



MELISSA KUCINSKI

mk family law, pllc

ADMISSIONS

- State: Maryland, D.C., New York, Virginia
- U.S. District Courts: Maryland, W. Dist. Virginia, E. Dist. Virginia, D.C.
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

ACCOLADES

- Best Lawyers in America, U.S. News and World Report
- AV Pre-Eminent Rating, Martindale Hubbell
- SuperLawyers for D.C.
- 10.0 out of 10.0 for Avvo

TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

- Mediation
- Facilitation
- Arbitration
- Collaborative Law
- Parent Coordination
- Child's Attorney

APPROACH

Melissa is a leader in the field of international family law, and has worked her entire career to explore options for bringing creative solutions to global families. Her primary goal, with every professional endeavor, has been to provide clear information and to educate others about complicated and nuanced legal issues. Melissa has worked with private clients and lawyers to create comprehensive case strategies when the legal issues require a consideration of multiple jurisdiction's laws and how those laws interplay. She believes that with the proper information, clients can make the most informed decisions.

EXPERIENCE

Melissa is one of the few neutrals that routinely mediates cases under the Hague Child Abduction Convention. She is one of the earliest adopters of Online Dispute Resolution in family cases, necessitated by her global clientele. She authored the seminal handbook on representing minor children in domestic and international custody, relocation, and abduction cases. A former consultant for the Hague Conference on Private International Law, a fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers, and a member of the U.S. Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, Melissa often works with lawyers and clients on complex multi-jurisdictional family law cases. She has put her knowledge to use as a member of the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Family Laws at the Uniform Law Commission and as a past chair of 2 separate international family law committees within the American Bar Association. She has also been called on to serve as an advisor on international delegations for the U.S. government and International Social Service.