.yust.ru/team/partners/starikova/
12.00pm – 12.30pm	*"International relocation – the best interests of the child; a judicial perspective"* **Anton ZHAROV**, Moscow Bar http://azh.ru/ / *http://zharov.info/media*
12.30pm – 1.00pm	*"Raising awareness of International Parental Child Abduction – a view from Paris"* **Véronique CHAUVEAU**, Founding Director of CBBC, Paris and one of France's leading children's lawyers. http://www.cbbc-avocats.com/en/team/
1.00pm – 2.15pm	Light lunch
2.15pm – 3.00pm	*"Cross-border family disputes: some topical issues"* **Olga KHAZOVA**, Doctor of law degree, Associate Professor at the Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Expert in the Group on child-friendly justice of the Council of Europe, Independent legal consultant
3.00pm – 4.00pm	*"Russia and the Hague Conventions; the first decisions" – Discussion with lawyers from other jurisdictions, including Hungary and Poland* **Marina ZAKHARINA**, Moscow Bar (Lawyer in the Neustadt case - HC'96) **Liuda YABLOKOVA**, St Petersburg Bar (Lawyer in the Ushakov case – HC'80) **Dr. Soma KÖLCSÉNYI**, IAML Fellow, Budapest, Hungary
4.00pm – 4.15pm	Coffee break
4.15pm – 5.00pm	*"How to win a Hague Convention child abduction case: key suggestions from an American lawyer."* **Nancy ZALUSKY BERG**, Founding Partner of Walling, Berg, & Debele, Minneapolis, specialising in family, juvenile and adoption law and President-Elect of the IAML www.wbdlaw.com
5.00pm – 5.10pm	*Overview of the day* **Dr. Kerstin NIETHAMMER-JÜRGENS**
7.00pm	Optional traditional Georgian dinner at GENATSVALE http://restoran-genatsvale.ru/ Ostozhenka street, 12/1
Tuesday 1 March (Day 2 Co-Chairs – James STEWART and Julie LOSSON) *Russian-German House*	
8.45am – 9.15am	Coffee
9.15am – 9.30am	*Introduction – Russian family law in the international arena* **James STEWART**, Partner, Penningtons Manches LLP, London, and IAFL Parliamentarian is an international family lawyer and arbitrator. James is author of Family Law: A Global Guide (2015) and one of only three family lawyers to be included in the 2015 London Super Lawyers 'Top 10 list'. http://www.penningtons.co.uk/people/p-t/james-stewart/

9.30am – 9.50am	*"General presentation of the issues of the day: regulatory framework, international private law in the Russian legislation, recognition of foreign court decisions."* **Julie LOSSON,** Paris Bar, on the list of foreign lawyers of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation, Attorney adviser of the French Consulate in Moscow, Partner "Villard Cornec & Associés"
9.50am – 10.30am	*"Family dispute resolution - mediation and arbitration in Russia and beyond"* **Vladislav Valierevitch GRIB,** Moscow Bar, Vice-President of the Russian Federal Chamber of lawyers, Partner of the law firm SGP http://sgp-law.ru/grib.html **Rachael KELSEY**, Founding Director of SKO, Edinburgh, Scotland, an accredited Specialist in Family Law and a Family Mediator. Secretary of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IAFL) and Chair of Family mediation, Lothian. Rachael is one of Scotland's leading Family Law Arbitrators and trainers. http://www.sko-family.co.uk/people/rachael-kelsey/
10.30am – 11.00am	*"Trusts and marital agreements; a comparative exercise".* **Elena VASILYEVA**, Private Client lawyer, Charles Russell Speechlys, London, with a particular focus on Russia, acting predominantly for high net worth individuals and families with connections to those jurisdictions. http://www.charlesrussellspeechlys.com/people/v/vasilyeva-elena/ with **James STEWART** and **Rachael KELSEY**.
11.00am – 11.15am	Coffee break
11.15am – 11.45am	*"The Battle of Borodino revisited? Franco-Russian divorce"* **Charlotte BUTRUILLE-CARDEW**, Founding Partner of CBBC and Avocat à la Cour d'appel de Paris and qualified English solicitor. Charlotte is an accredited specialist of Family Law with the Paris Bar and a Founding Member of the French Family Law Institute, President of AFPDC and Affiliated member of Resolution (UK). She is also a Governor and Member of the European Chapter Management Committee of the IAFL. http://www.cbbc-avocats.com/en/team/
11.45am – 12.30pm	*"Spousal maintenance on marital breakdown: how to protect the financially weaker spouse?"* **Russia: Evgeny RASCHEVSKY,** Partner, Head of International Arbitration and Litigation Practice, Egorov Puginksy, Afanasiev & Partners, Moscow http://epam.ru/eng/team/evgeny-raschevsky **Ukraine: Iryna MOROZ**, AGA Lawyers, Kiev and author of the Ukrainian chapter of Family Law, A Global Guide (Thomson Reuters 2015). http://www.agalawyers.org **England: Edward FLOYD**, Penningtons Manches, London http://www.penningtons.co.uk/people/f-j/edward-floyd/
12.30pm – 1.00pm	*Questions and concluding remarks* **William LONGRIGG** and **Nancy ZALUSKY BERG**

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Thursday, February 4, 2016

8:30 am – 9:45 am

Looking at Tax Issues In Cross Boarder Divorces

Paul A Sczudlo, Esq., Law Offices of Paul A. Sczudlo, Los Angeles, California, United States; Suzanne Harris, Esq., Harris-Ginsberg LLP, Los Angeles, California, United States

Materials: 002 Tax Issues: Cross-Border Divorce

9:45 am – 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am – 11:45 am

"Surrogacy – What you don't know, you must learn!"

Moderator: Karon Bales T.E.P., C.S., Bales Beall LLP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Panel: Jane Keir, Kingsley Napley Solicitors, London, England; Sandra Verburgt, Delissen Martens, The Hague, Netherlands; Gary Debele, JD, Walling, Berg & Debele, P.A., Minneapolis, Minnesota United States; Lilah Sutphen, J.D., Hersh FamilyLaw Practice, P.C., San Francisco, California, United States; Meg Ledebuhr, JD, ConceiveAbilities, Chicago, Illinois, United States ; and Professor Pincas Shiffman, President of the College of Law and Business, Ramat Gan, Israel

Materials:

003 Surrogacy Panel – Comparison of International Policies

004 She's having my Baby – Assisted Reproduction in the Canadian context – Karon Bales

005 Surrogacy UK position – Jane Keir

005A Surrogacy UK position Presentation PowerPoint – Jane Keir

006 Surrogacy for Single & Unmarried Foreign Persons – A Challenge under Indian Law

007 Surrogacy in Israel – Pinhas Shifman

008 Surrogacy in the Netherlands – Sandra Verburgt

009 Surrogacy – Embryos Presentation – Gary Debele

009A Surrogacy – Embryos Presentation PowerPoint – Gary Debele

010 Family Law Newsletter (October 2015)

010A Surrogacy and a Woman's Constitutional Right to an Abortion – Lilah J. Sutphen

010B Surrogacy Law in America - Meg Ledebuhr

Thursday, February 4, 2016 (Cont.)

11:45 am – 12:15 pm

"Race, Religion & Family Law"

Patricia Fourcand, J.D., Miller Thompson LLP, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Materials:

010C Race Religion and Family Law Presentation PowerPoint - Patricia Fourcand

010D Race Religion and Family Law - Patricia Fourcand

Friday, February 5, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

"Forced Marriage in the USA and CANADA"

Anne-Marie Hutchinson, OBE, Dawson Cornwell, London, England

Materials: 010E Forced Marriage Protection Act 2007 - Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE

9:15 am – 9:30 am

Break

9:30 am – 11:25 am

"Intellectual Property"

Materials: 011 Intellectual Property - Fahi Takesh Hallin Robert Watts Wayne Kazan

Robert Watts, CPA, Gursey Schneider LLP, Los Angeles, California, USA; Wayne Kazan, JD Weintraub Tobin, Beverly Hills, California, United States; and Fahi Takesh Hallin, JD, Harris. Ginsberg LLP, Los Angeles, California, United States

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

"USA Habitual Residence Review & UK Comparison"

Laura Dale, JD, Houston, Texas, United States; Ashley Tomlinson, JD, Laura Dale & Associates, P.C., Houston, Texas, United States

Materials: 012 Habitual Residence - Laura Dale Ashley Tomlinson

Mini Meeting

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Introduction to EU Family Law, Berlin

Meeting Programme: November 2015

Thursday 26 November - NH Collection Hotel, Friedrichstraße 96, 10117 Berlin

2.00pm	Conference opens NH Collection Hotel, Barcelona Room Welcome from IAML President, William Longrigg and European Chapter President, Mark Harper
2.00pm - 3.15pm	Session 1: Brussels II bis - divorce procedure Dr Ian Curry-Sumner, Dordrecht, Netherlands
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Tea/Coffee Break
3.30pm - 4.45pm	Session 2: Cross Border parental responsibility issues (Brussels II bis) Jacqueline Renton, London
6.30pm – 7:30pm	Welcome Drinks in the Lobby Bar of the Melia Hotel (Friedrichstraße 103) hosted by the IAML European Chapter Welcome talk, Jutta Wagner, Berlin
8:00pm - late	Pre-Paid Dinner at 12 Apostel, Berlin-Mitte

Friday 27 November - The Melia Hotel, Friedrichstraße 103, 10117 Berlin

9:30am – 3:30pm	Conference Sessions in Melia Hotel, Barcelona II Room
9.30am - 10.45am	Session 1: Cross Border Child Abduction (Brussels II bis and the Hague Convention 1980) Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens, Potsdam
10:45am – 11:15am	Coffee Break
11.15am - 12.45pm	Session 2: Rome III Divorce Regulation & the 2007 Service Regulation Alice Meier-Bourdeau, Paris and Sandra Verburgt, The Hague
12:45pm – 2:00pm	Lunch
2.00pm - 3.30pm	Session 3: The Maintenance Regulation & Hague Protocol Alexandre Boiché, Paris and Lisette Dupré, London
6.30pm – 7:30pm	Closing Drinks, Melia Hotel, Lobby Bar
8:00pm – late	Pre-Paid Dinner at the Clärchens Ballhaus

IAML Berlin Conference 26/27 November 2015

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS

PANEL 1 DIVORCE

BII bis divorce procedure

Which of the following options does the audience agree with and why ?

a) The first to issue rule works perfectly well.
b) Keep the first to issue, but have exceptional right to transfer (like article 15 for parental resp.)
c) Get rid of first to issue and have wide discretion to transfer – forum conveniens.

Grounds for divorce

Are there are any unusual features of grounds for divorce/ areas for reform in your jurisdiction?

PANEL II BRUSSELS II BIS PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ISSUES

Cross Border Parental Responsibility

Enforcement of foreign judgments for parental responsibility

- Are the formalities straightforward - timescales and costs
- (e.g. Does the system of certificates according to Art. 39 and Annex I, II function?)
- Are the orders undermined by variation applications (for example in a leave to remove situation after the 3 month prorogation)
- What are the sanctions for non-compliance

PANEL III CHILD ABDUCTION

Child Abduction

- What is the timescale and cost (please mention any legal aid issues) of return of a child?
- What are the sanctions for non-compliance – how effective are enforcement proceedings?
- Is mediation used within the proceedings?
- Do the latest rulings of the ECHR have an effect within the proceedings (X vs. Latvia, Neulinger etc.)

PANEL IV ROME III AND SERVICE REGULATION

Rome III and the EU Service Regulation 2007

- Is Rome III on the law applicable to divorce procedure a helpful and useful regulation?
  (e.g. Choice of applicable law in pre-nuptial agreements and marriage contracts? Does that work?)
- Traps you have encountered in the operation of the Service Regulation

PANEL V MAINTENANCE REGULATION AND HAGUE PROTOCOL

Maintenance Regulation

- Are your judges finding this regulation easy to apply? Give examples from higher courts/ or your practice.
- What impact if any has the Maintenance Regulation/ Hague Protocol had on prenuptial agreements/ marriage contracts in your jurisdiction?

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Thursday 10 September

09.00-09.15 Welcome – The Godfather

09.15-10.30 Fair is Foul and Foul is Fair, introduced by Helen Ward

Johan Sarvik and Fredric Renström (with some help from Max Meyer and Helen) will take you through a summary of the answers from your jurisdictions to our questionnaire, with further contributions from you.

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 The Case Study - Fair is Foul and Foul is Fair: Part I

Friday 11 September

09.00-10.15 The Case Study – Fair is Foul and Foul is Fair: Part II

10.15-10.45 Coffee Break

10.45-11.30 Associate Professor Lucinda Ferguson – “Fairness” and the eye of the Beholder – a comparative perspective on financial remedies upon relationship breakdown

11.30-12.30 The Case Study – Fair is Foul and Foul is Fair: Part II (Continued)

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June 10 – 13, 2015

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Thursday, June 11, 2015
8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Historic Lecture on Quebec City
David Mandel

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Have Prenuptial Agreements Become Instruments of Oppression?
Moderator: Arnold H. Rutkin, Esq., Rutkin, Oldham & Griffin, L.L.C., Westport, Connecticut, USA

9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Historical Perspective: The Development of Prenuptial and Cohabitation Agreements Around the World
Ian Kennedy AM, Kennedy Partners, Melbourne, Austrialia

Materials:

002 The Past, Present and Future of Pre-nuptial Agreements

9:50 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Debate: Proposition: Prenuptial agreements have become instruments of oppression.

Pro – Gerald Stotland, Lavery, de Billy, Montreal, Canada

Con – Kathleen Hogan, Esq., McGuane and Hogan, LLP, Denver, Colorado, United States

10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Break

10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Sociological Perspectives on Cohabitation: Implications for Prenuptial and Cohabitation Agreements

Pamela J. Smock, Ph.D., Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States

Materials:

003 Sociological Perspectives on Cohabitation

11:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Sarah Stark Oldham, Esq., Rutkin, Oldham & Griffin, L.L.C., Westport, Connecticut, United States

11:40 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.

Top 10 Divorce Lawyer Pension Mistakes

Roxanne Poulin, Towers Watson, Montréal, Quebec, Canada and Susan Myres, Esq., Myers & Associates, Houston, Texas, United States

Materials:

004 Marriage Breakdown Challenges of Multi-jurisdictional Divorces/Pensions

005 Marriage Breakdown PowerPoint Document

Friday, June 12, 2015
8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Children's Participation in Family Proceedings

Professor Nick Bala, Ph.D., Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada and Dr. Robert A. Simon, Ph.D., San Diego, California, United States

Materials:

006 Guidelines for Judicial Interviews FLQ 2013 Bala Birnbaum Cyr & McColley

007 Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases

008 Title Five Rules

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Questions and Group Discussion

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Executive Perquisites Post Dodd Frank - What's happening today? How do we divide these assets?

Greg Brown, Esq., Holland & Knight, Chicago, Illinois, United States and Meighan Harmon, Esq., Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP, Chicago, Illinois, United States

Materials: **009 What You Need to Know About How Executive Compensation Is Affected by the Dodd-Frank Act**

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Attorney's Fees in Hague Cases

Laura Dale, Esq., Laura Dale & Associates, P.C., Houston, Texas, United States

Materials:

010 Attorney's Fees in Hague Cases

011 Restitution Under the Hague Convention – Attorney Fees

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Educational Programme– Alfonso XIII Hotel
Seville, 26th – 29th March 2015

THURSDAY 26th MARCH

09.00 – 9.15: Welcome and Introduction to the Educational Programme

Alberto Perez Cedillo, Alberto Perez Cedillo Spanish Lawyers and Solicitors (Spain)

09.15 – 9.45: Brief historical intro to Seville

Pr. James Davidson.

James Davidson is Professor of Ancient History at the University of Warwick. His first book, *Courtesans and Fishcakes* (1997) was described as "brilliant and original" by the New York Times, while the Los Angeles Times reviewer concluded "there could be no better popular history than this". His second book, *The Greeks and Greek Love* (2007) won the Randy Shilts Prize, the Lambda Award and the Mark Lynton History Prize. He is a regular contributor to the *Guardian* Newspaper and the *London Review of Books* and occasionally makes appearances on TV talking about antiquity. For 2015-16 he was awarded a British Academy Fellowship to write a book on the *Rise and Fall of the City of Athens.* Eventually he hopes to write a book on *History and Spain* as a kind or antidote to Braudel, about the profound impact on economy society and culture of politics battles and events.

09.45 – 10.15: Introduction to Spanish Family Law

Spain has gone through great political, economic and legal changes in recent years and in certain areas provides some of the most progressive examples of family law legislation in Europe. It is also a very decentralised country with 17 Autonomous Communities. For that reason it can be difficult to get to grips with the variety of different regional laws. Spanish fellows will be introducing you to the varieties of family law in their respective regions.

Co- Chairs:
Alberto Perez Cedillo, Alberto Perez Cedillo Spanish Lawyers and Solicitors (Spain);
Elena Zarraluqui, Elena Zarraluqui Abogados (Spain);
Christopher Lee, Domenech Abogados (Spain).

10.15 – 11.00: Brussels IV Regulation – Implications on Family Law

The "Succession Regulation" ("SR") has attempted to harmonise private international law rules for succession throughout the EU without significantly affecting the internal succession laws of Member States. The new regulation will have far reaching consequences that will affect family law even in those jurisdictions that have opted out. Through a practical case study we will examine its potential implications.

Co- Chairs:
Peter Junggeburth, Junggeburth & Becker (Germany);
Fredric Renström, Lindskog Malmström Advokatbyrå KB (Sweden);
Carlo Rimini, Rimini Law Firm (Italy).

CASE STUDY:

Facts:

The spouses are Escamillo, of German nationality, and Carmen who is a national of your country. They are habitually resident in Germany under a German matrimonial property regime. They have two children of age and have signed the following matrimonial agreement before a German notary public:

- Agreement -

I. Matrimonial agreement

1. *On property relationships*

   1.1 As regards the property relationships between us and in respect of third parties we designate as applicable law German law.

   1.2 We exclude the German default property regime and agree on a separation of assets.

II. Agreement as to succession

1. *We reciprocally appoint each other unrestricted and sole heir, regardless whether the first deceased is survived by heirs on intestacy. After the death of the survivor the estate of both is to pass to our common children. If one of our common children dies before the first of us deceases he/she is replaced by his/her descendants including adoptive children if they are.*
2. *If an heir on intestacy claims for compulsory portion after the first deceased, he and his descendants will not become heir of the survivor.*
3. *This agreement as to succession may be revoked unilaterally only in the case of divorce.*

The marriage contract is properly registered at the civil registry.

Carmen dies having kept her nationality whilst she is still married to Escamillo, but they have become habitually resident in your country and all the assets of her estate including a property acquired in Seville by both spouses are under the separation of assets regime.

Questions to consider:

1. *Is it possible in your country to reach an agreement similar to the one achieved by Escamillo and Carmen?*

2. *Could there be any differences in the possible treatment of the case depending on the fact that Carmen dies before 17 August 2015 or afterwards when the Regulation comes into place?*

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00: In richness and in poorness: Tips and traps in international divorce and financial cases

Interactive participants' session. Pre-arranged round tables of 10 participants in the conference representing different jurisdictions dealing with a practical case lead by the panel. This session is designed to take a comparative look at competing family law claims in various jurisdictions to include the relevant procedural advantages and disadvantages. The session will focus on the practical aspects of conflict of laws and international litigation and a discussion will be led by a panel of experts with plenty of opportunity for the audience to contribute to the discussion.

Co-Chairs:
Elena Zarraluqui, Elena Zarraluqui Abogados (Spain);
Kai Yun Wong, Chia Wong LLP (Singapore);
Jorge Cestero, Sasser, Cestero & Sasser, P.A. (Florida, USA).

CASE STUDY:

Escamillo and Carmen are married and they are nationals of your country. You act for Escamillo. Carmen is an economist and an expert in hedge funds who has not worked in the past years because she does take care of the two children of the marriage, aged 10 and 13. She does not have any assets or income of her own.

Escamillo is a Real Madrid football player but he used to play for the Miami Dolphins. He has limited capital in USA, some investments in your country and an income of $300,000 a week.

Carmen loves Florida so they own a house there, where they are based from May to August when they are not travelling around the world.

The family lives in Madrid during the rest of the year.
In February, Escamillo tells you that he is having significant problems of communication with Carmen which has created serious problems in their marriage. He is starting to feel like divorce is the only option although he is not a hundred percent sure.

1. *What advice will you give to Escamillo as to where he should consider taking action? What are his options?*
2. *Does your country have jurisdiction to file a separation or divorce petition?*
3. *What are the grounds for divorce in your country? Can Escamillo waive or opt out of divorce proceedings? If so, can Carmen still continue or institute a divorce claim?*
4. *Would your advice change in the event that Escamillo is served with divorce papers, issued in Madrid, a couple of weeks before he comes to see you?*
5. *Which country would have preference in pursuing the proceedings?*

Suppose that Carmen and Escamillo decided to give a second chance to their marriage so divorce proceedings were not filed.

At the end of July, Escamillo is sold to the Warriors FC of Singapore. He moves there in time to start the new football season. The situation with Carmen has become impossible and he comes to visit you once again regarding divorce. Escamillo takes the children with him to Singapore as they are on holiday. Carmen decides that she will stay in Madrid. At the end of the summer the children inform their parents they would rather to stay with Escamillo in Singapore.

6. *What do you advise Escamillo as to how he could have the children stay with him?*
7. *Could you obtain emergency or interim orders about the children in your country pending a decision as to whether another country has jurisdiction over the matter?*
8. *How might Carmen prevent Escamillo taking the children to Singapore and ensure the children stay with her? What are her chances of success?*
9. *If Escamillo is able to take the children, how can Carmen ensure that she continues to be a part of the children's life?*
10. *Does your country have jurisdiction to deal with maintenance claims arising from the breakup?*
11. *What is the scope of the maintenance orders available in your country?*
12. *Could you obtain emergency or interim orders about financial aspects for maintenance in your country pending a decision as to whether another country has jurisdiction over the matter?*
13. *If a financial order for maintenance is made in your jurisdiction, would it be possible to request a modification of the order should the circumstances change?*
14. *If an order for maintenance has been issued in Madrid, would it be possible to enforce it in your country? Would it also be possible to request a variation of the said order should the circumstances change?*
15. *Assume that Carmen has decided to respect the wishes of the children. Would your advice for Escamillo change in relation to jurisdiction for any financial claims?*
16. *Does your country have jurisdiction to deal with financial relief for property division arising from the breakup? What if Carmen is already in the process of obtaining a divorce in Madrid?*
17. *What is the scope of the property division orders available in your country?*
18. *Could you obtain emergency or interim orders about financial aspects for property division pending a decision as to whether another country has jurisdiction over the matter?*
19. *If a financial order for property division is made in your jurisdiction, would it be possible to request a modification of the order should the circumstances change?*
20. *If Carmen had already obtained an order for property division in Madrid, can she enforce this against Escamillo in your country?*
21. *Would your courts be bound by a pre-nuptial contract which Escamillo and Carmen entered into in your country before their marriage? What if they entered into a post-nuptial agreement in Madrid earlier in February?*

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch break

14.00 – 15.00: International taxation: implications on divorce

The session will emphasize the need for tax planning in a variety of family dispute situations. With the significant costs associated with cross border litigation, settlement may seem like the most appealing solution. There are several tax traps for the unwary. The session will include three scenarios and will deal with different jurisdictions.

Co-Chairs:
Charlotte Butruille-Cardew, CBBC (France);
Larry A Ginsberg, Harris Ginsberg LLP (Los Angeles, USA);
Alexander Carruthers, Hughes Fowler Carruthers (England).

CASE STUDY:

I. Carmen and Jose are nationals of your country. They own the matrimonial home and a house in the countryside. They have two children. Carmen has issued divorce proceedings.

1. *Would there be any advantage in reaching an out of court agreement from a tax point of view?*

2. *What would be the most tax efficient solution for dealing with:*
   a. *The ownership of the matrimonial home;*
   b. *The life tenancy of the matrimonial home;*
   c. *Spousal maintenance;*
   d. *Children's maintenance;*

   e. *Effect one single payment or payment in instalments.*

   → ***NB :***

   → *If one spouse is to remain in the family home but the other is to continue to have a financial interest in the property, how best to structure that arrangement from a tax perspective (right of use, retention of the house by a trust or a company, transferring shares to the children etc.) ;*

   How best to structure the transfer from one spouse to the other of any interest in an immovable property (either vacation home, family home or family investment): located in your jurisdiction? Located abroad? (For example, is it more efficient to transfer the property while the spouses are still married).

3. *Importance of identifying what is what from a tax point of view in the agreement.*

4. *The implications of the matrimonial economic regime, if any.*

5. *The dissolution of the economic regime, if any.*

6. *Taxation of co-ownership/joint tenants and tenants in common.*

7. *Relevance of the wealth of each individual to achieve a tax efficient agreement.*

→ ***NB :***

→ *How common are tax indemnities in your jurisdiction to try to resolve issues? Do we think that giving a tax indemnity is a good or a bad thing?*

8. *Residency/Custody of the children and taxation benefits: What happens in case of a shared residency?*
9. *Would the solutions be any different if the spouses hold different citizenships or reside in different countries?*

II. After the break-up, Carmen decided to stay in the country with the children but Jose decides to move abroad. They finally found an amicable solution and you are in charge of drafting the divorce agreement.

10. *If any choice of jurisdiction was available, would you possibly advise them to register the divorce agreement in another country? Why? (Only tax implications should be considered).*
11. *What tax traps should they be aware of in such case? (Risks of double taxations for both recipient and payer, taxation applicable on the entire common assets, Transfer of properties at the time of the divorce etc.).*
12. *In your jurisdiction, is it possible to alter the rules of taxation in the divorce agreement (for example, is it legally valid to determine which spouse will support the taxation of the alimony/maintenance/spousal support).*

III. EXPERT PERSPECTIVE: Jose owns a company which generates most of the wealth of the family and has a lot of value.

13. *Would its value have to be assessed and any tax payable on its sale taken into account when calculating the assets of the parties?*
14. *What would your jurisdiction do – would they assume that the company would not be sold so no tax would be payable and its value is including any potential tax?*
15. *Or in the alternative, would they say the real value of the company includes any tax payable on its sale?*

FRIDAY 27th MARCH

09.00 – 10.30: International pre/post nuptials and marriage contracts

This session will examine the organisational and legal challenges which lawyers face when handling wealthy families and the prospect of international marriage as well as reviewing the alternatives available in a range of European and other jurisdictions. The session will tackle the practical issues arising by discussing a practical case.

What happens on divorce if there is a prenup in countries where are not absolutely binding?

When can a marriage contract be challenged?

Co- Chairs:
Daniel Trachsel, Trachsel Bortolani (Switzerland);
Emma Hatley, Stewarts Law (England);
John Harding, Harding & Associates (California, USA);
Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres, BWG Associés (France).
CASE STUDY:

Facts:

You have been contacted by Escamillo who is both a national and habitual resident of your country in order to represent him.

He is consulting you because he is considering entering into a pre-nuptial agreement with his future wife (who is domiciled in California and habitually resident in London, England and Wales), in advance of their marriage in London in late September 2015. They are going to live between London and your country.

The parties may at some stage relocate to Spain during the course of their marriage. Escamillo is therefore looking to protect his position in the event of divorce proceedings.

Questions to consider:

1. *Please provide Escamillo with some initial advice as to the **position in your country in relation to prenuptial agreements (local and foreign) and their enforceability.***
2. *In order to conclude a pre or post-nuptial agreement, what **formalities** have to be observed in your jurisdiction:*
    - *2.1. Independent legal representation?*
    - *2.2. Full disclosure of assets and income at the time the parties are entering the agreement?*
    - *2.3. Agreement must be presented to the parties a certain time period before signing and/or the wedding (timescales)?*

    *And what **requirements as to form and execution** do exist in your jurisdiction?*
3. *In which jurisdiction(s) would you recommend to Escamillo to enter into a pre-nuptial agreement? How will the court in your jurisdiction reconcile any inconsistencies between more than one agreement? Would you recommend separate agreements or a **single agreement** intended to be effective worldwide? What are the risk involved?*
4. *Can the provision of a marital agreement make provision that conflicts with what the law in your country would otherwise provide? Can the provision of a marital agreement make provision that conflicts with what a court in your country would otherwise provide?*
5. *Escamillo wants to include some specific **content** in the agreement. For each of those provisions he would like to know if it is possible and if a court would recognize and enforce such provisions in a divorce in your jurisdiction.*
    - *5.1. Escamillo would like to choose a separation of property regime, or at least exclude his professional assets from the division in case of a divorce.*
    - *5.2. Escamillo would like to exclude **pension plans from the division of assets.***
    - *5.3. Escamillo would like to include a provision limiting both spouses' potential claims regarding **marital and post marital spousal maintenance claims.***

5.4. *Escamillo owns the future **dwelling of the family**. He wants to make sure that should his future wife decide to leave him he will be able to remain in the house and she will have to leave within a few weeks.*

5.5. *Escamillo would like to include a provision about shared physical custody of the **children** in case of a divorce.*

6. ***Which law will govern the interpretation** of each of the marital agreements if Escamillo and his wife divorce in your country? Your law? The law of the country where the pre-nuptial was signed? The law provided for by the agreement?*

7. *Can Escamillo and his wife in your jurisdiction agree in the agreement on a **prorogation** (choice) **of jurisdiction** regarding:*

    7.1. *Divorce?*

    7.2. *Division of marital property?*

    7.3. *Marital and post marital maintenance?*

    7.4. *Splitting of assets in pension plans?*

8. *And can Escamillo and his fiancée agree on a **choice of law** regarding:*

    8.1. *Divorce?*

    8.2. *Division of marital property?*

    8.3. *Marital and post marital maintenance?*

    8.4. *Splitting of assets in occupational pension plans?*

9. *Is there any difference in your country between the treatment of a bespoke ("tailor made") marital agreement negotiated between the parties rather than a **"default"** marital property regime? What type of agreement does your country allow?*

10. *On what grounds can the **validity** of a pre or post nup agreement be contested in your jurisdiction? Does it make any difference if Escamillo's wife signed the marital agreements reluctantly? Are there any vitiating factors that will negate the effect the marital agreements (or any of them) may have?*

11. ***Are marital agreements binding** or to what extend do the courts of your country retain any discretion to make provision on divorce?*

    11.1. *What happens if Escamillo's wife suffers a serious disability during the marriage or there is another significant and unforeseen change (for the worse) in her situation after she has entered the marital agreement?*

    11.2. *What happens if Escamillo loses the majority of his wealth through ill-fortune or unwise investment? What if he can no longer afford to meet the provision due under the marital agreement?*

    11.3. *Would it make any difference if Escamillo's wife sacrificed her high flying career during the marriage to raise a family?*

    11.4. *Can a marital agreement ever leave a spouse in a position of undue **hardship**? If not, what thresholds or criteria are relevant?*

12. *Escamillo wants to know if he could in time **review or modify** this marital agreement(s) and how to do it?*

13. *In your country is there a **difference between** an agreement entered into **before the marriage and** an agreement that is entered into **after** the marriage ceremony?*

14. *Does your country make any distinction between **same-sex couple** and opposite sex couple and their ability to enter into pre-nuptial agreements?*
15. *What (if any) **future reforms or changes** are anticipated in your jurisdiction?*

10.30– 11.00: Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00: Cohabitation

Potential rights arising upon the breakdown of cohabitation. Pre-arranged round tables of participants in the conference representing different jurisdictions will deal with a practical case led by the panel.

Co- Chairs:
Esther Susin, E. Susin Cabinet Juridic Internacional (Spain);
Rita Ku, Withers (Hong Kong);
Fiona Kendall, Clarion (Scotland/England).

CASE STUDY:

Facts:

Escamillo and Carmen have been cohabiting as a stable couple since 2009 in a house owned by Escamillo and adopted two children, now aged four and two, in 2011.

Escamillo's mother returned to Germany for a few weeks for Escamillo's birth. He has maintained strong connections with Germany and, indeed, his work obliges him to spend around two weeks a month there. In 2010 Escamillo and Carmen bought a comfortable apartment in Bonn. Carmen used to work full-time as an accountant but since the couple adopted the children she has been working from home on a part-time basis. This suits the family well, since the whole family can now split their time fairly equally between their house and the apartment in Germany. The children benefit from the time they can spend with their German cousins and grandparents when they are in Bonn.

The couple used to share the bills equally before the children came along. Since then, Escamillo, who earns 8,000 Euros monthly, has met the majority of the household expenditure. Carmen earns 1,000 Euros monthly. She is entitled, in addition, to certain state benefits which increase her income by 500 Euros monthly. The household bills include wages of their nanny, Juanita, whom the couple have employed since adopting their children. Juanita is paid around 200 Euros per week, depending on how many hours she works.

The house had been bought by Escamillo as something of a project but his work commitments prevented him from doing very much with it. Carmen, who has an eye for interior design, has spent a lot of time over the years making the house into a beautiful home for the family. When Carmen's grandmother died in 2013, she left Carmen a legacy of 50,000 Euros. Carmen had no hesitation in using the money to fund renovation work on the house and landscaping for the garden. The property is now worth around 150,000 Euros more than when Carmen moved in.

There have been tensions in the couple's relationship for months. Last night Escamillo came home drunk, switched on the light in the couple's bedroom and refused to allow Carmen to sleep whilst he poured forth a stream of criticism. There then followed an altercation during which Carmen hit Escamillo. He has told her this morning that he expects her to leave the house by the end of the week.

Carmen comes to your office wishing to know what her rights are in the event of terminating the cohabitation.

Questions to consider:

All questions should be considered from the perspective of opposite-sex and same-sex relationships.

1. *What prospect does Carmen have of recovering what she has contributed, both directly and indirectly, to the house and what, if any, would be the legal basis for such a claim? Specifically, would the concept of trusts come into play in your jurisdiction?*

2. *What prospect does Carmen have of being compensated for loss of earnings and loss of earning capacity and what, if any, would be the legal basis for such a claim?*

3. *What can Carmen expect from Escamillo by way of financial support for the children and how would this be quantified? Can she anticipate (a) basic maintenance, (b) nursery/school fees, (c) the cost of retaining Juanita, (d) anything else?*

4. *What can Carmen expect from Escamillo by way of financial support for herself, and for how long?*

5. *What types of orders can a court make in a case such as this? Could a court, for example, order a transfer of property or pension sharing?*

6. *What can Carmen expect from Escamillo in terms of accommodation for herself and the children?*

7. *Given the couple's close connections with two jurisdictions, is there the prospect of a claim for Carmen in each of the jurisdictions concerned and, if so, on what basis? What constraints, if any, are there in relation to applicable law?*

8. *What legal protection (if any) would be afforded Carmen in relation to her occupation of the family home?*

SATURDAY 28th MARCH

09.00 – 10.30: Same sex parenting

The purpose of this session is to examine legislation and case law insofar as it relates to parental responsibility in same sex parenting cases. Pre-arranged round tables of participants in the conference representing different jurisdictions will deal with a practical case led by the panel.

Co- Chairs:
Jorge Marfil, Jorge A Marfil (Spain);
Stewart Leech, QEB Chambers (England);
Nigel Nicholls, Blanchfield Nicholls Partners (Australia).

CASE STUDY:

Facts:

Escamillo and Jose are both resident in your jurisdiction. They have been in a relationship for 6 years and have lived together for the last 5 years in a house they have bought in their joint names. They would like your advice in relation to their rights and obligations as a couple. Ideally, they would like to get married. They are also planning to enter a surrogacy agreement in which Escamillo will be the

biological father. Their plan is that Escamillo will give up his career to spend at least the first few years at home looking after the baby.

They are undecided as to whether it should be a traditional surrogacy (i.e. where the surrogate will be biologically related to the child) or a gestational surrogacy (where there will be no biological link). If possible they would like to enter a surrogacy arrangement in their home jurisdiction although they are prepared to enter one in a foreign jurisdiction if necessary. They have heard that in some "fertility tourism countries" (India, Russian Federation, Ukraine, United States) the biological father may appear as the father of the newly born in his/her passport.

<u>Questions to consider:</u>

1. *Is it possible to enter a surrogacy agreement in your jurisdiction?*
2. *If a surrogacy agreement is entered into abroad, will it be enforceable, void or prohibited in your jurisdiction?*
3. *What (if any) difference would it make to your answers to 1 and 2 if the surrogate mother is paid (commercial) or simply reimbursed for expenses (altruistic)?*
4. *What (if any) difference would it make to your answers to 1 and 2 if the surrogacy is traditional or gestational?*
5. *What can Escamillo and Jose do in your jurisdiction for each of them to become the legal parents of the new-born if (a) the surrogacy agreement took place in your jurisdiction and (b) it took place abroad?*
6. *If surrogacy is not really a viable option, can they adopt a child?*
7. *What are Escamillo and Jose's financial rights and obligations as a cohabiting couple? What would happen if they split up after the baby is born in terms of the financial rights/obligations for (a) themselves and (b) the baby?*
8. *Can Escamillo and Jose get married in your jurisdiction? If they did, would they have the same financial rights and obligations as a heterosexual couple? If they cannot marry, what are their options in terms of acquiring greater financial rights now (in terms for example of being taxed as a couple, gaining access to pension rights etc) and in the event that they split up?*
9. *Escamillo and Jose have heard that they could move to another country temporarily and get married there. If they did so, would their marriage be recognised in your jurisdiction?*
10. *Jose has a successful business. Assuming he and Escamillo can marry, is he able to sign some sort of nuptial contract so that, in the event of divorce, the business will remain his alone?*
11. *Questions 1 to 6 above presuppose Esamillo and Jose both want to become parents. Would it make any difference if Escamillo wanted to enter a surrogacy arrangement as a single parent?*

12. *What would be the position in terms of parenting rights if your clients were Maria and Victoria, a female couple using IVF?*
13. *What would be the position if Maria wanted to enter a surrogacy arrangement as a single mother using her own eggs (she is unable to carry the child)?*
14. *What are the legal status and cost/compensation models of egg donation in your jurisdiction?*
15. *What is the position in your jurisdiction regarding three-parent babies (mitochondrial IVF)?*

10.30– 10.45: Coffee break

10.45– 11.30: IAML European Chapter AGM

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Wednesday 10 September – Sunday 14 September 2014

Thursday 11 September

9am - 9.10am	Welcome by Cheryl Hepfer
9.10am	Thomson Reuters / Practical Family Law
9.10am - 9.20am	Brief talk on Hungarian family law issues – Dr Soma Kölcsényi
9.20am - 10.10am	Discussion on start of life issues Nancy Zalusky Berg and Gary Debele
10.10am - 11am	End of Life Panel Discussion Chaired by Toby Yerburgh
11.00am - 11.30am	Coffee Break
11.30am - 1pm	Children session on emotional and psychological harm Chaired by Carolina Marin Pedreno with Prof Mary Kay Kisthardt and Dr Arnold Shienvold

Friday 12 September

9am - 10.30am	Financial session on valuations of business Chaired by Sarah Anticoni with Mike Mason and Jay Fishman
10.30am - 11am	Coffee Break
11am - 12.45pm	Same Sex marriages and capacity Panel Discussion Chaired by David Allison

Saturday 13 September

9am – 9.45am	AGM
9.45am - 10.30am	Board of Governors meeting
10.30am - 11am	Coffee Break
11am - 12pm	The Audrey Ducroux Lecture for Fellows & Guests Professor Andrea Peto of the Central European University will speak about everyday life in Hungary, the challenges, legislative issues, gender and politics and the future.

Mini Meeting

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European Family Law
Budapest June 2014

Sunday 15th June

6.30-8pm: Welcome reception by IAML at The Corinthia Hotel, Budapest

Monday 16th June

Bar Association of Budapest, located at 1055 Budapest, Szalay u.7, Budapest, Hungary.

8.30-9.00: Registration and coffee

9.00-9.15 Welcome and introduction, Cheryl Hepfer IAML President from Maryland USA

9.15-10.15 Financial aspects of breakdown of marriage and cohabitation

Jurisdictional requirements, financial remedies available, forum shopping - problems and solutions

Chair: William Longrigg, England

Panel: Sandra Verburgt, The Netherlands

Mark Harper, England

Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres, France

Dr. Alfred Kriegler, Austria

Maryla Wroblewski, Denmark

10.15-11.15 International Child Abduction, Practicalities and Mediation

In this session we examine child abduction within The Hague 1980 Convention, the role of the central authorities and mediation in the context of child abduction within Europe

Chair: Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, England

Panel: Alison Shalaby, Director of Reunite, England
Dr. Ildiko Bereczki, Hungary Central Authority
Véronique Chauveau, France
Mert Yalcin, Turkey

11.15-11.45 Coffee break

11.45–12.45 View from Brussels: Current thinking in European Family Law developments

Speaker: Fernando Rui Paulino Pereira, Head of Unit, Judicial Cooperation in civil matters, General Secretariat of the Council of Europe.

12.45-2.15 Light lunch at the Bar Association premises

2.15-3.00 Enforcement of financial orders within Europe

Practicalities and requirements

Chair: Rachel Kelsey, Scotland

Panel: Mark Harper, England

Oksana Voynarovska, Ukraine

Alberto Perez Cedillo, Spain

3.00-4.00 Relocation of children

Current practice in difference European jurisdictions. Interpretation of prorrogation and transfer of jurisdiction

Chair: Carolina Marín Pedreño, England/Spain

Panel: Hilkka Salmenkylä, Finland

Esther Susin, Spain

Julie Losson, France/Russia

Manuela Tirini, Italy

4.00-4.15 Coffee break

4.15-5.00 Other Children Issues across borders

Angela Wilson, social work research and project development assistant of UK-based charity Children and Families Across Borders (CFAB).

CFAB identifies and protects children who have been separated from family members as a consequence of trafficking, abduction, migration, divorce, conflict and asylum, as well as other vulnerable individuals in often desperate circumstances.

7.30 **Optional traditional Hungarian dinner at Kiskakukk, 1137 Pozsonyi ut 12. Azztalfoglala, Budapest.**

Tuesday 17th June

9.30-10.30 **Family Law in Hungary**

Current status of family law in Hungary examining the most common international elements.

Chair: Mia Reich-Sjogren, Sweden

Panel: Dr. Kolcsenyi Zsolt Soma, Hungary

Dr. Andrea Szucs, Hungary

10.30-11.30 **The International movement of Roma children within European Member States**

Chair: Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, England
Speaker: Adam Weiss, USA

11.30-12.00 **Conclusions, closing, coffee.**

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Thursday, May 29, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

End to End Litigation Support: ESI Strategies From Collection to Disclosure

David W. Griffin, Esq., Partner, Rutkin, Oldham & Griffin, L.L.C., Westport, CT

Collin Bentley, NYC, ***Intelligent Discovery Management***: Certified Computer Examiner (CCE), Access Data Certified Examiner (ACE), Catalyst CR Certified Trainer (CRCT), Certified E-Discovery Specialist (CEDS), Certified in: Summation, Concordance, Ringtail and other litigation support applications. http://www.idmlitsup.com/ediscovery/

10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Advanced Principles of Habitual Residence under ICARA and the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

Professor Peter McEleavy: Professor of International Family Law, University of Dundee on Private International Law, International Family Law and Private, Editor, Private International Law Current Developments, PRACTICE GUIDE 1996 HAGUE CONVENTION, visiting professor University of Kobe(Japan) on European Private International Law. Contributor to Dicey, Morris and Collins on the CONFLICT OF LAWS and Anton's PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW, HAGUE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION (Oxford University Press).

Friday, May 30, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

No more smoke and mirrors, the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in International Business Valuations (What every Fellow needs to know about international Business Valuation)

Allan Mayefsky, AAML, IAML, NY

Allan Mantel, AAML, IAML, NY

Stacy Collins, CPA/ABV, CFF is a managing director at Financial Research Associates, specializing in business valuation, forensic accounting and litigation support services, Chair AICPA Family Law Task Force and AICPA Forensic and Litigation Services 2010 Volunteer of the Year

Neal Beaton, WA, Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal Valuation Services; B.A., M.B.A. (finance), CPA, CFA, ASA, ABV CFF, AICPA, AICPA Business Valuation Hall of Fame (2002)

10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Review of *Lozano v. Montoya Alvarez US S. Ct. 12-820 (2014)*

On March 5, 2014 the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in Lozano v. Montoya Alvarez, holding equitable tolling does not apply to Hague cases. If a petition for return is filed more than a year after the wrongful removal or retention of a child, the well-settled defense is available to the respondent. Concealment of a child's location may be factor when determining if a child is in fact well-settled in the new country.

Lawrence S. Katz, IAML, FL

11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

"***Deconstructing Canada's Child & Spousal Support Guidelines: What You Don't Know About Guidelines May Hurt Your Clients".***

Prof. Rollie Thompson, co-author OF CANADA'S CHILD AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT GUIDELINES

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

Chaired by Alexandre Boiché (France)

Thursday 20 March

Venue: Grand Hotel St Emilion I + II + III	**0900 to 0915**	***Welcome*** Alexandre Boiché (France) ***Opening of Conference*** Bar President: Anne Cadiot-Feidt, Bâtonnière de l'Ordre des avocats à la Cour de Bordeaux.
	0915 to 0930	***Bordeaux (short introduction to the history of the city)*** Bertrand Favreau (France)
Session 1	**0930 to 1000**	***Family judges in French family law*** Laurent Gebler (Judge des enfants au Tribunal de grande instance de Bordeaux former Judge aux affaires familiale au Tribunal de grande instance de Libourne – Member of the redaction Comitee for the law review Actualité juridique Famille)
	1000 to 1100	***Hague convention on child abduction the Russian experience*** Véronique Chauveau (France) Anne-Marie Hutchinson (England) and Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens (Germany) Chaired by Sir Alan Ward (England)

Coffee break	**1100 to 1130**	
Session 2	**1130 to 1300**	***Case Study : Divorce Proceedings and Pre-Nuptial Agreement*** *How it limits the judge power to rule* Chaired by John Barkus (Australia)

Friday 21 March

Venue: Grand Hotel
St Emilion I + II + III

Session 3	**0900 to 1000**	***The evolution of International Family Law and the European Chapter of IAML over the last 25 years and its future development*** *Where we were? Where we are? Where we will be?* ***Pioneers***: Werner Martens (Germany) Miles Preston (England) Rolf Steinegger (Switzerland) and Helen Ward (England) ***Questions***: Elizabeth Hicks (England) and Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands)
Session 4	**1000 to 1100**	***The present and the future*** *European law*: Mrs Joanna Serdynska, DG Justice, European Commission *Hague Conference*: Philippe Lortie, First Secretary in the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference
Coffee break	**1100 to 1130**	
Session 5	**1130 to 1300**	***Debate: How the evolution of International Family Law within Europe has changed your practice in the last 25 years*** Chaired by: Charlotte Butruille-Cardew (France) Delphine Eskenazi (France) and Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres (France)

Saturday 22 March

Venue: Grand Hotel
St Emilion I+II+III

Session 6	**0930 to 1030**	***Surrogacy and parentage*** *The Hague questionnaire about children born abroad from surrogacy agreements* Philippe Lortie, First Secretary in the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference Members of the IAML Surrogacy Committee: Jorge A. Marfil (Spain) and Judith Sperling-Newton (Wisconsin, USA)
Session 7	**1030 to 1100**	***US improvements to ratify Hague Conventions 1996 and 2007*** Lawrence Katz (Florida, USA)
Coffee break	**1100 to 1130**	
	1130 to 1230	**AGM**
	1230	**Close of meeting** Alexandre Boiché (France) Alfred Kriegler (Austria)

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Chaired by Rachael Kelsey (Scotland)

Thursday 19 September **Venue: Four Seasons, Buenos Aires**		
	9.45am-10am	Welcome Rachael Kelsey (Scotland) and introduction to Buenos Aires (Adriana De Caria)
Session 1	10am-11am	"Coercive Control and Financial Abuse" Nancy Berg (US); Mark Harper (England and Wales); Mia Reich-Sjogren (Sweden), Geoff Wilson (Australia), Mikiko Otani (Japan) and Larry Katz (US)
	11am-11.30am	Coffee break
Session 2	11.30am-1.30pm	"It takes 3 to Tango" Court Sanctioned Relocation of Children – Mediated role play Sarah Anticoni (England and Wales); David Lister (England and Wales) and Rachael Kelsey (Scotland) and multiple contributions Question and Answer
Friday 20 September **Venue: Four Seasons, Buenos Aires**		
Session 3	9.30am-9.45am	"Income in Matrimonial Agreements – a US Perspective" David de Jong (Stein Sperling Attorney, Maryland)
Session 4	9.45am-10.15am	"Don't get tangled in taxes before tying the knot : legal and tax considerations of pre and post marital Agreements" Leigh Basha (HK Law, Tax Attorney, Maryland)
Session 5 (I)	10.15am-10.45am	"Forum Shopping and the Pre-nup" (I) Prezi presentation, factual matrix and pre-nups in New Zealand (Anita Chan)

	10.45am-11.15am	Coffee break
Session 5 (II)	11.15am-12.15pm	"Forum Shopping and the Pre-nup" (II) Do they work and what happens if they don't? Martin Pointer QC (England and Wales); Tom Sasser (Florida) and Johan Sarvik (Sweden)
Session 5 (III)	12.15pm-12.45pm	"Forum Shopping and the Pre-nup" (III) How to make them stick (or maximise the chances of having them taken into account): Martin Pointer QC (England and Wales); Tom Sasser (US) and Johan Sarvik (Sweden)
Session 5 (IV)	12.45pm- 1.00pm	"Forum Shopping and the Pre-nup" (IV) Additional thoughts from other perspectives- invited contributions from the floor, Charlotte Butruille-Cardew (France), Larry Ginsberg (California) and Alain Berger (Switzerland)
	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Questions and Answers
Saturday 21 September Venue: Four Seasons, Buenos Aires		
	9am – 9.30am	Annual Meeting of IAML Fellows for Fellows
	9.30am-10am	IAML Board of Governors Meeting for Fellows
	10am-10.30am	Coffee Break
	10.30am-12pm	Audrey Ducroux Memorial Lecture for Fellows and Guests

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Thursday 23 May

09:00 Welcome and Introduction: Alfred Kriegler/Tim Amos QC

09:10 Dr. Robert Fucik: Maintenance Recovery Abroad – Update from an Austrian Perspective

10:00 Stewart Leech QC: Marriage – A Universal Right?

11:00 Coffee

11:15 Dispute Resolution Panel Session: the impact of the financial crisis on family services and alternatives to court-based remedies: Maggie Rae, Roger Bamber, Alexandre Boiché, Haroula Constandinidou, Rachael Kelsey and Fredric Renström

12:30 Social Programme

Friday 24 May

09:00 Dr. Valentine Akande and Charles Hyde QC: Mitochondrial DNA parentage – medical facts and legal implications

10:45 Coffee

11:00 MPRs Panel Session: Portugal to Greece, via UK + Denmark! João Perry da Câmara, Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres, Rachael Kelsey, Tim Amos, Maryla Rytter Wroblewski, Sandra Verburgt and Haroula Constandinidou

12:30 Social Programme

Saturday 25 May

09:00 MPRs Panel Session + debate: Franco-German Agreement Peter Junggeburth joining João P. da C., Rachael K., Tim A., Maryla R.W.and Haroula C. as before

10:30 Coffee and AGM

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Thursday February 14th 2013

8:30-10:15am **Paternity, Maternity and Reproductive Technology** – International Perspective on the Changing Face of Parenthood

Anne-Marie Hutchinson, OBE, London
Gary A. Debele, Minneapolis, MN
Kelly D. Jordan, Toronto, ON
Christopher Carlyle, The Villages, FL

10:30am - 12pm **Native Americans and Family Law** - with a leading expert in the field

Craig Dorsay, Portland, OR

Friday February 15th 2013

8:30 - 10:15am **Psychologists in Parenting Matters** - Contrasting Legal and Psychological Standards Across the Street, Across the Border and Across the Pond

Richard D. West, Orlando, FL
Deborah O. Day, Psy.D., Winter Park, FL
Simon Bruce, London
Sarah Brooks, Ph.D., London
Esther Lenkinski, Toronto, ON
Irwin Butkowsky, Ph.D., Toronto, ON
Alfred Kriegler, Austria

10:30am - 12pm **Cultural Norms and the Parenting Case** - An examination of how psychological experts address different cultural norms in our ever-shrinking world

Deborah O. Day, Psy.D., Winter Park, FL
Cheryl Karp, Ph.D., Tucson, AZ

Arnold Sheinvold, Ph.D., Harrisburg, PA
Irwin Butkowsky, Ph.D., Toronto, ON

Click on the links below to download the educational program materials:

Paternity, Maternity and Reproductive Technology

Paternity, Maternity and Reproductive Technology: International Perspective on the Changing Faces of Parenthood

Surrogate Parenting & IVF

A supplementary paper on Surrogate Parenting and IVF for the session on Paternity, Maternity and Reproductive Technology: International Perspective on the Changing Faces of Parenthood

Native North Americans and Family Law

Native North Americans and Family Law: What you need to know

Psychologists in Parenting Matters - Part 1

Psychologists in Parenting Matters: Contrasting Legal and Psychological Standards, Across the Street, Across the Border and Across the Pond (Part 1)

Psychologists in Parenting Matters - Part 2

Psychologists in Parenting Matters: Contrasting Legal and Psychological Standards, Across the Street, Across the Border and Across the Pond (Part 2)

Cultural Norms and the Parenting Case

Cultural Norms and the Parenting Case: An examination of how psychological experts address different cultural norms in our ever-shrinking world

Fostering Culturally Responsive Courts

The Case of Family Dispute Resolution for Latinos by Steven Weller, John A. Martin and John Paul Lederach (An additional article not distributed at the meeting)

Assessing Cultural Identity in Canadian Child Custody Decisions

Assessing Cultural Identity in Canadian Child Custody Decisions by Anne Bunting (An additional paper not distributed at the meeting)

Child Custody Disputes in Families of Muslim Tradition

Child Custody Disputes in Families of Muslim Tradition by Warren D. Camp (An additional paper not distributed at the meeting)

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SINGAPORE MEETING 5th – 9th September 2012

Educational Programme – Singapore 2012

Chaired by Jennifer O'Brien (Ireland)

Thursday 6 September

Venue: Fullerton Hotel, Singapore

	9.00am – 9.15am	Welcome Jennifer O'Brien (Ireland) and Poonam Mirchandani (Singapore)
Session 1	9.15am – 10.00am	Siew Fong Foo (Singapore) **Introduction to Singapore** brief history; family law in Asia & recent developments;
Session 2	10am - 11am	Development of **Arbitration in Family Law Disputes** Scott Cochrane (Scotland), Rachael Kelsey (Scotland) & Suzanne Kingston (England) Q&A
	11.00 – 11.15am	Coffee break.

Session 3	11.15am – 1pm	**A panel on Forced Marriage**, Lord Justice Alan Ward to moderate – speakers include: Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE Judge Clive Heaton QC Pinky Anand (India) Mia Reich-Sjögren (Sweden) Susan Purdon- Sully, Federal Magistrate (Australia)

Friday 7 September

Venue: Supreme Court

Session 4	9am – 9.30am	**Recent developments in Family Law - Singapore:** District Judge Ms Foo Tut Yien [Head of Family Court] - Update on developments in the Family Court and the International Child Abduction Act; Prof Leong Wai Kum [Professor, National University of Singapore, Law School], - The just and equitable division of matrimonial assets upon divorce; Justice Judith Prakash [Supreme Court Judge] - Scrutinising marital agreements on the division of matrimonial assets
Session 5	9.30am-10.00am	**Forum/Jurisdiction - & Shopping –** Catherine Por (Hong Kong)

Session 6	10am – 10.45am	**Recent developments - Child Abduction in Asia** Mikiko Otani on Recent developments in Child Abduction in Japan Bob Arenstein (New York) Marcus Dearle (Hong Kong) followed by Q&A for 15 minutes.
Tour of Courts	11am – 12.00pm	Coffee break & tour of Court building.
Session 7	12.00pm – 1.30pm	**Panel on co-parenting and grandparents rights** – Lord Justice Alan Ward to moderate – speakers include: Ranjit Malhotra (India) Judge Angela Finnerty (England) Jonathan Mok (Hong Kong) Jacqueline Julyan (South Africa) Geoff Wilson (Australia) Robin Egerton (Hong Kong) Anita Chan (New Zealand) Elizabeth Hicks (England)

Session 8	1.30pm-2pm	Jens Scherpe (Cambridge, England) 'Of Love, Money and Autonomy: A Comparative View on Legal Recognition of Adult Relationships'

Saturday 8 September

8.30am - 9.30am	AGM of IAML Fellows
9.30am -10.15am	IAML Board of Governors Meeting
10.15 - 10.30am	Morning coffee
10.30 - 11.30am	Audrey Ducroux Memorial Lecture Special guest, Chan Sek Keong, Chief Justice of Singapore)

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Education Materials

Minneapolis: June 14, 2012 – June 16, 2012

Thursday Material

Financial Panel ..... Esther Lenkinski, Vivian Alterman, Melinda Gamot, Robert Manis
Agenda
Fact Pattern
Husband's Family Law Financial Affidavit
Financial Statement
Net Family Property Statement
Computer Forensics & Matrimonial Law: How I learned about the Brazilian Girlfriend and the Safe Deposit Box.....Brook Schaub

Friday Material

Communicating Across Cultures: Understanding Cross-Cultural Differences in Conflict Resolution .....David Hunt
Reconciling the Mediation Processes, Standards and Definitions of Different Jurisdictions: How to Advise the Client .....Morna Ellis
How to Advise Clients on Mediation & Cross-border Disputes
International Parental Child Abduction & Cross-border Mediation
International Enforcement of Mediated Agreements: Properly Structuring Your Agreement for Enforcement Success..... Larry Katz
Guide to Good Practice

Saturday Material

The Current State of the Law of Marriage, its Equivalents, and Dissolution in Three Separate Legal Traditions: Common Law, North America (US and Canada); The United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, and Civil Law, in France, Europe and Beyond ..... Richard Wilson
Marriage and its Equivalents, and Divorce: North America and Beyond .....Mark Harper
A French Approach to Civil Partnership ..... Charlotte Butruille-Cardew

Speaker CV's/Biographical Statements

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Education Programme

Crete, 18 – 22 April 2012

Thursday 19th April | **Page No**

09:00 – 16:30 **Education Programme Zeus Hall, Elounda Bay Palace Hotel. Please note that the Zeus Hall is at least a 10 minute walk from the Elounda beach hotel Reception/Breakfast area. Golf buggies (for limited numbers) will be available.**

General Index:

Case Study: 'The Simpsons'	**1-3**
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9:00 – 9:15
Welcome- William Longrigg

9:15 – 10:30
The Golden Thread – traced by Johan Sarvik and Fredric Renström through your jurisdictions with your contributions

10:30 – 11:00
Coffee break

11:00 – 12: 30

The Golden Thread continued

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch Elounda Beach Hotel – golf buggies available

13:30 – 14:45

The Golden Thread applied with judicial assistance to the matrimonial difficulties of Homer and Marge Simpson, Ned and Maud Flanders and their families – Part I

14:45 – 15:05

Coffee Break

15:05 – 16:30

The Golden Thread applied with judicial assistance to the matrimonial difficulties of Homer and Marge Simpson, Ned and Maud Flanders and their families – Part II

Friday 20 April

09:00 – 11:50 **Education Programme Zeus Hall, Elounda Bay Palace Hotel**

9:00 – 10:15

The Honourable Mr Justice Coleridge: *Wars are made worse by cynical arms dealers..... The role of the responsible family lawyer in the 21st century*

10:15 – 10:30

Coffee break

10:30 – 11:50

Tim Amos QC and Sandra Verburgt: *The EU Maintenance Regulation: Minotaur or magnifique?*

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SILVER JUBILEE MEETING AND AGM 2011
HARROGATE, ENGLAND: 7 – 11 SEPTEMBER 2011

Education Programme

Chaired by Roger Bamber (England)

Thursday 8 September 2011 – Radcliffe Room, Rudding House		**Page No**
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	Paul Doolan (Australia)	
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	Werner Martens (Germany)	
	Fredric Renström (Sweden)	
	Beverley Clark (South Africa)	
	David Davidson (England)	
	Roger Bamber (England)	
11.00 – 11.30am	**Coffee break**	
11.30 – 1.00pm	**Session 2: Panel Discussion** *Is mediation suitable for international cases?* Moderator: Sir Peter Singer (England)	107 - 154
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	Stephen Grant (Canada)	
	Jacqueline Julyan SC (South Africa)	

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	Alfred Kriegler (Austria)	
	Angela Lake-Carroll (England)	
	"The EC Mediation Directive Strikes Back" – Sir Peter Singer	
	Excerpt from *"Family Mediation Appropriate Dispute Resolution in a new family justice system"* (Lisa Parkinson)	
1.00 – 2.15pm	**Lunch**	
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	Daniela Kreidler-Pleus (Germany)	
	Martin Pointer QC (England)	
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9.00 – 9.45am	**Session 4: Freedom, Fairness and Foreign Elements**	217 - 246
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	Moderator's Assistant: Sarah Anticoni (England)	
	Advocate 1: Deborah Eaton QC (England)	
	Advocate 2: Larry Katz (Florida)	
	Advocate 3: Dr Anamah Tan (Singapore)	
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Saturday 10 September 2011

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10.00 – 10.30am	**Morning coffee**	
10.30 – 11.30am	**Audrey Ducroux Memorial Lecture** The Rt Hon Baroness Hale of Richmond of the UK Supreme Court (formerly House of Lords) *Fellows and Guests welcome*	353

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STRASBOURG

APRIL 2011

Thursday 7 April

2.00 – 2.15	**Welcome** - William Longrigg (President of European Chapter)
2.15 – 2.20	**Introduction to Educational Programme** - Mark Harper (England)
2.20 – 3.00	**French Civil Code and Impact on European/other Laws; French Family Law** - Frédérique Granet, Professor in Law, Strasbourg University
3.00 – 3.15	**Coffee**
3.15 – 3.55	**European Convention on Human Rights and Practical Impact on Family Law** - Nuala Mole, AIRE Centre (The Advice on Individual Rights in Europe Centre is a London based charity providing free legal advice on European human rights law and European Union law).
3.55 – 4.35	**European Convention on Human Rights Case Law on Child Abduction** - chaired by Alex Boiché (France) - Edwin Freedman (Israel)
4.35 – 5.15	**Discussion in break out groups**
5.15 – 5.30	**Report back/conclusion**

Friday 8 April

9.00 – 9.45	**EU Family Law Update - Maintenance Regulation and Rome III 'lite'**

	- Mark Harper - Alex Boiché
9.45 – 10.45	**Comparative case study on Maintenance Regulation, Rome III 'lite' and Impact on Drafting Pre-Nups/Marriage Contracts**
10.45 – 11.00	**Coffee**
11.00 – 11.55	**Topical Brussels II topics – panel discussion with audience participation** - chaired by Sir Peter Singer (England)
11.55 – 12.00	**Conclusion**

Saturday 9 April

9.30 – 10.15	**Collaborative and Co-operative Law – International issues and the French experience** - Tim Amos QC (England) - Charlotte Butruille-Cardew (France)
10.15 – 11.00	**Financial claims after a foreign divorce and impact of Brussels I and II** - Tim Scott QC (England)
11.00 – 11.15	**Report back and conclusions on Educational Programme**
11.15 – 11.30	**Coffee**
11.30 – 12.00	**Annual General Meeting**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MIAMI
IAML – USA CHAPTER
Gansevoort South Beach
Wednesday, February 16 – Sunday, February 20, 2011

PROGRAM

All Registration materials and payments must be received by January 15, 2011 to guarantee your registration and event participation.

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration (IAML Fellow)	$650.00
	Registration (Accompanying Guests)	$500.00
	Registration (Non-Fellow Lawyer)	$700.00
	Registration (Children over 12)	$75.00

Fellows that attended the 2010 IAML Annual Conference, or 2010 European Chapter Conference or 2010 USA Chapter Conference will receive a 10% credit applied to their registration fee.

Fellows registered prior to December 31, 2010 will also receive a $50.00 credit applied to their registration fee.

Registrants with young children can contact Jorge Cestero at jcestero@sasserlaw.com or +1 (561) 689-4378 to arrange child-related activities.

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Art Deco Walking Tour (For Fellows and Guests)	$75.00

This is your chance to experience the thrill of a city that defiantly danced until dawn through the prohibition, the depression, major hurricanes, and two World Wars. Fellows and Guests can begin the tour as a group and venture out on their own as they desire. Art Deco tour captures the glitz and glamour of the roaring twenties and thirties in our nation's only Art Deco Historic District.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Welcome Cocktail Party for Fellows and their Guests at the Gansevoort South Beach hotel featuring yummy hors d'oeuvres – you may not need to plan supper!

New Fellows Dinner. A dinner with new Fellows will be arranged following the Welcome Reception at STK (located within the hotel). Each Fellow will be responsible for their own dinner costs.
http://www.gansevoortmiamibeach.com/stk/

Thursday, February 17, 2011

7:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast

8:00 am – 12:30 pm Registration

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Educational Program for Fellows
Financial Issues

Thursday's program will deliver a comprehensive analysis of the global financial situation and changing accounting standards as they impact the division of marital estate The program will be chaired by Carlton Marcyan with the assistance of Mark Harper, Don Schiller, Esther Lenkinski and Don DeGrazia.

8:45 am – 12:15 pm Rich & Richer Coastal Sightseeing Tour $125.00
(for Guests)

Sit back and relax for an unforgettable sightseeing cruise along scenic Biscayne Bay, exclusively for IAML guests. See Miami's spectacular coastal sites including the beautiful downtown Miami skyline, the bustling Port of Miami, the ultra exclusive Fisher Island, Miami Beach and "Millionaire's Row" – the homes of the rich, famous and infamous. Only water and sodas will be available aboard. **Lunch is not included.**

5:45 pm – 10:15 pm IAML – USA Chapter 25th Anniversary dinner at The Villa by Barton G. $150.00

Celebrate our 25 years of glorious history with our past presidents, stories, photos and more with a few surprises!

The Villa is now a boutique luxury hotel, but was once the private residence where a fashion icon was murdered.

Friday, February 18, 2011

7:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Educational Program for Fellows
Sexual Issues in Divorce Cases; Religion in Divorce Cases; Hague Update

Friday's program is devoted to social issues focusing on religious and sexual attitudes in divorce as well as an update on The Hague. Presentations will be by Julie Gerock, Sue Moss, Melissa Kucinski, Larry Katz, Jeremy Morley and Ian Edge – with Katharine Maddox as Chair.

12:30 pm – 5:00 pm Everglades Experience $125.00
(includes box lunch)

As one of the rare subtropical ecosystems, the Everglades hold spectacular mysteries. Renew your spirit as you glide across miles of river at speeds up to 35 mph, and get up close and personal with native wildlife, many of whom are endangered in this fragile environment.

This tour will also include viewing various animal exhibits throughout the park. Fellows and their guests will have a chance to get close to animals like alligators, crocodiles, a Florida panther, birds and other species.

Saturday, February 19, 2011

7:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:30 am IAML Annual General Meeting – USA Chapter and Canada Chapter

9:30 am – 12:00 pm Educational Program for Fellows
Law in the Foreign Jurisdiction: The Strange, the Mysterious, and the Unusual

Saturday's program will give you the cues you need to address international law across jurisdictions. The program is chaired by William Longrigg, Alexandre Boiché and Peter Walzer.

5:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Venetian Lady Yacht President's Dinner	$200.00

Cocktails and a buffet dinner aboard The Venetian Lady Yacht is the perfect intimate gathering to say goodbye to new and old friends at the conclusion of this historic conference.
http://www.venetianlady.com/

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ANNUAL MEETING 2010

Queenstown, New Zealand: 1 – 5 September 2010

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Sponsor: Watts McCray, Lawyers (Sydney, Australia)

Chair/Commentator: His Honour Judge Peter Boshier,
(Principal Judge, Family Court of New Zealand)

8.30am – 10.00am

"Working Effectively with Central Authorities"

Speaker: Roger Howard (Manager, Commercial and Public Law Team, New Zealand Ministry of Justice)

"Perspectives from the Practicing Profession"

Speakers: Anne Berger (Massachusetts)
Margaret Casey (New Zealand)
Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE (England)
Jeffrey Wasserman (Florida)

10.00am – 10.15am

Morning Tea: **Sponsor** *Susan Myres*
Myres Dale, Houston, Texas

10.15am – 11.30am

"The Hague Defences – How are they being applied?"
Perspectives from various jurisdictions

Speakers: Wolfgang Vomberg (Germany)
Valerie Arnold (Minnesota)
Jeremy Morley (New York)
Graeme Page SC (Australia)

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FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Sponsor: Grindle Robinson Goodhue & Frolin (Wellesley, Massachusetts, USA)

Chair/Commentator: The Honorable Justice John Priestley,
(High Court of New Zealand)

9.00am – 9.50am	"New Zealand Family Law – an Overview" **Speaker**: Professor Mark Henaghan (Dean of Law, University of Otago, Dunedin)
9.50am to 10.30am	"Current Developments in International Financial Disputes" **Speakers**: Scott Cochrane (Scotland) Miriam Grassby (Canada) Sally Oldham (Connecticut)
10.30am – 10.45am	Morning Tea
10.45am to 12 noon	"Current Developments in International Financial Disputes" (continued) **Speakers**: Martin Pointer QC (England) Catherine Por (Hong Kong) Geoff Wilson (Australia)

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SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

9.30am – 10.30am The 2010 Audrey Ducroux Memorial Lecture

Chair: Ian Kennedy AM (President, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers)

Speaker: Dame Silvia Cartwright PCNZM DBE QSO (Judge of the Cambodian War Crimes Tribunal and former Governor-General of New Zealand)

The Audrey Ducroux Memorial Lecture is open to all Fellows and Guests

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Educational Programme : Munich

Thursday, May 6th

2010 ➢ 09.00 – 09.30

- Role and status of specialized family law judge - Dr. Rainer Hüßtege, Chief Judge at the Regional Court of Appeal in Munich

➢ 09.30 – 10.30

Update German Law

- Balance of accrued gains – Dr. Katharina Jank-Domdey, Heuking, Kühn, Lüer, Wojtek
- Balance of pension entitlements – Ulrike Börger, Redeker Sellner Dahs & Widmaier Rechtsanwälte
- Pre-nuptial/Marital agreements – Jutta Wagner, Rechtsanwältin
- Maintenance - Dr. Daniela Kreidler-Pleus, Dr. Daniela Kreidler-Pleus & Kollegen

➢ 10.30 – 10.45

Coffee break

➢ 10.45 – 11.00

Forum Shopping

- International Conventions – Dr. Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens, Jürgens Rechtsanwälte

➢ 11.00 – 12.15

- Denmark – Maryla Rytter Wroblewski, Bech-Bruun
- Switzerland – Denise Wettstein, Steinegger Rechtsanwälte
- Australia – Ian Kennedy, Kennedy Wisewoulds
- India – Ranjit Malhotra, Malhotra & Malhotra Associates
- USA East – Joy Feinberg, Feinberg & Barry, P.C.
- USA West – Thomas Wolfrum, Thomas Wolfrum Law Offices

Friday, May 7th 2010

Recognition and Enforcement of decisions

➢ 08.30 – 08.45

- International Conventions – Dr. Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens, Jürgens Rechtsanwälte

- 08.45 – 09.45

  - Denmark – Maryla Rytter Wroblewski, Bech-Bruun
  - Switzerland – Denise Wettstein, Steinegger Rechtsanwälte
  - Australia – Ian Kennedy, Kennedy Wisewoulds

- 09.45 – 10.00

  Coffee break

- 10.00 – 11.00

  - India – Ranjit Malhotra, Malhotra & Malhotra Associates
  - USA East – Joy Feinberg, Feinberg & Barry, P.C.
  - USA West – Thomas Wolfrum, Thomas Wolfrum Law Offices

<u>Saturday, May 8th 2010</u>

- 09.00 – 10.00

  Dr. Andrea Schulz, LL.M.
  Head of the Central Authority
  Bundesamt für Justiz

  She will talk about her everyday work in the Central Authority, concentrating on child abduction and international maintenance cases

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Educational Programme

Puerto Rico: February 2010

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The Educational Programme consisted of the following presentations:

A Taste of Divorce: Latin American Style
Moderator: Jorge M. Cestero, Florida, USA
Presenters: Dilia L Jorge Mera, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Prof. Ana C Gómez-Pérez, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Alberto Perez Cedillo, London, England

Goldman Case Update and Hague Convention Update
By Patricia E. Apy, Red Bank, New Jersey, USA

Mediation of Family Law Cases
Presenters: Judge Robert W. Wooldridge, Jr. (Ret.), Virginia, USA
Ian Kennedy AM, Melbourne, Australia

Enforcement of Visitation and Access Orders
Moderator: Judge Robert W. Wooldridge, Jr. (Ret.)
Presenters: Alexandre Boiché, Paris, France
Katharine W. Maddox, Esquire, Virginia, USA
Andrea Russo, Rome Italy
Jane Simpson, London, England

Electronic Snooping and Evidence
Moderator: Ian Kennedy AM, Melbourne, Australia
Presenters: Jeremy Posnansky, Q.C., London England
Mr. Thomas Julian Sasser, Florida, USA

Service of Process in Latin America
By Jorge M. Cestero, Florida, USA

Click on the links below to view the papers presented at the meeting.

Note that all papers in this section state the law at February 2010.

Speaker Profile - Dilia L Jorge Mera
Speaker Profile - Prof. Ana C Gómez-Pérez
Speaker Profile - Alberto Perez Cedillo
Divorce in the Dominican Republic

"A Taste of Divorce in the Dominican Republic" by Dilia L Jorge Mera, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Divorce in Puerto Rico

"A Taste of Divorce in Puerto Rico" by Professor Ana C Gómez-Pérez, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Divorce in Spain

"A Taste of Divorce in Spain" by Alberto Perez Cedillo, London, England

Goldman and Hague Update

"The Goldman Case: The Update plus a Hague convention update" by Patricia E. Apy, Red Bank, New Jersey, USA

Mediation of Family Law Cases

"Mediation of Family Law Cases" by Judge Robert W. Wooldridge, Jr. (Ret.)

Mediating Family Law Cases

"Mediating Family Law Cases", a presentation by Ian Kennedy AM, Kennedy Wisewoulds, Melbourne, Australia

Enforcement in France

"Enforcement of Access And Visitation Orders In France" by Alexandre BOICHÉ

Enforcement in Virginia, USA

"Enforcement of Custodial Visitation/Access Orders in Virginia, USA" by Katharine Maddox, Virginia, USA

Enforcement in Italy

"Custody, rights of visitation and enforcement in Italy" by Avv. Andrea Russo

Enforcement in England

"Children Visitation and Enforcement", the English approach by Jane Simpson, Manches LLP, England

Electronic Snooping

Powerpoint by Simon Bruce which ties together the two papers presented by Jeremy Posnansky, Q.C. and Tom Sasser on electronic snooping in England and the U.S.

Raiders of the Hard Drive

"Raiders of the Hard Drive - The English Approach to Documents and Electronic Data taken illicitly by Spouses" by Jeremy Posnansky QC, Partner, Farrer & Co, London

Service of Process in Latin America

"Service of Process in Latin America: A quick look at the inter-American convention on letters rogatory" by Jorge M. Cestero Esq, West Palm Beach, Florida, USA

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2009

Sponsor: JK Hannaford, Barristers, Toronto

8.30 AM - 9.30 AM: Versailles Room

"RELOCATION DISPUTES AND PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTION: OVERVIEW…AND QUESTIONS."

The Hon Justice Jacques Chamberland (Justice of the Court of Appeal, Québec)

9.30 AM - 10.30 AM: Versailles Room

"*PERSPECTIVES ON THE HAGUE CONVENTION AND INTERNATIONAL RELOCATION - WHAT REALLY HAPPENS?*"

- Jeremy Morley and Anne Berger (USA)
- Mikiko Otani (Japan)
- Anita Chan (New Zealand)
- Jane Keir and Jane Craig (UK)
- Johan Sarvik (Sweden)

10.30 AM - 10.50 AM

Morning Tea: Versailles Lobby

Sponsor: Elizabeth Sachs Law Office, Ontario

10.50 AM - 12 NOON

Relocation Case Study Breakout Groups: Versailles Room, Chateau Olivier, Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Chateau Lafite

12 NOON - 12.30 PM

Group reports and wrap up: Versailles Room

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2009

Sponsor: Farris Vaughan Wills & Murphy LLP, Vancouver

8.30 AM - 9.30 AM: Versailles Room

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FAMILY DYSFUNCTION – FRESH APPROACHES TO INTERVENTION AND CHILD PROTECTION AND EFFECTIVE FAMILY INTERVENTIONS"*

The Right Hon Baroness Scotland of Asthal PC QC (Attorney-General for England and Wales and Northern Ireland)

Guests are welcome to attend.

9.30 AM - 10.30 AM: Versailles Room

"*DEALING WITH DIFFICULT CLIENTS AND OPPONENTS - STRATEGIES FOR PRESERVING YOUR PERSONAL SANITY AND ACHIEVING CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOMES - PART 1*"

Prof John Wade (Professor of Law, Bond University, Gold Coast, Australia)

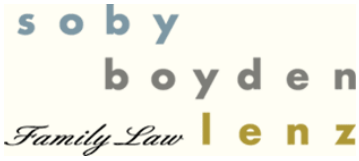
Dr Sandra Hacker (Consultant Psychiatrist, Melbourne, Australia)

Guests are welcome to attend.

10.30 AM - 10.50 AM

Morning Tea: Versailles Foyer

Sponsor: Soby Boyden Lenz, Calgary



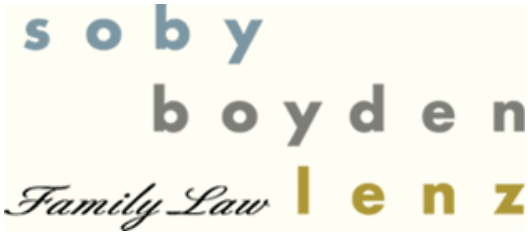
10.50 AM - 12 NOON: Versailles Room

"*DEALING WITH DIFFICULT CLIENTS AND OPPONENTS - PART 2*"

Prof John Wade and Dr Sandra Hacker

Guests are welcome to attend.

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2009



Sponsor: Soby Boyden Lenz, Calgary

9.30 AM - 10.30 AM: Versailles Room

The Audrey Ducroux Memorial Lecture

"*RECONCILING THE MODERN AND THE TRADITIONAL - CHALLENGES FOR ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES AND CULTURE*"

Speaker: Kekinusuqs, Dr Judith Sayers (Past Chief and Chief Negotiator for the Hupacasath First Nation).

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Educational Programme
6 – 10 May 2009
Conference Hotel: The Grand Hotel, Stockholm

Day 1 – Thursday 7 May 2009

08.45	**Welcome**
08.45– 10.00	• **Dr Michael Hellner, Associate Professor in Private International Law, Uppsale University: EU, Nordic and Swedish rules on private international law and pre-marital agreements involving the division of matrimonial property and questions of maintenance.** • **Associate Professor Margareta Brattstrom: the financial aspects of divorce in Swedish family law.**
10.00 – 10.30	**Coffee break**
10.30 – 11.45	**Smorgasbord of Scandinavian law - on financial topics, with views from** • **Sweden** • **Denmark** • **Norway** • **Finland** • **Estonia** • **Latvia** • **Lithuania**
11.45 – 12.10	**Collaborative law slant on the Smorgasbord – Maggie Rae and Véronique Chauveau.**
12.10 – 12.20	**Wrap up by Simon Bruce and Swedish academics.**

Day 2 – Friday 8 May 2009

08.45 – 09.00	**Introduction to case study by Swedish Judge, and Deborah Eaton QC.**
09.00 – 10.30	**Case study and groups** **involving consideration of miscellany of items on child-related matters, including** • **Visitation** • **Custody** • **Leave to remove** • **Abduction** • **Domestic Violence** • **Enforcement** • **Use of undertakings** • **How do you hear the children (eg Judge talking to the children etc).** • **Representation of children.**
10.30 - 11.00	**Coffee break**
11.00 – 12.00	**Tim Scott QC: Certainty and discretion : EU law and English family law.**
12.00 – 12.15	**Wrap up by Deborah Eaton QC, Simon Bruce and Swedish Judge.**

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Thursday 5th March 2009 09:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Yearning for Zion
Program Chair: Susan Myres
Panel Members: Susan Myres, Tom Ausley, Julie Balovich
Panel presentation of the recent Yearning for Zion case that received international coverage when the Yearning for Zion compound of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Chirst of Latter Day Saints was raided and virtually all children removed and held under the custody of Child Protective Services. Panelists include Fellows Susan Myres and Tom Ausley who were both attorneys for the children and Julie Balovich, an attorney with Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, who represented the mothers. The majority of the children were eventually returned to the compound.

Impact of Texas history on Texas Family Law

Panel discussion on the impact of Texas history on Texas Family Law (where family law cases are presented to juries).

Friday 6th March 2009 09:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Gay Marriage
Program Chair: Larry Ginsberg
Panel Members: Larry Ginsberg (California), Marcia Maddox (Virginia), Anne Berger (Massachusetts), Esther Lenkinski (Canada) and David Davidson (England)
Panel presentation on the present state of gay marriage law in the US, Canada, Europe and England.

Collaborative Law

Presentation by Fellows Nancy Zalusky Berg (Minnesota) and James Stewart(England).

Click on the links below to view the papers presented at the meeting.

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2008 Annual Meeting
Educational Programme
Cape Town, South Africa

Thursday, 4 September 2008

8:30 a.m. - 8:35 a.m. Opening Remarks and Introduction – *Donald Sasser, President*

8:35 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. Introduction to Education Programme – *Mark Harper, England*

8:40 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Audrey Ducroux Lecture
"Legal and Moral Issues Concerning Truth and Reconciliation"
Justice Dennis Davis, South Africa

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Break

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. "International Issues for Pre-Nups and Marriage Contracts"
Panel: Mark Harper, England; Alexandre Boiche, France;
Ian Kennedy, Australia; Werner Martens, Germany;
Allan Mayefsky, New York, USA;Brian Pincus, Cape Town;
Peter Walzer, California, USA

Friday, 5 September 2008

8:30 a.m. - 8:05 a.m. Chairman's Introduction - *Frances Hughes, England*

8:35 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Introductory Speech
Justice Carole Lewis of the Supreme Court of Appeal, South Africa

9:05 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. "Can You Claim Alimony? Can You Get A "Clean Break" Settlement and Is your System Fair?"
Anita Chan, New Zealand; Scott Cochrane, Scotland;
Ian Kennedy, Australia;Marcia Maddox, Virginia USA;
Daniella Kreidler-Pleus, Germany; Andrea Russo, Italy;
Louise Spitz, England; Rolf Steinegger, Switzerland

10:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Coffee Break

10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. "Can You Claim Alimony? Can You Get A "Clean Break" Settlement and Is your System Fair?" continued
- Case study in discussion groups

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Full discussion and Concluding Remarks by Justice Carole Lewis

Saturday, 6 September 2008

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. "A Constitution for All Families: The South African Constitution and Family Law"
The Honorable Justice Albie Sachs, South Africa Constitutional Court

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Annual General Meeting
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Board of Governors Meeting