





## Cross-Border Family Mediation Training (CBFM)

 2 – 4 November 2017 (Thursday – Saturday)  
6 - 7 November 2017 (Monday – Tuesday)

 The Law Society of Singapore  
39 South Bridge Road  
Level 2 (Amicus Room)  
Singapore 058673

No. of Public  
CPD Points:  
**30 Points**  
(TBC)

Practice Area:  
**Family**

Training Level:  
**Intermediate**

## About the Course

The Law Society of Singapore and MiKK e.V. International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction ("MiKK") is proud to jointly organise the "Cross-Border Family Mediation Training" in Singapore.

This 50-hour advanced training course will cover the relevant legal aspects of international family conflicts, differences in national family legislation, the 1980 and 1996 Hague Conventions, (the Brussels IIa Regulation) as well as the best interest and the voice of the child. Participants will be introduced to tools and methods for mediating high conflict cases. Drawing on the experience of the trainers and participants, participants will examine the issues associated with mediating across cultures.

## Training Objective

- Qualify practising family mediators to mediate cross-border family disputes, including international child abduction, access and custody cases.
- Participants who are qualified to practise mediation in their own country and have successfully completed this training course may join the international MiKK pool of Cross-border Family Mediators.

## Training Methodology

This interactive training utilizes plenary and practical sessions, including case studies, role plays and small group exercises, with participants having the opportunity to provide and receive feedback.

## About MiKK

MiKK is an internationally recognized NGO that has been working for over 10 years to promote and organize mediations relating to international family conflict. MiKK provides a free multilingual and advisory service for affected parties and works closely with central authorities, lawyers, courts and other organizations worldwide. The concept employed in MiKK's training was developed and piloted in the EU Civil Justice project, "Training in International Family Mediation 2010 – 2012". MiKK trainers have conducted similar seminars in many countries including Australia, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kosovo and Russia.

## Who Should Attend

Lawyers from ASEAN countries who practise mediation or are involved in international family law cases. A maximum of 24 participants will be accepted for the course.

## Trainers

- Christoph C. Paul – Lawyer, Notary, Mediator, Trainer, Chairperson of the Board of MiKK
- Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome – Family Lawyer, Mediator, Trainer, Head of MiKK Advisory Service
- Michael Ford – Lawyer, Mediator, Trainer, Legal Assistant of MiKK

## Guest Trainer (by video link)

- Judge Martina Erb-Klünemann – Family Court Hamm, specialized in cross-border family cases including return cases under the 1980 Hague Convention, member of International Hague Network of Judges (IHNJ), member of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters (EJN)

## Programme Overview

### Before Training

Time	Programme
5 hours	Research Assignment on National Family Law (Singapore & 1 other Hague Country)

#### \*\*All sessions conducted by the trainers:

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- Michael Ford – Lawyer, Mediator, Trainer, Legal Assistant of MiKK

### Day 1 – Thursday 2 November 2017

Time	Programme
09.30 – 11.00	Introduction to International Family Mediation
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Tea Break</b>
11.30 – 12.30	Overview & Styles of Mediation
12.30 – 13.15	Mediating Across Cultures
13.15 – 14.15	<b>Lunch</b>
14.15 – 15.00	Film: Victims of Another War
15.00 – 15.15	Different Models of International Family Mediation
15.15 – 16.15	National Family Law: Comparison of selected countries
16.15 – 16.45	<b>Tea Break</b>
16.45 – 18.30	Framework and Specifics of Mediating Hague Convention Cases (Part I)
18.30	Dinner at restaurant with all participants and trainers

### Day 2 – Friday 3 November 2017

Time	Programme
09.00 – 09.15	Questions from Day 1
09.15 – 09.30	Sociometric Exercise: a Hague Child Abduction Case
09.30 – 10.30	International Legal Instruments and Procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1980 Hague Convention &amp; 1996 Hague Convention</li> <li>- (Brussels IIa Regulation)</li> <li>- UNCRC</li> </ul>
10.30 – 11.00	Case Studies (Group Work)
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Tea Break</b>
11.30 – 12.15	Case Studies Discussion
12.15 – 12.45	Changing Face of Families in a Globalized World
12.45 – 13.00	The Law and Mediation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mediation law</li> <li>- HCCH Guide to Good Practice and EU guidelines</li> </ul>
13.00 – 13.30	Agreement to Mediate, Memorandum Of Understanding and Mirror Orders
13.30 – 14.30	<b>Lunch</b>
14.30 – 16.30	Framework and Specifics of Mediating Hague Convention cases (Part II)
16.30 – 17.00	<b>Tea Break</b>
17.00 – 18.30	Guidelines for Preparing Co-Mediation & Doing Role Play Introduction to Case Study

## Day 3 – 4 November 2017, Saturday

Time	Programme
09.00 – 09.15	Questions from Day 2
09.15 – 09.30	Role Play I: “Setting the stage and setting the agenda”
10.30 – 11.00	Feedback in plenary
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Tea Break</b>
11.30 – 12.30	Mediation Tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reflecting Team</li> <li>- Caucus</li> <li>- Mediations Across Cultures</li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.15	Stages of Pressure Cooker Mediation in Hague Convention Cases
13.15 – 14.15	<b>Lunch</b>
14.15 – 15.15	Introducing Mediation in the Courtroom – the Judge’s Perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge Martina Erb-Klünemann (<i>via video-conferencing</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MiKK Mediators in the Courtroom (MiC)</li> <li>○ How Judges and Liaison Judges Can Actively Support the Implementation of Agreements Resulting from a Mediation</li> <li>○ Making the Memorandum Of Understanding Legally Binding</li> <li>○ Working with Mirror Orders and Safe Harbour Orders</li> <li>○ International Hague Network of Judges</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
15.15 – 15.45	<b>Tea Break</b>
15.45 – 17.15	Role play II: “Defining and Clarifying the Issues”
17.15 – 18.00	Feedback and Discussion in Plenary
18.00 – 18.30	Mid-seminar Evaluation and Feedback

## Day 4 – 5 November 2017, Sunday

Time	Programme
5 hours	<b>Non-training day assignment task</b>

## Day 5 – 6 November 2017, Monday

Time	Programme
09.00 – 09.15	Questions from Day 3
09.15 – 10.00	Results of Assignment Task
10.00 – 11.00	The Voice of the Child in Mediation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child Focused Mediation</li> <li>- Definitions, Purpose, Skills and Strategies</li> <li>- Preparation of Role Play III: “Meeting Peter”</li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Tea Break</b>
11.30 – 12.45	Role Play III: “Meeting Peter”
12.45 – 13.30	Giving Feedback, Agreeing Parenting Principles
13.30 – 14.30	<b>Lunch</b>
14.30 – 16.00	Mediation and Languages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coping with Bilingualism in Mediations: Models and Options</li> <li>- Preparation of Role Play IV: “Working with Turning Points and Mediating Dilemma Situations” &amp; “Developing and Reviewing Options that Focus on the Best Interest of the Child”</li> </ul>
16.00 – 16.30	<b>Tea Break</b> + Preparation of Role Play – Mediators and Parents
16.30 – 18.15	Role Play IV: “Working with Turning Points and Mediating Dilemma Situations” & “Developing and Reviewing Options that Focus on the Best Interest of the Child”
18:15 – 18.30	Feedback and Discussion

## Day 6 – 7 November 2017, Tuesday

Time	Programme
09.00 – 09.15	Questions from Day 5
09.15 – 10.15	Dilemmas in Cross-Border Family Mediation
10.15 – 10.45	Working Towards (different) Agreements Preparation of Role Play V: “Working Towards Agreement”
10.45 – 11.15	<b>Tea Break</b>
11.15 – 13.00	Role Play V: “Working Towards Agreement”
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>
14.00 – 14.45	Drawing Up a Memorandum Of Understanding and Finalizing the Mediation Aspects Concerning Recognition and Enforceability of Mediation Agreements
14.45 – 16.15	Role Play VI: “Drawing Up a Memorandum of Understanding”
16.15 – 16.30	<b>Tea Break</b>
16.30 – 16.45	Feedback and Discussion
16.45 – 17.30	CBFM Feedback and Evaluation
17.30 – 18.00	Certificate Presentation and Closing

## Trainers' Profiles



### Mr Christoph C. Paul

Christoph has been a lawyer and notary public in the law firm Paul & Partner in Berlin since 1978. He is specialized among other things in family law. He has been working as a certified mediator and mediation trainer with the German Family Mediators Working Group (BAFM) since 1995 and was Chair of its Board from 1999 to 2011. He has launched and conducted numerous projects dealing with cross-border family mediation and has published widely in the fields of mediation, mostly in relation to family conflicts, family businesses, and inheritance. He is co-editor of Cross-border Family Mediation, Wolfgang Metzner Verlag, 2014. His current focus is on mediation and mediation training in cross-border family conflicts including child abduction cases. Christoph has been Chair of the Board of the German NGO MiKK e.V. International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction since its inception as an independent entity in 2008. He lectures widely on cross-border family mediation at hearings such as that of the European Parliament in 2016, and also at universities and bar associations internationally. In 2017 he will be continuing a series of lectures in Japan. Christoph was honoured with the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for his work in implementing cross-border family mediation in conflicts involving parents and children. In 2010 he received the Socrates Award for Mediation in recognition of his lifelong work as a mediator and as a "mediator of mediation" in institutional contexts.



### Ms Ishtar-Khalaf Newsome

Ishtar is a family lawyer, cross-border family mediator and trainer. She is Head of Advisory Services at the German NGO MiKK e.V. International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction. Prior to joining MiKK Ishtar was based in London where she practiced family law for nine years at Dawson Cornwell, a leading family law firm specialized in international family law matters. Prior to practicing family law she was a case manager at the child abduction NGO Reunite International. Ishtar completed her legal studies at BPP University Law School and the College of Law in London. She holds a Master's Degree (MA) in Near & Middle Eastern Studies and Islamic Law from SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies), University of London, and a Master's Degree in German and English from the Freie Universität Berlin. Ishtar qualified as a mediator with the Family Mediators Association (FMA) in London where she also trained in direct consultation (mediation) with children. She is a practising cross-border family mediator and has provided diverse training in this field. Ishtar has published on family law and mediation in e.g. The Family Law Journal, Spektrum der Mediation and Die (Wirtschafts) mediation.



### Mr Michael Ford

Michael is an Australian-trained lawyer and mediator living and working in Berlin. He is Legal Assistant at the German NGO MiKK e.V. International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction. He is a trainer in the area of cross-border family mediation, including hearing the child and the international legal framework relating to child abduction. He mediates cross-border family and other conflicts, including workplace and group conflicts. Michael was previously a children's lawyer with Youth Legal Service Inc. in Perth and a tutor in developmental psychology at the University of Notre Dame Australia. He was also Mediation Coordinator at the Small Business Development Corporation of Western Australia. Michael holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in International Dispute Resolution from Humboldt University in Berlin and a double Bachelor of Law and Behavioural Science from the University of Notre Dame Australia. Michael is a MiKK-trained cross-border family mediator and the founder of the Berlin Peace Project, a not-for-profit group helping people to contribute to peace and not detract from it in their day-to-day lives.

## Guest Trainer's Profile



### **Ms Martina Erb-Klünemann**

Martina has been working as a family judge at the district court of Hamm since 1996 where she has been responsible for cross-border family conflicts for which her court is the specialized court for the District of Hamm Court of Appeal. She is also the German Network Judge of the European Judicial Network of Civil and Commercial Matters (EJN) and of the International Hague Network of Judges (IHJ) as well as Co-chair of the Association of International Family Judges (AIFJ). In her capacity as Chairperson of the Working Group on the Incorporation of Mediation in return proceedings she has been involved in the development of procedures and their implementation in this area in Germany. In many of the more than 150 return proceedings she has presided over as a Judge the parents participated in mediation. She is a member of the Advisory Board of MiKK. Since 2008 she has been leading the annual German Judges' Seminars aimed at judges who are specialized in this field. Information about the possibility of including mediation in cross-border family conflicts also features in these seminars. She regularly publishes and conducts trainings in Germany and abroad on international family law and on mediation in cross-border family conflicts.

## Further Reading

Freeman, Marilyn, Parental Child Abduction: The Long-Term Effects. 2014

(<http://www.famlawandpractice.com/researchers/longtermeffects.pdf>)

Hague Conference on Private International Law: Guide to Good Practice Mediation under the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. 2012

([http://www.hcch.net/upload/guide28mediation\\_en.pdf](http://www.hcch.net/upload/guide28mediation_en.pdf))

Keshavjee, Mohamed, Islam Sharia and ADR – Mechanisms for Legal Redress in the Muslim Community. 2013, I.B.Tauris & Co Ltd.

Kiesewetter, S. & Paul, C.C., Family Mediation in an International Context. In: Christoph C. Paul and Sybille Kiesewetter in cooperation with MiKK (eds.). Cross-Border Family Mediation - International Parental Child Abduction, Custody and Access Cases. 2014, Frankfurt/Main: Wolfgang Metzner Verlag, second and updated edition

Parkinson, Lisa: Family Mediation – Appropriate Dispute Resolution in a New Family Justice System. 2011, Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol

Paul, Christoph C. & Walker, Jamie: An International Mediation: From Child Abduction to Property Distribution. In: American Journal of Family Law 3/2009, p. 167-173

## Registration Fees

Membership Category	Fees (Inclusive of 7% GST and course materials)
Law Society Member	\$3,750.00
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- Allocation of seats is on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- Registration closes on **2 October 2017, Monday (5.00pm)**, or when all seats are filled.
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- Payment must be made by the closing date stated. Registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of full payment.
- The Law Society reserves the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the course or seminar.
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  - 20 days before commencement date: 25% of seminar fee.
  - 19 to 8 days before commencement date: 50% of seminar fee.
  - 7 days or less before commencement date: 100% of seminar fee.
- Participant who is unable to attend the seminar due to medical exigencies will be subjected to a cancellation fee of 50% of seminar fee.

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Practice Area: Family  
Training Level: Intermediate

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