



## Annual Conference on European Family Law Barcelona, 3-4 October 2024



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**EUROPEAN LAW**<sup>1</sup>

### Speakers

**Tim Amos KC**, Barrister, Mediator and Collaborative Lawyer,  
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**Almudena Castro-Girona Martínez**, Notary, President of the Human  
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**Cristina González Beifuss**, Professor, University of Barcelona

**Jan von Hein**, Professor, University of Freiburg

**Daniela Kreidler-Pleus**, Family Lawyer, Kanzlei Dr. Kreidler-Pleus  
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**Philippe Lortie**, First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private  
International Law, The Hague

**Boriana Musseva**, Attorney at Law, Musseva & Ivanov, Sofia;  
Associate Professor, Sofia University St Kliment Ohridski

**Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens**, Partner, Jürgens  
Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft, Potsdam/Berlin

**Pablo Quinzá Redondo**, Lecturer, University of Valencia

**Isabelle Rein Lescastereyres**, Partner, bwg Family Law Firm,  
Paris

**Agata Srokowska**, Judge, District Court of Olawa; Chair of the  
Working Group "Protection of Adults" under the Polish Presidency  
of the Council of the EU 2025

**Pablo Vázquez Moral**, Notary, Sant Feliu de Guíxols/Girona

### Key topics

- Protection of adults in an international setting
- International marriage contracts
- First experience in applying the Brussels IIb Regulation
- Recent CJEU case law in family matters

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English and Spanish  
(with simultaneous  
interpretation)

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Dr Angelika Fuchs (ERA) and  
Professor Cristina González  
Beifuss (University of  
Barcelona)



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## Thursday, 3 October 2024

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:15 **Opening and introduction to the seminar**  
*Angelika Fuchs, José Alberto Marín Sánchez and Cristina González Beilfuss*

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### I. PROTECTION OF ADULTS

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Moderator: *Cristina González Beilfuss*

09:30 **Measures of protection in international cases: practical experience with the Hague Convention for the Protection of Adults**  
*Philippe Lortie*

10:00 Discussion

10:15 **Powers of representation in international transactions**  
*Jan von Hein*

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

Moderator: *Almudena Castro-Girona Martínez*

11:30 **Protecting adults in the EU – the road ahead**  
*Agata Srokowska*

12:00 Discussion

12:15 **Panel discussion: Pitfalls, difficulties and solutions in cross-border protection of adults**  
*Philippe Lortie*  
*Agata Srokowska*  
*Jan von Hein*

13:00 Lunch

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### II. DRAFTING MARRIAGE CONTRACTS

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Moderator: *Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens*

14:00 **Practical issues when preparing international marriage contracts**  
*Daniela Kreidler-Pleus*

14:30 Discussion

14:45 **Pre-nups and matrimonial property regimes: key aspects and public policy**  
*Tim Amos and Isabelle Rein Lescastereyres*

15:30 Discussion

15:45 Coffee break

Moderator: *Isabelle Rein Lescastereyres*

16:15 **Drafting cross-border contracts on family property: exchange of practice**  
Introduction by *Pablo Vázquez Moral*  
*Daniela Kreidler-Pleus*  
*Tim Amos*

17:15 End of first conference day

20:00 Dinner at the restaurant "Can Culleretes"

## Objective

This conference will enable practitioners specialising in family law to keep up-to-date with the most recent developments in legislation, jurisprudence and practice on a European and international level.

The focus will be on the protection of vulnerable adults. The number of such cross-border cases is increasing. These can involve adults who have assets abroad or people who spend long periods of their retirement in holiday destinations and other countries.

Two Commission proposals have recently been discussed at political level. They will oblige Member States that have not yet done so to become parties to the 2000 Hague Convention on the Protection of Adults and to supplement the Convention's rules to strengthen adults' right to self-determination.

Another focal point will be the preparation and drafting of marriage contracts, which are particularly challenging in cross-border situations.

The conference will also include a detailed report on recent CJEU case law in family matters, and a progress report on the application of the Brussels IIb Regulation.

## Who should attend?

Lawyers in private practice, family lawyers, notaries, judges, officials in ministries and central authorities, academics

## CPD

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## Online participation

The event will be streamed live online. You have the option to join the conference on Zoom, enabling you to ask questions and take part in the discussion with participants in Barcelona.



## Friday, 4 October 2024

### III. RECENT CASE LAW

Moderator: *Tim Amos*

09:15 **Recent case law on habitual residence and child abduction,**  
including the recent German-Spanish case on child abduction  
*Cristina González Beilfuss*

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **Recent CJEU case law on jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement in  
family law and on maintenance obligations**  
*Boriana Musseva*

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

Moderator: *Boriana Musseva*

11:15 **The recognition of non-judicial divorces following the relevant  
CJEU case law**  
*Pablo Quinzá Redondo*

12:00 **Regulation Brussels IIb: First experiences and case law**  
*Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens*

12:30 Discussion

12:45 End of conference

For programme updates: [www.era.int](http://www.era.int)  
Programme may be subject to amendment.



Times indicated are CEST  
(Central European Summer Time)

### Discover Barcelona

After a day of intensive exchange, visit Gaudi's magnificent monuments, explore the gothic quarter and join us for a typical Catalan dinner in "Can Culleretes", the oldest restaurant in Barcelona.



### Venue

El Ilustre Colegio Notarial de Cataluña  
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