

Biography Mr Ian Curry-Sumner



After having received a Law Degree (*cum laude*) from Christ's College, Cambridge University, Ian Curry-Sumner emigrated from England to The Netherlands in 2001. From 2001 to 2005 he was engaged in doctoral research in the field of international family law. This research culminated in the defence of his PhD in 2005, for which he won the *Ius Commune Prize* in 2005 and the *AISDC Prize from the Swiss Institute for Comparative Law* in 2008.

From 2005 to 2012 Ian Curry-Sumner was employed by the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, firstly as a junior lecturer (adjunct professor), thereafter as a lecturer and researcher (Assistant professor) and finally up until his departure as senior lecturer and researcher (Associate professor).

In 2008, Ian also received the Young Lecturer of the Year Award from Utrecht University. Ian was nominated by students from the Faculty of Law, and ultimately selected by a university-wide jury to be awarded the prestigious title.

During his time at Utrecht University, Ian wrote numerous publications on a wide variety of topics in the field of national and international family law, including books, articles, contributions to books and annotations. He has also translated the Dutch Civil Code and edited numerous volumes in the European Family Law Series. In 2010 he was also responsible for the first-ever faculty-wide standardized research skills instruction in Utrecht. The instruction published by *Ars Aequi* entitled Research Skills : Instruction for Lawyers has become a popular student guide across The Netherlands and beyond.

In 2011, Ian Curry-Sumner announced his departure from the academic world and embarked upon a new challenge in the private sector. With the establishment of *Voorts Legal Services*, Ian hopes to best utilise the talents that he developed over the course of his career to assist students and legal professionals with the problems they encounter.