Gaëtan Escudey
AVOCAT AT THE PARIS BAR · MEDIATOR

International *family law.*

Your relationship · Your children · Your assets

I prepare every case as thoroughly as if it were going to trial, in order to **seek an agreement first**: faster, less costly, better accepted, and designed to be recognised in each of the countries concerned.

AS YOUR LAWYER

My services *in international family law*

International divorce
Which court to go to, and when; which law; which recognition.

International child abduction
Acting fast for the child's return, with mediation running in parallel.

Children living across borders
Organising their lives between two countries, and having it respected.

Estate and property planning
Choosing the law of your matrimonial property regime and of your succession.

Recognition and enforcement
Giving effect to a French or foreign decision.

Moving abroad
The review before you leave or return, and the documents to prepare.

MY METHOD

Litigation as leverage for negotiation

Analyse. Which courts have jurisdiction, which law each would apply, where the agreement must be enforced.

Weigh. Used at the right time, proceedings give weight to the discussion.

Conclude. An agreement built to hold wherever it will apply, in your children's interests.

How I work: negotiate, without giving up the option to litigate

1 **Negotiate an agreement**
The route I favour: you keep control of the solutions and of the timetable.
NEGOTIATION BETWEEN LAWYERS · COLLABORATIVE LAW · PARTICIPATORY PROCEDURE · MUTUAL-CONSENT DIVORCE

2 **Go to court, if necessary**
At the right time, proceedings secure your position; an agreement remains possible at any stage.
INTERNATIONAL DIVORCE · WHERE THE CHILDREN LIVE · CHILD ABDUCTION · URGENT MEASURES

3 **Enforce, and plan ahead**
After the decision, and before any dispute arises.
RECOGNITION AND EXEQUATUR · ENFORCEMENT ABROAD · PROPERTY PLANNING

114 rue La Boétie, 75008 Paris, France, or by video · +33 6 03 15 77 06 · contact@escudey-avocat.com · escudey-avocat.com/en

© Gaëtan Escudey 2026 · October 2026 edition · No reproduction, extraction or modification (French IP Code, art. L. 122-4)

BEFORE ANY DECISION

A consultation *at a fixed price*

At my Paris office or by video, in English or in French. You know the price before the appointment, and you remain free afterwards to instruct me on your case, or not.

Express	Initial	Strategic	International	Property audit
30 min, phone or video	1 hour	2 hours, documents reviewed	2 hours, several countries	3 hours, documents reviewed
€150 excl. VAT	€300 excl. VAT	€600 excl. VAT	€600 excl. VAT	€900 excl. VAT
€180 incl. VAT	€360 incl. VAT	€720 incl. VAT	€720 incl. VAT	€1,080 incl. VAT

Which consultation should I choose?

Express	You have a specific question: a deadline, a formality, how to respond to a letter. A conversation, without review of documents.
Initial	You want initial advice on your situation: your rights, your obligations and the options open to you. Its fee is deducted from the retainer if you instruct me.
Strategic	You have a decision to make. I review your documents in advance and set out each option, its risks and its cost.
International	Several countries are involved: which court, which law will apply, will the decision be recognised? Also available as a review before you leave or return.
Property audit	Assets to divide, maintenance to assess: an overview of how your matrimonial property regime would be settled and a simulation of maintenance.

Not sure? Choose the initial consultation: together we will see whether a more in-depth analysis is useful.

How the consultation works

You book online or by phone, at the office or by video. For a strategic or international consultation or an audit, you send me your documents a few days before the appointment. At the end, you know your options, their risks and their cost, and you decide freely what to do next.

Fees exclusive of VAT (French VAT at 20% added where applicable); amounts including VAT are given for information. A written fee agreement sets the terms of each engagement before any work begins.

© Gaëtan Escudey 2026 · October 2026 edition · No reproduction, extraction or modification (French IP Code, art. L. 122-4)

IF YOU INSTRUCT ME ON YOUR CASE

Fees *known in advance*

A written fee agreement, signed before any work begins, sets out the scope of the engagement, the fixed fees and the hourly rate. At each stage, you know what the next one will cost.

A written fee agreement

Signed when the file is opened: it sets the scope, the fixed fees and the hourly rate.

A retainer

5 to 10 hours depending on the case (€1,500 to €3,000 excl. VAT), topped up as the case progresses. Payment in instalments possible.

Fixed fees and time spent

A fixed fee for the main steps; other work at €300 excl. VAT per hour (€360 incl. VAT), with a detailed statement.

FIXED FEES FOR THE MAIN STEPS	FROM
PLANNING AHEAD	
International marriage contract (prenuptial agreement)	**€1,500 excl. VAT** · €1,800 incl. VAT
REACHING AN AGREEMENT	
International parenting agreement	**€2,000 excl. VAT** · €2,400 incl. VAT
Divorce agreement	**€2,500 excl. VAT** · €3,000 incl. VAT
GOING TO COURT	
Application for exequatur (enforcement of a foreign decision)	**€2,000 excl. VAT** · €2,400 incl. VAT
Application concerning parental responsibility	**€2,500 excl. VAT** · €3,000 incl. VAT
Divorce petition	**€3,000 excl. VAT** · €3,600 incl. VAT
Application for the return of a child	**€3,500 excl. VAT** · €4,200 incl. VAT

The fixed fee covers the drafting of the document; its amount is set in the fee agreement according to the complexity of the case. Third-party costs (bailiff, notary, translator, foreign lawyer) are announced in advance and invoiced separately. A success fee may be added, if agreed in writing.

Negotiating often costs less than litigating

A negotiated parenting agreement or divorce agreement avoids parallel proceedings in two countries, translations and delays. At each stage, I tell you the likely cost of each route.

Book an appointment

114 rue La Boétie, 75008 Paris, France, or by video
+33 6 03 15 77 06

contact@escudey-avocat.com
escudey-avocat.com/en

Fees exclusive of VAT (French VAT at 20% added where applicable); amounts including VAT are given for information. A written fee agreement sets the terms of each engagement before any work begins. Gaëtan Escudey, avocat at the Paris Bar, is also a mediator. When he conducts a mediation, he is not the lawyer of either party and does not become so afterwards.

© Gaëtan Escudey 2026 · October 2026 edition · No reproduction, extraction or modification (French IP Code, art. L. 122-4)