

CURRICULUM VITAE
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ABBAS HADJIAN, [<http://abbashadjian.com/>] is an internationally recognized California Certified Family Law Specialist (CFLS). He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL). Mr. Hadjian is a bi-lingual (Farsi & English) expert in Iranian Civil and Family Law and Procedure and has testified in the Federal and State Courts on different aspects of Iranian Civil Law, Procedure, and legal documents. Mr. Hadjian's law practice is limited to the litigation of complicated Family Law issues, and private or Court assigned mediation.

Mr. Hadjian was born in Iran and graduated from Tehran University, School of Law, Economics, and Political Science in 1965. He continued his studies at Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Massachusetts, and obtained a Master's in Public Administration in 1976. In 1986 he graduated with J.D., from La Verne University. For twenty (20) years before practicing law, he was a professional journalist and Assistant to five (5) Governors of the Persian Gulf Province in Iran. He is the Founder and first President of the Iranian Azad University, Bandar Abbas (1977-1979).

Mr. Hadjian is Chair of the Family Law Section, the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, ("LACBA"), President of the Charitable Foundation, Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ASFLS-Foundation), and Immediate Past President of the Southern California Family Law American Inn of Court (the "AIC"). Mr. Hadjian has been a member of the California State Bar's Executive Committee, Family Law Section, (FLEXCOM) for 3 years, from 2014-2017. He has been chair of the Education Committee of the Iranian American Lawyers Association (the "IALA") since 2010, and its President in 2011.

During the past 34 years in California, Mr. Hadjian has been a legal analyst (live, television, and radio in Farsi), and authored "Divorce in California" a 400-page self-help book in Farsi, published in 2001. He is a source of information and comparison between Iranian and California jurisprudence worldwide. Mr. Hadjian follows major changes in Iranian law and procedures as they affect properties and personal relations. He keeps an updated library of Iranian civil and criminal codes and relevant legal publications in his office. He is in ongoing contact with the legal community in Iran.

In 2008, Mr. Hadjian co-founded <http://culturecounts.net/>, an internet-based educational center for cultural issues. Since then, Mr. Hadjian has lectured for many organizations including the California Administration of Courts (AOC), Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, (AFCC and AFCC-CA), the Southern California Inn of the Court (SCIOC), the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers-California (AAML-CA) on the cultural impact on the family practice. Since 2012, Mr. Hadjian has conducted day-long seminars on Cultural Competency in Family Practice, presented by the IALA and LACBA in the University of West Los Angeles (UWLA) and supported by many California Family Law organizations and operations including the State Bar of California <http://culturalcompetencyinfamilypractice.com/program.html>.

His research study on Islamic child custody and support (child and spousal) was published in the Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine in April 2013. The article has been republished in September 2013 in the Family Law News (publication of the State Bar of California) and in November 2013, on the Website of the International Academy of Family Lawyers, https://www.iafl.com/media/1173/children_of_sharia.pdf. It became the topic of his Plenary speech in April 2014 at the annual gathering of the association of Collaborative Practitioners in San Francisco.

In March 2022, Mr. Hadjian was the keynote speaker in the annual seminar, Family Law Judiciary, State of Wisconsin. In May 2022, Mr. Hadjian conducted a seminar in the Trial Institute, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, San Diego, California on financial provisions in foreign premarital agreements.