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# Abbas Hadjian, Esq.

## *Consultant & Cultural Mediator*

Abbas Hadjian is an internationally recognized California Certified Family Law Specialist (CFLS). He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL). Mr. Hadjian is a bi-lingual (Farsi and English) and an expert in cultural issues, mainly Iranian legal documents, Civil and Family Law, and Procedure. He has testified in the Federal, State, and Australian Courts. He is the author of "Divorce in California," a self-help book in Farsi, published in 2001, and Culturally Speaking, a column in the Los Angeles Daily Journal addressing the peculiarities of the cultural divorces. Since 2013, he has organized day-long seminars on Cultural Competency in Family Practice, presented by the IALA and LACBA at the University of West Los Angeles (UWLA) and supported by many California Family Law Organizations. He is a source of information and comparison between Iranian and California jurisprudence worldwide. During the past 35 years in California, Mr. Hadjian has been a legal analyst and specialist (live television and radio commentator in Farsi) for cases involving Islamic Dowry, Child custody, and Support. Mr. Hadjian follows significant changes in Iranian law and procedures as they affect properties and personal relations. He keeps an updated library of Iranian civil and criminal codes and relevant legal publications in his office. He is in ongoing contact with the legal community in Iran.

### Practice Areas

- Expert in Iranian legal documents, Civil and Family Law and Procedure.

### Conflict Resolution Experience

- Court-appointed & private mediator (2002 - Present)
- Daily Settlement Officer, Los Angeles Superior Court (2016 - Present)
- Outstanding Volunteer Contributor Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, Los Angeles Superior Court (2011)

### Education & Training

- Tehran University, School of Law, Economics, and Political Science, 1965 (BA)
- Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Massachusetts, MA in public administration, 1976 (MPA)
- La Verne University (JD), 1986

### Organizations & Achievements

- Journalist (Reporter, Editor), Kayhan Newspaper, Iran (1960-1969)
- Deputy Governor, Hormozgan Province, Iran (1969-1979)
- Founder and first President of the Iranian Azad University, Bandar Abbas (1977-1979)
- Member of the Board of Trustees (2023-2024), the Los Angeles County Bar Association (ALACBA)

- Immediate Past-Chair of the Family Law Section, the Executive Committee of LACBA (2022-2023).
- President of the Charitable Foundation, Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ASFLS-Foundation)
- Immediate Past President of the Southern California Family Law American Inn of Court (the AAIC).
- Member of the California State Bar Executive Committee, Family Law Section (FLEXCOM), 2014-2017.
- Chaired the Education Committee of the Iranian American Lawyers Association (AIALA) since 2010 and its President in 2011
- Mr. Hadjian has been a Super Lawyer since 2015 and, in March 2023, was listed as one of California's Top Family Law Lawyers by the Los Angeles Daily Journal.
- Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL)
- Lectured for organizations, including the California Administration of Courts (AOC), the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC and AFCC-CA), the Southern California Inn of the Court (SCIOC), the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers-California (AAML-CA) on the cultural impact on the family practice.
- Mr. Hadjian is bilingual (Farsi & English)

*Mr. Hadjian is available Nationally.*