

## 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.

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