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Private international *family law.*



Consultation and expertise between lawyers

When a family case involves several legal systems, the decisive question is often one of private international law: **which court, which law, which recognition**. I work alongside you, on your case, for your client.

FOUR WAYS I CAN HELP

What I bring *to your case*

The written opinion

A reasoned, fully referenced answer to a question of jurisdiction, applicable law or recognition, written to be used in your pleadings, your correspondence or your negotiation.

International strategy, together

Joint work on forum choice, the timing of proceedings, urgent measures and securing an agreement in each country.

Review of your agreements

Parenting agreements, divorce agreements, choice-of-law or choice-of-court clauses: I check that they are drafted to take effect in each of the countries concerned.

Expert report on French law

A statement of French law, in English or in French (affidavit, expert report), for a foreign lawyer and the court seised.

QUESTIONS I AM ASKED

Divorce filed in London and in Paris: **which court prevails** since Brexit?

Married in 2005 without a contract, living in Dubai for ten years: **which law governs their property**?

The child's residence is in the United States: **do the French courts still have jurisdiction**?

French divorce by lawyers' agreement: **recognised in Morocco, Switzerland, Quebec**?

Maintenance ordered in France, debtor in Canada: **how can it be enforced**?

A foreign lawyer asks for **the state of French law** on compensatory payments.

Your client remains your client

I act as consultant to the lawyer in charge of the case. I contact your client only with your agreement, and I do not agree to advise or represent them in that case in your place.

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Areas *of expertise*

Couples	Formation and recognition of unions, partnerships, matrimonial property regimes and choice of law (1978 Hague Convention, Regulation 2016/1103), clauses dealing with separation
Separation	Jurisdiction and lis pendens (Brussels II ter), law applicable to divorce (Rome III), out-of-court divorce and circulation of agreements, maintenance (Regulation 4/2009, 2007 Hague Protocol)
Children	Parental responsibility (1996 Hague Convention), abduction (1980 Convention), parentage and transcription of civil status records
Succession	International successions (Regulation 650/2012), jurisdiction in succession matters, public policy and foreign laws
Decisions	Exequatur, bilateral conventions, Europe–Maghreb relations, Brexit, judicial cooperation

From your question *to an answer you can use*

1

You set out the question

By email, with the key documents and a timeline of residences.

2

A written proposal

After a conflict check: scope, timeframe, fees.

3

A call

By phone or video, to pin down the facts and the objective.

4

The answer

Written and referenced, within the agreed timeframe; urgently if needed.

5

Follow-up

An update if proceedings are brought abroad.

A clear ethical framework

My opinions are given as an avocat at the Paris Bar, covered by professional secrecy and by my professional indemnity insurance. I never act as consultant in a case in which I have been the mediator.

Fees known in advance

A fixed fee, set after reading the question, for an opinion, a review or an expert report; time spent for ongoing support. Terms are agreed in writing before any work begins.

EXPERTISE GROUNDED IN RESEARCH

Degrees *and qualifications*

2022 **University diploma in arbitration practice**, Université Paris-Saclay

2021 **Cross Border International Family Mediation**, UC Hastings, San Francisco

2020 **University diploma in mediation**, IFOMENE, Institut catholique de Paris

2019 **French Bar qualification (CAPA)**, Paris Bar School (EFB)
Winner of the Violette Gorny prize for the best family law jurist

2017 **Qualified for appointment as senior lecturer** (maître de conférences) in private law
Attended the **Hague Academy of International Law**

2016 **Doctorate in private law**, University of Bordeaux.
Thesis: *Le couple en droit international privé* (Couples in private international law)

2012 **Master's degree (Master II) in International and European Law**, University of Bordeaux

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Selected *publications*

- **Le couple en droit international privé**, thèse, Université de Bordeaux, 2016 (open access on HAL)
- Plaidoyer en faveur d'une résolution amiable des conflits familiaux internationaux, *Droit de la famille*, LexisNexis, juillet 2021, n° 7-8
- Les conséquences du Brexit en matière familiale, *Gazette du Palais* 2021, n° 1, p. 55
- La promotion et l'encadrement des MARD : le rapport de la cour d'appel de Paris, *Gazette du Palais* 2021, n° 2, p. 50
- Les innovations apportées par la refonte du règlement Bruxelles II bis, *Lexbase Hebdo*, édition privée, 2019
- Faut-il permettre l'insertion de clauses relatives à la désunion dans les contrats de mariage ?, *Droit de la famille*, 2019, étude n° 17
- Same-sex Marriage in France and its International Repercussions, *Montesquieu Law Review*, 2015, n° 3
- Contrer les obstacles à la réception réciproque des institutions familiales entre l'Europe et le Maghreb, *Droit de la famille*, 2015

Titles are given in their original language.

Teaching *since 2012*

- International family law, international course — Paris Bar School, EFB (2021-2026)
- Private international law of successions and matrimonial property — EFB Paris (2020-2023)
- International estate and matrimonial planning — EFB Paris (2020-2022)
- Separation of international couples — EFB Paris (2020-2023)
- The practice of international family law, Master II — University of Bordeaux (2018-2025)
- Private international law workshops, expert cycle — IDFP, Maison du Barreau (2023)
- International child abduction — Bordeaux Summer University (2022)
- European private international family law, Master I — Belarusian Centre, Minsk (2016)

Recent *talks*

- Amicable resolution across borders: France, England, Hong Kong — IDFP, 16 October 2026
- High-conflict parenting disputes: the international toolbox — Paris Bar family law committee, May 2026
- International matrimonial and estate planning — IDFP, April 2026
- Negotiation in international family relations — Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences, Tunis, November 2024
- Anticipating international family issues — ACE, March 2024
- Cross-border amicable family processes: points of vigilance — Paris Bar ADR committee, 2022
- International family mediation — Paris Bar family committee and CNMA webinar, 2022
- Return proceedings for wrongfully removed children — European Summer University, Bordeaux, 2022

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