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Nancy has authored the Minnesota chapter of Family Law: A Global Guide (Thomson Reuters, 2015). Whilst Nancy is a recognised authority in all areas of international family law, she has spearheaded the IAFL's focus on international child abduction, ARTs law and surrogacy.



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Véronique is widely regarded as the doyenne of French family law and is a Founding Partner of CBBC, one of Paris' leading family law practices. Véronique is a Fellow of the IAFL.

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Anne-Marie is Governor at Large of the IAFL and Head of Children Department at Dawson Cornwell, London. She is 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.

Anne-Marie specialises in all aspects of domestic and international family law and the international movement of children. She has expertise in international divorce forum and jurisdictional disputes on divorce, with particular expertise in international custody disputes, child abduction (Hague and non–Hague); the EU Regulation on jurisdiction in family matters, relocations and children's law private and public. She acts for the victims of forced marriages, abandoned spouses and Honour Based Violence and has assisted in the protection of 150 plus Forced Marriage victims. She has acted in the leading Forced Marriage and Stranded Spouse cases. Anne-Marie has acted for victims and threatened victims of Female Genital Mutilation.

Anne-Marie is also a specialist in surrogacy arrangements and surrogacy with an international element and co-parenting agreements. Anne-Marie advises in respect of complex domestic and international adoption applications and legal issues arising from the creation and implementation of surrogacy arrangements under The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008.

She is a regular speaker and lecturer both within the United Kingdom and abroad and has made numerous television and press appearances. She is the UK correspondent for "International Family Law" published by Jordans and the consultant editor of "International Child Law" also published by Jordans. She is joint author of the text book "International Parental Child Abduction". She sits on the Editorial Board of the Child and Family Law Quarterly, published by Jordans, and is a contributor to Child Case Management Practice 2nd Edition (Family Law). She is the author of numerous legal articles.



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William has been IAFL President from September 2014 to date. He joined Charles Russell, London as a trainee in 1985 and made partner in 1992. He is now head of the Family sector group and specialises in divorce, financial relief (to include pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements) and private law children cases.

He also lectures on a range of family law issues including trusts and matrimonial breakdown and is a joint author with IAFL fellow, Sarah Higgins, of 'Family Breakdown and Trusts' for Butterworths.



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Kerstin is widely recognised as one of Germany's leading family lawyers. She has been in practice since November 1990, specialising in German and International Family Law, Law of International Adoption and Law of Inheritance.

She is a Fellow of the IAFL and from 2011 to 2013 was Team Leader of the EU financed and by GIZ implemented Project on the Implementation of the Hague Conventions in Russia.

She has been a specialist in Family Law ("Fachanwältin für Familienrecht") since 2001. Kerstin is also a member of the Family Law Committee, "German Association of Female Lawyers"; Family Law Committee, "German Lawyers Association/Federal Bar". In addition, she is a member of the publishing team of an International Family Law Journal in Germany and a member of the Law Faculty of the University of Potsdam.

She gives annual lectures to educate future family lawyers on International and European Law.



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James is among the leading international family lawyers in England and one of only three family lawyers to be included in the 2015 London Super Lawyers 'Top 10 list'. Ranked highly in all legal directories, including current editions of Chambers UK, The Legal 500 and Citywealth, James has also been named in The Lawyer's 'Hot 100' which highlights those 'at the very top of their game'.

Described in the legal directories as 'very impressive' and 'warm and engaging' with 'astonishing skills in international financial matters', James is adept at putting clients at ease and prides himself in seeing the bigger picture. A Sunday Observer profile describes James as 'confident and successful' and says that 'his fresh approach to family law is turning heads'.

Widely recognised as a family lawyer with a commercial edge and a pioneer in family dispute resolution, James is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Chair of Collaborative Family Law. He is Parliamentarian and Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) and chairs Multilaw's Private Client, Trust and Family Law Practice Group. He is a member of the International Section of the American Bar Association (ABA) and is well-known for his expertise in Anglo-American divorce. He is one of a small group of family law experts who serve on the Consultation Board of Practical Law.

Almost a decade ago, James conceived the idea of a multi-jurisdictional guide to international family law, Family Law: A Global Guide (3rd edition, 2015), which has become the definitive text in this field, as well as Thomson Reuters' bestselling international family law title. In addition, he has co-authored chapters on Russia and Ukraine for International Pre-Nuptial and Post-Nuptial Agreements.

Elga SYKIAINEN

Practises law for over 20 years. Concentrates practice on international matrimonial law. In addition to extensive experience in international legal cooperation, has contributed to Russia's accession to the 1996 and 1980 Hague Conventions and co-authored the Academic Review of the 1980 Hague Convention.

Frequent author and speaker on matrimonial litigation and related matters.

Also, as an accredited and professional mediator regularly delivers mediation training programmes.

1. Education:

Moscow State University Law Department 1993 – 1998	Law Degree Suma cum laude
Russian Foundation for Legal Reform, 2000	Certificate for training on Alternative Dispute Resolution
Further Education Institute, Moscow 2011	Certified mediator; mediation trainer

2. Key Qualifications:

- <u>Representation of client interests in private international cases</u>: participation in court proceedings, legal research, preparation of legal memoranda and procedural documents for litigations in Russia as well as affidavits and expert reports on Russian private law for litigations abroad. <u>Handling</u> legal cases involving parties from jurisdictions of: Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Luxemburg, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, the UK, the USA, CIS countries etc.;
- <u>International cooperation</u>: Experience in international assistance projects promoting legal reforms in the Russian Federation with focus on conducting requested legal expertise, legal cooperation with counterparts, handling administrative and logistic issues in the area of rule of law;
- <u>Legal Policy Development</u>: Conducting legal analyses and developing legal policy covering a wide range of issues related to legal, judicial, institutional reforms, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and protecting civil rights.

3. Publications:

Chief Editor, "Hague Conventions: Implementation in the Russian Federation", Moscow, Centr-YurinfoR, 2013 (ISBN 978-5-89158-186-9);

Co-author, Manual on the Hague 1980 Convention implementation in Russia, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Moscow, 2012

Co-author, Manual on the Hague 1996 Convention implementation in Russia, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Moscow, 2013

Article "Mediation in International Family Conflicts: Russian Perspective" (Zhilishnoye i Semeynoye Pravo (Housing and Family Law) magazine, 2014 №2, p.p.27-30

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Edward is a family lawyer with experience in all areas of family law. After studying at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, Edward trained with Penningtons Manches where he is now a Senior Associate in its highly rated family department. Ed spent part of his education in Moscow, and has a working knowledge of Russian. He has a particular interest in Anglo-Russian family law and also has a large Nigerian family financial practice.

He specialises in resolving complex financial issues arising from relationship breakdown, cases involving multi-jurisdictional elements, arrangements for the care of children in difficult or sensitive cases and drafting marital and relationship agreements.

Ed is regarded as one of London's new generation of "up-and-coming" international family lawyers. He is an active member of the English family lawyers' organisation, Resolution, and whilst a highly effective litigator, he also has considerable experience of non-adversarial family dispute resolution. He has written for a number of legal journals and is a regular contributor to legal journals including *Family Law* and *The Global Legal Post*.

Vladislav Valerievich GRIB



Vice-President of the Federal Chamber of Lawyers of the Russian Federation.

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Vladislav Valerievich graduated in international law in 1996 from the Moscow State University of International Relations of the Russian Federation (MGIMO). In 1997 he became editor of the magazine "Jurist" (Lawyer) and in 1999, one of the founders of the Russian Law Academy.

Between 1997 and 2003, Vladislav Grib was deputy director of the National Council of Associations for childhood and adolescence in Russia. This Council brought together 74 associations and federal organizations created by young people.

He is a member of several advisory bodies, such as the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, as well as the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation. Since 2005 he is a member of the Presidium of the Russian public organization "Association of Lawyers of Russia." In 2014, Mr. Grib was appointed member of the "Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation" by Presidential decree (specializing in issues related to civil society).

Today, Vladislav Grib is a qualified Russian attorney and senior partner of the Moscow law firm "Semeniako, Grib and Partners". He has specialized in international business law, in the legal support for foreign investments into Russia, as well as in the protection of human rights within international bodies.

Vladislav Grib is the editor of the journal "Legal" and "Tchelovek i Zakon" (Man and Law). He is also the Head of the civil society Chair of the MGIMO International Law Faculty.

Mr. Grib was awarded numerous honorary prizes, in particular the Ministry of Education Award and the Supreme Arbitration (commercial) Court Award.

He is the author of two books and comments made to the Federal Law "About the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation". He wrote a handbook called "Civil Society" and about forty publications in the field of international law, the legal profession, constitutional and municipal law, legal theory and history of Law and State.

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In 2011-2013, Olga was a key senior expert in the EU project on the Application of the Hague Conventions on Protection of Children in Russia. Since 2010, Olga has been a member of the Methodological Council at the RF Ministry of Justice (issues on registration of acts of civil status). She is also currently a member of the Working Group on Revision of Family Legislation of the Russian Federation.

Olga is the author of *Marriage and Divorce in Western Family Law* and *The Art of Legal Writing*, as well as of numerous scholarly articles on family law matters published in Russia and abroad. Olga was a British Academy Visiting scholar and was awarded a Fulbright Program scholarship (USA). She taught *Introduction to Russian Law* and *Child's Rights in the International Context* at the Juridical faculty of Vienna University (2008, 2012 and 2015).

She is a regular speaker at international conferences, symposia, and workshops. She is Vice-President of the International Society of Family Law. In 2012, Olga was elected as a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

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Master in Private International Law and European Law (University Paris I Sorbonne) Master of Law (Russian Law) (University Paris X Nanterre) Master of Arts (Russian language) (University Marc Bloch - Strasbourg)

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Member of the Paris Bar for almost ten years, Julie LOSSON co-founded the French law firm "Villard Cornec & Partners" and since 2012 manages its Moscow office under the "OOO Interjurist". She is experienced in general international family law, especially with Russian citizens. She defends cases involving financial disputes pertaining to divorce settlements and inheritance issues (prenuptial agreements, removal and jurisdiction disputes, child and spousal support, child abduction, registration and enforcement of foreign court decisions...).

Publications:

Writer for the "International Children Law Information Portal" of Jordan Publishing "French Supreme Court Restates Rules on Jurisdiction, Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Decisions in Matrimonial Matters: A New Chance for Old Cases" Family Law Quarterly, 2010 Vol. 44, No. 1 (Spring 2010) p. 83–94. ABA

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Evgeny Raschevsky is an internationally recognised in private and personal litigation, as well as international arbitration. He has acted in a considerable number of high profile divorce and family law cases in Russia. He is experienced in international arbitration proceedings under ICAC of CCI of Russia (MKAS), ICC, LCIA, SCC and Swiss Rules, as well as coordination of litigation and family law cases in the UK, the USA, Germany, Turkey and other countries.

Evgeny is well-known for his role in the highly successful representation of the Russian Federation in the International Court of Justice in The Hague in its defence against a claim filed by Georgia against Russia in a dispute regarding racial discrimination.

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- Lectured at the History, Politics and Law Faculty of the Russian State University for the Humanities.
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- Was a member of the United Legal Network.
- Participant in Russian and foreign seminars and conferences on international private law, international commercial arbitration, family law, real estate and construction.
- Author of a certain amount of articles on corporate law, international commercial arbitration, international private law and family law.

1988 Graduate of Moscow state University Lomonosov (faculty of mathematics and mechanics)
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She also advises on tax-efficient structures for owning UK property as well as creation and operation of international structures for tax, succession and asset protection purposes.



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The specialization lies in the field of Russian and International Family Law.

She has been involved in cross-border family litigation, including divorces, custody disputes, property divisions, prenuptial agreements, disputes based on the 1980 and 1996 Hague Conventions.

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Marina Zakharina is a member of the Moscow Bar Association and Partner and Vice-president of the Russian law firm "IuristArkh".

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After graduating from the Lomonosov State University - Moscow, she left Russia to study and work abroad between 1990 and 1994. She studied at the ESSEC Business school in Paris, and later at the International Institute of Human Rights - René Cassin in Strasbourg. Over those four years, she has gained a broad experience in French, Belgian and Swiss law firms and in the European Court of Human Rights (Strasbourg). In 2003 she founded "IuristArkh", and is still a partner today. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, she attended vocational training courses in the International Protection Centre in Strasbourg.

She currently operates in many areas: civil and commercial courts, arbitration courts, the Constitutional Court, the European Court of Human Rights. She is consulted by legal entities (medium and large companies) and individuals.

Marina Zakharina was awarded the Medal (II^d degree) "For achievements in the protection of rights and freedoms of citizens", and received the Honorary award of "150 years of the legal profession in Russia".

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Anton Zharov has been practicing law in Russian courts since 2000, specializing exclusively in family and juvenile law. As an expert he took part in drafting the Custody and Trusteeship Law, as well as amendments to the Family Code of the Russian Federation and state decrees on child adoption and custody. He also contributed to the development of the training program for prospective Russian adopters.

Zharov acted as an independent (non-government) expert in design and development of legal acts for child custody and adopters training in the Lithuanian Republic.

Since 2006 Zharov has been lecturing on legal aspects at the oldest Russian School for Adopters (part of the "Family" Charity Fund).

Since 2013 he heads "Attorney Zharov's Team", the only Russian law firm that specializes solely on family and children rights protection, including transnational divorce disputes and foreign adoption cases.

Anton Zharov is author of 5 papers on the subject of termination of parental rights and complex adoption cases, as well as over 200 professional and editorial publications on family and juvenile law.

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