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ABBAS HADJIAN is a nationally 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. Mr. Hadjian's law practice is limited to Expert testimony, private or Court assigned Mediation, and the litigation of complicated Family Law issues. In March 2023, the Los Angeles Daily Journal listed Mr. Hadjian as one of the State's Top Family Law Lawyers.

Mr. Hadjian was born in Iran and graduated from Tehran University, School of Law, Economics, and Political Science in 1965 (BA). He continued his studies at Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Massachusetts, and obtained a master's in public administration in 1976 (MPA). In 1986 he graduated from La Verne University (JD). 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 a Member of the Board of Trustees (2023-2024), the Los Angeles County Bar Association ("LACBA"). Mr. Hadjian is also the Immediate Past-Chair of the Family Law Section, the Executive Committee of LACBA (2022-2023). He is 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 three years, 2014-2017. He has been chair of the Education Committee of the Iranian American Lawyers Association ("IALA") since 2010 and its President in 2011.

During the past 35 years in California, Mr. Hadjian has been a legal analyst (live television and radio commentator in Farsi) and authored "Divorce in California," a 300-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), the 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 2013, Mr. Hadjian has organized day-long seminars on Cultural Competency in Family Practice, presented by the IALA and LACBA at the University of West Los Angeles (UWLA) and supported by many California Family Law organizations. From 2020, due to COVID-19, the seminar is conducted by Zoom, with the expanded audience nationwide. In 2023, the Family Law Section of LACBA began co-hosting the seminar with the IALA, with plans to be conducted in person. The materials of the seminars may be seen by visiting:
[<http://culturalcompetencyinfamilypractice.com/program.html>].

Mr. Hadjian's research study on Islamic child custody and support (child and spousal) was published in the Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine in April 2013. The article was 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 at the annual seminar, Family Law Judiciary, State of Wisconsin. In May 2022, Mr. Hadjian conducted a seminar on financial provisions in foreign premarital agreements at the Trial Institute, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, San Diego, California. Since March 2023, Mr. Hadjian has started writing a bi-weekly column on cultural divorce for the Los Angeles Daily Journal under "Culturally Speaking." It is a step-by-step blueprint for more tolerable and lasting cultural divorces.