

## **Short Biography**

*Doc. JUDr. Zdeňka Králíčková, Ph.D.*

Zdeňka Králíčková is senior lecturer (reader) of Family and Civil law at the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University, Brno, the Czech republic (graduation 1992, post-graduation 1995).

She was granted two fellowships for research at University in Florence (6 months) and in Trieste (1 year).

Beside academic sphere, she used to work as assistant of Justice of the Supreme Court and as attorney.

She was member of the Ministry of Justice's commission on Family law reform within re-codification of Civil Code.

She published many Family law articles, books, text books and part of the C. H. Beck's Commentary to the Act on the Family.

For years, she has been member of the International Society of Family Law and Defence of Children International.

## **Short Biography**

*Dr. Piotr Fiedorczyk*

Dr. Piotr Fiedorczyk (born 1966) is a historian of law and family lawyer. He also works as an advocate. He graduated from Warsaw University, obtained a title of doctor in 1999. He is employed in University of Białystok, Faculty of Law. He specializes in the history of family law and penal law in Communist Poland. He is an author of one book and about 30 papers. He is working on a book on history of family law in postwar Poland.

## **Short Biography**

*Dr. Katarzyna Bagan-Kurluta*

Katarzyna Bagan-Kurluta graduated Warsaw University (Warsaw, Poland) with a final thesis in international law. In 1999 completed PhD thesis. Since 1994 employed as an assistant in Department of International Law of University of Białystok (south-east part of Poland), since 1999 as an lecturer/adiunkt (private international law, human rights) In research concentrates on international adoption, comparative aspects of family law and general institutions of private international law. An author of many publications, author of private international law handbook, co-author of four other handbooks.

## **Curriculum Vitae**

*Dr. Pavel Suian*

### **Education**

1954-1957 Secondary School, Dej, Romania.

1958-1963 Law School, University of Cluj – Napoca, Romania.

1966-1968 Post Graduate Course on International Relations, University of Bucharest, Romania.

1969 American Seminar, Salzburg, Austria.

1970-1971 Post Graduate Course on European Integration, Europa Institute, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

1975- Ph.D, International Law, University of Bucharest, Romania.

### **Professional activity**

1963-1966 Prosecutor and Judge, Bucharest Law Court, Romania.

1968-1970 Scientific Researcher, Institute of Social and Political Sciences, Bucharest, Romania.

1971-1983 Senior Legal Advisor, Legislative Council, State Council, Bucharest, Romania.

1983-1989, Associate Professor of International Law, University of Economics, Bucharest, Romania.

1990-1993 Director General, Ministry of Environment.

1993-1994 Chief Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1994-1998 Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations Environmental Programme,(UNEP), Nairobi, Kenya.

1998-2004 Senior Legal Officer, United Nations, Geneva Office.

Since 2005, Professor at the Bogdan Voda University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania and General Secretary of the Society for the Cooperation between Romania and Germany.

### **Books published**

1. Western European Integration, Dacia Publishing House Cluj -Napoca, 1977.
2. Tulips and Electronics, Sport Tourism Publishing House, Bucharest, 1987.
3. Romanian Political System (in collaboration) Academiei Publishing House, Bucharest, 1987.
4. Taiwan Miracle, Risoprint, Cluj - Napoca, 2004.
5. International Negotiations, Risoprint, Cluj - Napoca, 2005.
6. World Globalization, Risoprint, Cluj – Napoca, 2005.
7. International Law, Risoprint, Cluj –Napoca, 2005.
8. Community Law, Risoprint, Cluj - Napoca, 2005
9. Economic European Integration, Risoprint, Cluj - Napoca, 2006.

### **Articles published**

Numerous articles on political, social, legal and cultural subjects have been published in the Romanian and Foreign newspapers and magazines. Some of these articles are on the protection of the Family values.

### **Participation to the scientific and international diplomatic conferences**

- World Congresses of the International Association of Political Sciences, Edinburg, UK, 1982, Paris, 1984 and Moscow, 1986.
- World Congresses of the International Association of Social and Legal Philosophy, Athene, Greece, 1981 and Kobe, Japan, 1987.
- UNCEN Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, 1992.
- Vice President of the International Conference for the Negotiation of the Biodiversity Convention, 1991-1992 (Nairobi, Madrid, Paris, Rio de Janeiro)
- International Conference Against Transboundary Pollution, Geneva, Switzerland, 1992.
- International Conference for the Negotiation of the Convention to Prevent the Pollution of the Running Waters, Geneva, Switzerland, 1993.
- Vice President of the International Legal Conference for the International Environmental Law, Montevideo, Uruguay, 1991 and Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, 1992.
- President of the First Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, Geneva, Switzerland, 1992.
- Vice President of the Washington International Conference on Sustainable Development, Washington, USA, 1993 and 1994 .
- President of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Nairobi, Kenya, 1996-1997.
- Kyoto Protocol Conference, 1996.
- Vice President, HABITAT II World Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Rapporteur of the International Session of the HABITAT, Nairobi, 1997.
- International Conference of the Montreal Protocol, Copenhagen, Denmark, 1999.
- World Preparatory Conference for Johannesburg Summit, Bali, Indonesia, 2002.
- President of the International Conference on Environment Security, Neapoli, Italy, 2002.
- International Conference for the Prevention of Use by Terrorists of the Chemical Weapons, Neapoli , Italy, 2003.

### **Member of the following non governmental organizations:**

- General Secretary of the Voice of Family, Romania, since 1998.
- Member of the International Organization of Lawyers.
- Member of the International Society for the Social and Legal Philosophy.
- Member of the International Council for the Environmental Law.

## **Short Biography**

*Dr. Martha Dóczy*

Dr. Martha Dóczy studied law at the Eötvös Lóránd University of Budapest. She received her law degree in 1984. In 1992 she obtained a Master of Sociological Law degree at the International Institute for Sociological Law, Onati (Spain). She has been a member of the International Society of Family Law, The Law and Society Association and the International Sociological Association.

In January 1987 appointed judge in a court of First Instance in Budapest, and in 1994 in the Appeal Court of Budapest.

## Short Biography

*Olga A. Dyuzheva*

Olga A. Dyuzheva teaches civil and family law in her *alma mater* Moscow State University Faculty of Law. She earned LL.M. degree from Columbia University School of Law. Regularly lecturing in the leading law faculties abroad.

Participated in drafting of the Russian legal acts related to the rights of children such as the Family Code, Act on the Basic Guarantees of the Rights of a Child in Russian Federation, etc. After the fall of the iron curtain initiated the development of intercountry adoption in Russia and lobbied changes to Russian legislation regarding the adoption. Member of the Family Law Committee of the Russian Union of Lawyers. Vice President of the International Society of Family Law. Author of numerous publications mostly on the rights of children and intercountry adoption.

## Curriculum Vitae

*Galina Fedoseeva*

### Education

1985-1990 I studied at the Moscow State Legal Academy (Moscow, Russia). I graduated with the first-class honours diploma.

In 1991 I studied at the Advanced Course of the Professional Skills.

In 1994 I was awarded a degree of Candidate of Legal sciences.

### Positions Held

2003 – till now I am a senior lecturer at the Department of International Private Law of the Moscow State Legal Academy.

2002 - I was a Dean of the First Moscow Legal Institute.

1993-2002 - I was a lecturer at the Department of International Public Law of the Moscow State Legal Academy.

1993-current - I am a member of the Moscow Regional Bar (Attorney).

### Courses Taught and Other Services Provided to Students and the Home Institutions

As a senior lecturer at the Department of International Private Law of the Moscow State Legal Academy I give lectures and seminars on International Private Law for the third -, fourth-year students at the Moscow State Legal Academy.

### Publications

#### *Books*

1. International Private Law. Manual for Higher Educational Establishments. Moscow: "Ecsmo", 4 editions: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2005.
2. Marital relations as the Object of International Private Law in Russian Federation. Moscow: "Nauka", "Flinta" 2006.

#### *Programs*

3. Program on the Course of International Private Law. Educational-Methodical Complex. Moscow: 2004.

#### *Articles*

4. "Marital relations as the Subject of International Private Law." // Chapter in Manual 'International Private Law' under edition of Professor G.K. Dmitrieva, Moscow: "Prospect". 2000.
5. "Improvement of Civil Procedural legislation after the adoption of Chapter 6 (International Private Law) in Russian Civil Code." // Journal "Sovremennoie Pravo" Moscow:, 2002.
6. "Recognition of Marriage formed by Russian residents abroad." // Journal "Sovremennoie Pravo" Moscow:, 2002.
7. "New Citizenship Law: Does Russia recognize double citizenship?" // Journal "Vtoroi Passport" Moscow, 2003.

8. "Marital relations in International Private Law" // Chapter in Manual 'International Private Law' under edition of Professor G.K. Dmitrieva, Moscow: "Prospect". 2003.
9. Comments on Chapter 6 (International Private Law) in Russian Civil Code under edition of L.P. Anufrieva, Moscow: 2003.
10. "Destiny of Decision of Russian court on the territory of foreign State." // Journal "Vtoroi Passport" Moscow, 2003.
11. "International Marital relations and International Private Law: Object and its' Regulator or two separate branches of Law." // Journal Lex Russica. Moscow, 2004.
12. "Problem of placing the International Civil Procedure within the Legal System of Russian Federation" // Journal Lex Russica. Moscow, 2005.
13. "Legal status of the International Private Law: discussions and theoretical approaches." // Forging a common legal destiny. Liber amicorum in honour of William E. Batler. London: Wildy, Simmonds and Hill Publishers, 2005
14. "Opinion on the problem of international adoption from the point of view of International Private Law." Journal Lex Russica. Moscow, 2006.
15. "New approach to the International Private Law. Study on the determination of living place for children and their right to have contact with their parents." Materials of the International scientific conference. Samara: "Univers-group", 2006.

### **Other Professional Activities**

Since 1993 as an attorney I participated in different cases in Russian courts concerned with marital relationships and protection of children's rights when their parents come from different countries.

Among them were cases:

2003-2005 in Chernogoria ex-spouses (from different countries) were trying to define in local court the order in which their child would have to live and contact with each of his parents.

1996 in Czech Republic – Defence of citizen's rights in connection with International Private Law. In 1995 Professional Exchange program. I had opportunity to work in the USA courts (Washington (D.C.) and Springfield (Illinois)).

In 2004 I took part in Conference dedicated to 15 years of adoption of the Convention (1989) On the Rights of the Child (UNICEF) which took place in St.Petersburg (Russia).

## Curriculum Vitae

*Prof. Anatoly I. Antonov - sociologist, demographer*

### 1. *Education and Work*

1967 – 1969 industrial sociologist  
1969 – magister of Philosophy, diploma Moscow State Lomonossov University (MSLU)  
1969 – 1975 researcher, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sciences USSR  
1973 – Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D. MSLU  
1978 – diploma of Associate Professor of Demography  
1975 – 1984 researcher and Head of Department Sociology Population, MSLU  
1983 – Doctor of Sociology, Dr.Sc., Academy of Sciences, Full Professor of Sociology  
1984 – 1991 Head, Department Sociology of Reproductive Health and Parenthood  
Institute of Sociology AS USSR  
1993 – York University, England, Department Social Policy and Health  
1991–and now Head, Department of Sociology of Family and Demography,  
Faculty of Sociology MSLU  
2003–and now Expert of Council on the Social Policy, Council Federation of Russia

### 2. *Social and Scientific Activity*

Chairmen of Committee Family Sociology and Demography, Russian Sociological Association (1987 - and now 2006), and the member Board of Directors of the Russian Society Sociologists and Demographers(1990-2002).

The Head of Soviet Delegation and Honorary Guest of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Council on the Family Relations USA (1988), The Honorary Guests, Institute of Man, Paris (1989),The Honorary Citizen the City of Minneapolis (1988), the City of Little-Rock (1996),

Chairmen of Subprogram «Family» All-Russian Program «Nations of Russian Federation»(1993-1996), President Russian Parenthood Movement (1996-1999),The member Attending Committee WCFI (Praha 1997), WCFII(Geneve1999) and WCFIII (Mexico and Geneve 2004, Warshawa 2006), Chairmen of International and All-Russian Conferences on the Demography and Sociology Family (Erevan-1983, Vilneus-1986, Tbilisi-1989, Vologda-1989,Sochi-1987, Varna-1990, Moscow-1992,94,95,97,98,99,2000-2006).

Invited reporter on the international conferences Bonn (1986), London (1989), Helsinki 1990,1991,2004,Varna 1990, Luven la Neev (1996, 1997), Washington (1996), New York 1998, 2000, Pekin 2001, Provo(USA) 2001, 2003, Chicago 1996, 2003, Stockholm 2005  
Grants- British Council (1993),The Soros Fond(1996 and 1997), Russian Humanitarian Scientific Fond (1995-2005), Russian Fond Fundamental Research (1997-1998), International Fond Education (1996-2001), UN Fond Population (2000-2001), MSLU (2004, 2006).

The member of Academic Councils (1981-2005), Academician of IIA UN(1993-now), International Future Research Academy (1998-now)

The member of Boards of Editors the magazines 'Family in Russia,' «Sociology of medicine», «Sociology and Politology» Gerald of MSLU, Editor "Demographical Research"// Demographia.ru //

3. *List of Basic Publishers*

Author 15 books and co-author 11 books, editor more than 20 books, author of 300 articles published in Russia and 25 countries.

- 2006 – Population of Russia at XXI centuries and Demographic Policy (p.198);
- 2005 – Sociology of Family (p.640);
- 2004 – Interpersonal relationships and conflicts (p.73);
- 2002 – Demographic processes in Russia in XXI century (p.169);
- 2000 – Fate Family in Russia at XXI centuries (417 p.);
- 2000 – Women and Prison (191 p.);
- 1998 – Microsociology of Family(p.370);
- 1997 – Demography (p.263);
- 1996 – Sociology of Marriage and Family (p.285);
- 1994 – Family Before and After Perestroika. Russian and US Perspectives. New York (co-editor together with J. W. Maddock, Janice Hogan, M. Matskovsky – p.250);
- 1993 – Sociology (p.320),
- 1990 – Modern Family (editor, p.131),
- 1987 – Size of Family (ed. p.179),
- 1986 – Second child (p.246),
- 1982 – Family and Children (p.124),
- 1980 – Sociology of Fertility (p.249),
- 1976 – Sociology and Family Questions (ed. p.163).



### **Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Victor Medkov, Ph.D.**

*Birth Date:* November 28, 1945

*Place Of Birth:* Moscow, Russia

*Degree:* Master of Economics (Demography). 1971. Faculty of Economics, Moscow State Lomonossov University; Ph.D. (Sociology). 1978. Institut of Sociology Russian Academy of Science.

*Position Held:* Ass.Professor

*Current Job Place:* Department of Sociology of the Family and Demography Faculty of Sociology, Moscow Lomonossov State University

*Professional responsibility:* Lecturer on Demography and Sociology of the Family.

*Fields of interest:* Population's Theory, Demography of The Family, Sociology of the Family, Fertility, Reproductive Behavior, Sexual Behavior, Family and Demographic Policy

#### *Main publications:*

1. The System of the Population's Knowledge's (In coauthorship). M., 1976 (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. 1991).
2. The Second Child. M., 1987 (In coauthorship with Anatoly Antonov).
3. The Sociology of the Family. M., 1996, 2005 (In coauthorship with Anatoly Antonov).
4. Demography. Rostov-Upon-Don, 2002. The 2nd Edition, 2003.
5. Demography. Moscow, 2003.
6. Demography. Moscow, 2004.
7. Demography. Moscow, 2006.
8. Introduction to Demography. Moscow, 2006.
9. Demographic Processes in Russia in XXI Century. M., 2002 (In coauthorship with Anatoly Antonov and Vladimir Arkhangelsky).
10. Demographic Encyclopedic Dictionary (Member of Author's Team and Supervisor). M., 1985.
11. Population: An Encyclopedic Dictionary (Member of Author's Team and Supervisor). M., 1994.
12. Sociological Encyclopedy. M., 2003.

## Short Biographies

*prof. dr. Vesna Rijavec and mr. sci. Suzana Kraljić*

Vesna Rijavec is lecturer for civil procedure and succession law at the Faculty of Law, University of Maribor. She is also vice dean for international relations, coordinator for Socrates Erasmus and Head of Institute for civil, comparative and international private law at Faculty of Law. Prior to teaching at the University she was a judge for civil matters at the County Court of Maribor. She published several books and articles. She is manage many national research projects and at the moment also the project of 6<sup>th</sup> FW Programme. She speaks Slovene, Croatian, English, German, Italian.

Suzana Kraljić is assistant for Family law and international private law. She is working on the PhD theses: *Mediation in Family Disputes*. She write several articles about different points of Family law. She is member of ISFL and take part at ISFL conferences in Brisbane, Copenhagen/Oslo and Salt Lake City. Suzana Kraljić is national correspondent by EU Commission on the Project on Family Law Enforcement of Family Rights.

## Short Biography

*Professor Dr. Olga Cvejić Jancić*

Olga Cvejić Jancić, Ph. D. is a full professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Novi Sad (Serbia). She teaches Family Law, Law of Inheritance and Judicial practice (Family Law). In June 2002, she was appointed the official legal expert for family law, inheritance law and comparative law by the Federal Ministry of Science and Development. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the Kopaonik School of Natural Law as the editor of the chair "Right to Personal Freedom". She was a dean of the Faculty and held several positions at the Novi Sad Faculty of Law: Director of the Institute of Legal Sciences, Vice-Dean of the Faculty, President of the Faculty's Senate, Secretary of the Law Journal "Collection of Works". Between 1999 and 2005 she was the Head of Department of Civil Law. She is a member of the Ethical Board at the Hospital for Gynecology and Obstetrics in Novi Sad.

During 1970 she spent a month in Strasbourg where she attended the course on human rights and in 1976 and 1977 she spent seven months in Paris at the Université de Droit, d'Économie et de Sciences Sociales – Pantheon, Paris II and at the CNRS-Ivry sur Seine where she conducted research for her Ph.D. dissertation. In 1991 she spent some time in Paris as a part of TEMPUS programme. She took part in several international conferences where she had presentations on family law issues.

Her areas of academic interest are: legal status of a child, protection of the rights of a child, medically assisted conception, marriage (pluralism of different forms of unions and new approaches to their legal protection), divorce, specialisation of the courts for the settlement of family disputes, alimony and new normative approaches to adoption. Lately, her work has been mainly focused on family law of EU countries and harmonization of our legal system with the systems of EU countries.

She has published several books including Marital Law (Novi Sad, IV ed. 2001), Law related to Parental and Custodial Rights (III ed. 2004.), Divorce in Yugoslav and Foreign Laws (1987), Determination of Parentage (co-author with Prof. Dr J. Jovanović) Faculty of Medicine (Novi Sad, 1997.) and she is the author of around 100 articles published in national and foreign journals as well as many encyclopaedia entries.

She speaks English and French.

The web site of the Faculty of Law in Novi Sad is the following:

[http://www.pravni.ns.ac.yu/english/department\\_of\\_civil\\_law.htm](http://www.pravni.ns.ac.yu/english/department_of_civil_law.htm)

## **Short Biography**

*Olga S. Jovic, LL.M*

Olga S. Jovic LL.M was born in 1976 in Pristina. She is an assistant at the Faculty of Law in Pristina, temporarily headed in Kosovska Mitrovica, Course Family law. She was admitted to the Master's degree on 2004 at the Faculty of Law in Belgrade. The topic of her theses was «Surrogate Motherhood» She is currently writing her doctoral theses on «European Concept of Children's Rights – Parental Rights and Duties» at the Faculty of Law in Novi Sad. As an author, she participated in numerous scientific gatherings and conferences. She published and announced a great number of scientific and professional papers. She is a member of International Society for Family Law (ISFL).

## **Short Biography**

*Professor Dr Marija Drašković*

Marija Draskic was born in 1954 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. She graduated in law at the School of Law, University of Belgrade (1976) . She obtained her doctorate in Family Law at the School of Law, University of Belgrade (1987).

She was Teaching Assistant (1978-1988), Assistant Professor (1988-2004), Associate Professor (1995-2000) and then Full Professor of Family Law (2000 - ) at the School of Law, University of Belgrade.

She was visiting researcher at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London (1983 and 1989), at the European University Institute, Florence (1992 and 1993-1994) and at the Central European University, Budapest (2000).

Her numerous publications (over 100) cover mainly family law and medical law.

She is a member of the Committee of Experts on Children and Family (Council of Europe), the International Society of Family Law (ISFL), the Centre for the Rights of the Child, the Serbian Association of Medical Law, the Centre for Bio-ethics and the Council for Child Rights of the Serbian Government.

## **Short Biography**

*Jelena Vidic, LL.M.*

I was born in Sabac (Serbia) in 1974. I graduated from the Faculty of Law of Novi Sad in 1998. During stading I was scholarship holder of Serbian government scholarship; as well as Award: "A Thousand Best Students" of Serbia government. After graduation I clercked at the Municipal Court in Novi Sad. In 2001. I was elected the assistant for the course Inheritance Law. I received LL.M. degree from Novi Sad Faculty of Law with thesis: "Forced Inheritance in domestic and comparative law." I participated in several conferences and seminars, and I am the author of five academic articles. Area of my academic interest: Inheritance law and Family law.

## Short Biography

*Judge Olivera Pejak Prokeš*

Olivera Pejak Prokeš, was elected as a judge of Municipal Court in Novi Sad in 1987 and since then she has been dealing with civil cases ( she is also an expert in Family law) in the same Court.

After the graduation she was at postgraduate studies of Private International Law, at Law School in Novi Sad. The title of her MA paper (which she is now witting) is: »Recognition and Inforcement of Foreign Judgements in Family Matters«.

Since March 2001 she has been participating (as an expert - teacher of jurisprudence in Family law) in the program of »legal clinic« - practical education for students at Law School in Novi Sad.

For the meetings of Serbian Association of Jurists at Kopaonik in 2003, 2004 and 2005, she had written the papers: »Maintenance of Children«, »Alternative Dispute Resolution in Family Matters« and »Recognition and Inforcement of Foreign Divorce Judgements«.

After the new Family Act stepped into force in Serbia, (July 1st 2005) she participated as a trainer for judges at seminars in Belgrade, Novi Sad and Niš.

She is very active in the field of the protection against family violence.

## Short Biography

*Camille S. Williams*

Camille S. Williams, Administrative Director of the Marriage & Family Law Research Grant, BYU Law School, is an Assistant Provo City Attorney, and has practiced family law, taught family law for undergraduates, and has participated in professional seminars on family law. She has authored articles in law journals dealing with planned parent-deprivation strategies of same-sex couples, state marriage amendments and the non-essential woman, family norms in adoption law, and why a federal marriage amendment may be a necessary condition for women's equality (forthcoming). She has also authored chapters in *The Silent Subject: Reflections on the Unborn in American Culture* (1996), and *The Bill of Rights: A Bicentennial Assessment* (1994).

## Short Biography

*Gordana Kovaček Stanić, Full Professor*

Professor Gordana Kovaček earned her degree in law (LL.B.) in 1981 (Law Faculty Univ. of Novi Sad), Masters degree (LL.M.) in 1987 in Civil Law (Law Faculty Univ. of Novi Sad) and Ph. D. in 1991 (Law Faculty Univ. of Beograd). In 1983 she passed the bar examination in Novi Sad.

Fall 2002 - present: Full Professor Faculty of Law Novi Sad, Serbia. Teaching courses in: Family Law, Succession Law, Comparative Family Law, Court Practice - Family Law. Coordinator of the Practical Legal Education Optional Group (Legal Clinics) from 2001-2004. Member of the Commission for drafting the Family Act of Serbia which was enacted in 2005.

Author of the following books:

"Family Law", 2005, Novi Sad, pp. 382.

"Comparative Family Law", 2002, Novi Sad, pp. 330.

"The Right of a Child to Know his/her Origins", 1997, Novi Sad, pp. 220.

"Legal Aspect of Parenthood", 1994, Novi Sad, pp. 130.

Author of 40 papers in family law.

## **Short Biography**

*Prof. Aleksandra Korac, Ph.D.*

Professor at the Faculty of Law Zagreb.

A visiting professor at the Faculty of Law Osijek: 1995-2006. A lecturer at the postgraduate course on "Family planning" at the Interuniversity centre in Dubrovnik 1997-2004.

A member of the Commission of the Ministry of labour and social welfare for the Proposals of two Family Acts (enacted in 1999 and 2003) and of the Commission of the Ministry of health for the Proposal of the acts concerning human procreation.

An expert of the Croatian UNICEF office.

A deputy member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance of the Council of Europe.

Special field of interest: interpreting the ECHR in family law cases.

## **Short Biography**

*Dr. Dagmar P. Stroh*

Dr. Dagmar Patricia Stroh studied law at the Universities of Heidelberg, Germany and Ferrara, Italy. Following her graduation in 1996, she was admitted to the PhD-program of the T.M.C. Asser Institute for International and European law in The Hague, the Netherlands. The subject of her doctoral thesis, written under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Wolfrum from the Max-Planck-Institute, Heidelberg, was “The Cooperation of U.N. Member States with the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda.”

In November 2000, she passed the national bar examination of Germany. Her work experiences include the European Court of Human Rights and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. In 2005, she began working for the Legal Department at the European Headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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*Professor Lynn D. Wardle*

Lynn D. Wardle is the Bruce C. Hafen Professor of Law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, USA. He teaches and also directs the Marriage & Family Law Research Project there. His major areas of research and writing have been family law, comparative family law, and constitutional family law, also biomedical law, private international law (conflicts of laws), and US legal history. He is the author, editor, or co-author/editor of nine books or treatises and more than one hundred articles, chapters in monographs, and other publications. He has given expert testimony to legislative committees of the U.S. Congress and of several state legislatures on a variety of issues concerning family law. He served as Secretary-General (1994-2000) and President (2000-2002) of the International Society of Family Law, is still on the ISFL Executive Council. He has taught, lectured or presented papers about family law in universities or scholarly conferences in many nations, including the Czech Republic, Croatia, and Serbia. He is a member of the American Law Institute. He and his wife, Marian, are the proud parents of two children and four grandchildren.