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Fist name: Miloš
Nationality: Slovak

Education: Faculty of Law; University of Comenius Bratislava (1978 - 1982);
Degree in Law/Doctor of Law;

Employment history:

1. Centre for International Legal Protection of Youth in Brno (September 1982 till June 1989); case worker
2. Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic (July 1989 until present);
Current position: Director of Private International and European Law Division

Selected International Experience:

1. 1991-1992 Internship program in the USA (International Law Institute, Washington D.C.; University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, FL);
2. 1992 - 2011 member of the Committee of Experts on Family Law (CJ-FA) of the Council of Europe (1997-1998 Vice-Chair; 1998-2001 Chairman); Member of the Working Party which prepared the 1996 European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights (1992-1995); Chairman of the Working Party No. 2 of the Committee (1997-2000) charged with elaborating the White Paper on Legal Principles of Parentage;
3. since 1993 member of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) of the Council of Europe (1995-2001 and 2008-2012 member of the Bureau; 1998 - 1999 Vice-Chair; 1999-2001 Chairman);
4. 1995 – 2003 member of the Committee of Experts on the Practical Application of the European Conventions in the Penal Field (PC-OC) of the Council of Europe (1998-2002 Vice-Chair);
5. since 1995 head of the Slovak delegations to the meetings of the Hague Conference on Private International Law; member of the Drafting Group for the 2007 Maintenance Convention;
6. 2004-2008 Seconded National Expert with the European Commission (Civil Justice Unit).

Selected publications:

Articles:

1. „The US Legal System - Jurisdiction and Private International Law aspects“ (Justičná revue Nos. 8-9/1997);
2. “On the issue of habitual residence in private international law” (Justičná revue No. 2/2001);

3. “Centre of International Legal Protection of Children and Youth as guardian at litem” (Justičná revue No. 11/2001)
4. “Protection of Children against ‘international abductions’ ” (Justičná revue No. 4/2002);
5. “The 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention “ (Justičná revue No. 12/2002);
6. “Once again on habitual residence” (Justičná revue No. 2/2012);
7. “New Developments in International Recovery of Maintenance” (Justičná revue No. 4/2012).

Books:

1. (co-author) Code of Criminal Procedure, Commentary (IURA Edition, 2006,2010)
2. (co-editor) Legal Sources of Private International Law (Eurokodex, 2010)

Awards:

Karol Plank 2001 Award for Academic Writing (awarded by the Justičná revue magazine annually for best article/articles published there);
Karol Plank 2002 Medal for Academic Writing (first runner-up).