

Curriculum vitae

Family name: Hat'apka

Fist name: Miloš

Date of birth: 1959

Gender: Male

Nationality: Slovak

Education: Faculty of Law; University of Comenius Bratislava (1978 - 1982);

Degree and title obtained: Degree in Law, Doctor of Law

Foreign language skills: English, German, Hungarian, French

Professional history:

Centre for International Legal Protection of Youth in Brno, Czechoslovakia
(1982-1989);

Position held: case worker; cross-border recovery of child support;

Ministry of Justice, Bratislava, Slovak Republic (since 1989);

Positions held: case worker (1989-1993)

Head of International Treaties Unit (1993-1999)

Director of Private International Law and International Judicial Co-operation
Division (1999-2003)

Director of Private International Law Division (2003-2011)

Director of Private European and International Law Division (since 2011)

International Experience

1991-1992 Internship program in the USA (International Law Institute, Washington
D.C.; University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, FL);

Since 1992 -2011 representing Slovak Republic in 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 Report (now White Paper) on Legal Principles of Parentage;
Member of the Working Group elaborating the draft Recommendation on the
Rights and Legal Status of Children and Parental Responsibilities (2010-11);

Since 1993 representing Slovakia in the European Committee on Legal Co-
operation (CDCJ) of the Council of Europe (1995-2001 member of the Bureau;
1998 - 1999 Vice-Chair; 1999-2001 Chairman; 2008-2012 member of the
Bureau);

1995 general reporter of the 3rd European Conference on Family Law, Cadiz,
Spain;

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 Maintenance Obligations Project (2003-2007);

Seconded national expert in the European Commission, Directorate General Justice, Freedom, Security, Civil Justice Unit (May 2004-April 2008). Co-negotiator (for the Commission) of the 2005 Service of Documents Regulation, the 2007 Hague Maintenance Convention and Protocol and of the Regulation 4/2009 on maintenance obligations.

Selected publications:

I. Articles (all in the professional periodical „Justičná revue“ – Juridical Review)

“On the issue of habitual residence in private international law” (No. 2/2001);

“Centre of International Legal Protection of Children and Youth as guardian at litem” (No. 11/2001)

“Protection of Children against ‘international abductions’ ” (No. 4/2002);

“The 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention “ (No. 12/2002);

"On some topical issues of practice and interpretation of the amendment of the Act on Private International Law (No. 1/2004);

"On the issue of retroactivity of the European Regulation in the area of jurisdiction and recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil matters (No. 1/2005);

" On certain important aspect of the scope of application of the Brussels I Regulation" (No. 6-7/2007);

„Once again on the term „habitual residence“ in Private International Law (No. 4/2011)

„New developments in crossborder maintenance in the European Union – consequences for the Slovak judicial practice (No. 5/2011).

II. Books

1. "Brussels IIbis: Its Impact and Application in the Member States" (contributor on Slovakia; Intersentia Antwerp-Oxford, 2007, p. 247);

2. “Legal Sources of Private International Law” (co-editor; EuroKodex 2010)

Awards:

Karol Plank 2001 Award (awarded by the Juridical Review annually for best article or series of articles published in the review);

Karol Plank 2002 Medal (first runner-up).