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PATRICIA APY HAS PRACTICED FAMILY LAW FOR 30 YEARS, SINCE 1996 SHE HAS BEEN A PARTNER IN THE LAW FIRM OF PARAS, APY, & REISS, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION SPECIALIZING IN THE PRACTICE OF FAMILY LAW.

MS. APY HAS LITIGATED, BEEN QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT WITNESS AND CONSULTED ON INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DISPUTES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SHE SPEAKS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA ON FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN "NON- HAGUE " COUNTRIES AND RISK FACTORS FOR CHILD ABDUCTION.

EDUCATION: CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Juris Doctorate Degree, 1986;

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Masters in Social Work Degree, Clinical Concentration in Family and Children. 1983

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Bachelor of Social Work Degree, Concentration in Community Organization. 1978

Harvard University Law SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS 1999.

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SHE HAS BEEN A FELLOW OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF FAMILY LAWYERS (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS) SINCE 1998.

SHE SERVED AS A LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE HAGUE IN NOVEMBER 1995 AND RETURNED AS A DELEGATE IN OCTOBER 1996 TO THE HAGUE CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR NEGOTIATION OF THE PROTECTION OF MINORS TREATY. SHE SERVED AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF FAMILY LAWYERS AT THE HAGUE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE TREATY ON INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO CHILD TRAFFICKING. SHE HAS SERVED AS A CONSULTANT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, AND DEFENSE ON ISSUES INVOLVING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND THE APPLICATION OF TREATY LAW. SHE HAS SIX TIMES TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS THREE TIMES BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ONCE BEFORE BOTH THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN'S AFFAIRS, AND THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERAN'S AFFAIRS, ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

SHE IS AMONG THE PRINCIPAL AUTHORS OF THE SEAN AND DAVID GOLDMAN INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL KIDNAPPING PREVENTION AND RECOVERY ACT, (22 USC 9111 ET SEQ) FOR THAT, AND HER BODY OF WORK IN PROTECTING THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF MILITARY MEMBERS, SHE RECEIVED THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION 2015 GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY AWARD, GIVEN IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES ON APRIL 15, 2015.

SHE IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CUSTODY STATUTE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROTECT MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR THAT WORK SHE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION WITH THE 2010 DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AWARD AND THE SECOND ANNUAL MILITARY SUPPORT AWARD IN OCTOBER OF 2011.

MS. APY HAS PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS REPORTED DECISIONS. OF NOTE, SHE SERVED AS COUNSEL FOR DAVID GOLDMAN, A NEW JERSEY FATHER WHOSE SON WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN CHILD RETURNED PURSUANT TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION FROM BRAZIL.

SHE IS A FREQUENT LECTURER AND WRITER ON ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION.