

Biography Mr Miloš Haťapka



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 (since 2003)

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

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

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.