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Course

INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION. THE NEW CHALLENGES

Barcelona, 10, 11 and 12 de June 2009

1. Identification of the course

Dates and place: June 10, 11 and 12 2009, Barcelona (Spain).

Organised by: Judicial School [*Escuela Judicial*], Spain.

Languages: Spanish and English.

Category: Civil and criminal.

Places: 60 (30 for Spanish magistrates and 30 for magistrates from other EJTN member states).

Director: Francisco J. Forcada Miranda. Senior Judge. Family Court number 6 of Zaragoza.

2. Content

Never before in this globalised world has such importance been attributed to the proper management and handling of international-child-abduction cases by legal operators. As the international regulatory landscape that deals with this matter is so complex, it is only by providing suitable training to national judges tasked with managing such cases in particular that national and international regulations can be correctly applied. Each national judge acts, in turn, as a community judge and, since Regulation 2201/2003 came into force, there has been a clear need for judges in the European Union to have a sound knowledge of such rules, as modelled on the Convention of 25 October 1980.

It will therefore be a single-subject, European-focused course, but without excluding the phenomenon's analysis in other related geographical areas, and it will aim to provide an in-depth study of the phenomenon of international child abduction. It will combine theoretical and practical aspects of the matter with the aim of creating a handbook covering the expectations of the legal operators dedicated to this activity in Europe. It is therefore essential that this work can be published, being as it is a theoretical-practical handbook that necessarily balances theory-side contributions with practical recommendations or conclusions arrived at in workshops, a handbook that goes well beyond a simple practical guide detached from any theoretical-doctrinal contributions. The aim is to obtain a final product, published as a handbook, which combines theoretical and practical aspects. That handbook's publication is one of the key aims of this course - a course which breaks with the concept of simple seminar.

The course will focus exclusively on civil matters, to isolate and promote to the full very specific areas of work. After the coming into force, on 1 March 2005, of Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 of 27 June 2003 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, repealing Regulation (EC) No 1347/2000, and relying on the foreseeable, future application of the Hague Convention of 19 October 1996 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition, enforcement and cooperation in respect of parental responsibility and measures for the protection of children, there have been new instruments for dealing with these types of cases

which are already providing an assessable, practical experience. Comparing and contrasting that experience on both European and world levels, and analysing where problems and difficulties arise, are clear objectives of this course, a course essentially and primordially aimed at European family-court judges responsible for dealing with these types of processes in their respective countries of origin.

3. Practical information

3.1 Costs covered by the organisers

- Plane or train tickets (Barcelona-departure/destiny point).
- Accommodation from the night prior to course commencement until the day of the last seminar (participants must leave the hotel on midday of 12 June 2008, except in the event of unavoidable difficulties to obtain a return ticket for that date or if they decide to remain in Barcelona paying the extended days by themselves).
- Dinner of 10 June.
- Lunch at the building of the Judicial School on 10 and 11 June.
- Bus for the journey from the hotel to the Judicial School and vice versa (the building of the School is located outside Barcelona).

3.2 Travel and lodgement arrangements

All the arrangements will be done by the organization. The Judicial School will book accommodation and transportation tickets through the travel agency that provides such services to the General Council of the Judiciary, as well as settling any expenses derived from this. Those admitted will be required to contact the above-mentioned agency in order to carry out the necessary formalities. It will not be necessary to make any prior payment. The Judicial School will put participants and travel agency in contact at the appropriate time. The participants selected will receive, along with the confirmation of admission, instructions to carry out the hotel booking.

3.3 Application forms

- Applications will be made through the enclosed registration questionnaire which will be sent to the permanent training centre (Judicial School, Ministry of Justice or centre competent in the matter) of the member country of the EJTN. This centre will send the application forms to the Judicial School with an additional document which will specify the order of priority of the application forms. The Judicial School cannot guarantee a certain number of places for any attendant, as the distribution will not be made until all application forms have been received. Nevertheless, each applying country shall at least be assigned one place and the organisers will assign the other places as it

becomes possible, but always following the preferential order expressed by the training centre itself.

- Without delivering the application forms, the admission should not be considered as properly done.
- Once the selection has been made, a notice of acceptance shall be sent. A few days later, the participants will receive the questionnaire card to start preparing the workshops included in the seminar.
- The contact person in the Judicial School who will finally receive the application forms (preferably by electronic mail) is:

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3.4 Timetable

- 27 April: Deadline for registration
- 5 May: Notification of selection (if those are dates of summer holiday, please give an alternative way to communicate the admission)
- 14 May: Deadline for sending hotel and travel ticket bookings