



Dr. Abbas Hajian was appointed as the president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Section





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Dr. Abbas Hadjian, a well-known litigation lawyer and specialist in family matters, who has defended the rights of Iranians and nationals of other countries in American family courts, especially in California, has been appointed as the head of the "Family Section" Bar Association of County of Los Angeles since July 1 this month.

Achieving such brilliant judicial success among the many family lawyers of California is the reason why we took the opportunity to have a conversation with them. It is an interesting conversation, especially since his book entitled "Divorce in California" has been well received not only throughout America and in family and judicial circles, but also by countless. It has also been bought inside Iran and it has been widely accepted as a source and guide for family disputes with the satisfaction of. It is necessary to mention here that the brilliant success of Dr. Abbas Hadjian in resolving family disputes is certainly due to the fact that he has been a journalist and deputy editor of the large-circulation Kayhan newspaper in Iran for many years. In addition, he has written many articles about family disputes or the reports of Kayhan reporters which I myself have witnessed as a reporter of Kahan Shahid" edited by his knowledge and judicial experience in the California society has recognized him as the most prominent lawyer in this special social and judicial field. Dr. Hadjian due to this press experience and familiarity with Iranian law, culture, and traditions in the court has been recognized and certified by the American federal and state authorities as an expert on Iran's laws.

In the opinion of journalistic writers like him, he is a character who, unlike ordinary people, sees issues from several angles. For example, an ordinary passerby passes by a big stone slowly, but if a journalist passes by the same, the stone is of such a quality that it invites him to its side. With such an all-around perspective, Dr. Hadjian has been able to resolve thousands of family dispute cases over the past years in such a way that his clients are satisfied with the outcome of the court's decision.

Let us add here that Dr. Hadjian completed his legal and economic education in the most prestigious universities in Iran and the world, including Harvard, and the graduates of this university and similar universities in the United States are well aware of the importance and credibility of the graduates of such important scientific centers of the world as a highly prestigious.

Dr. Hadjian after graduation and started practicing law while teaching and publishing legal articles due to understanding the importance of family issues in Iranian society in exile, Dr. Hadjian was attracted to this field of law, even though he could teach as a professor in most important universities at the doctoral and postgraduate.

But his strong interest and desire for family issues have led him to this part of judicial expertise. His brilliance in dealing with family problems has led him to the prestigious position of head of the Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

In addition to being the president of the Los Angeles County Family Law Section, Dr. Hadjian is currently a member of two Family Law organizations due to his expertise in family law. One is the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and other International Academy of Family Lawyers (AAFL).

CONDITIONS FOR SELECTING A LAWYER

At the beginning of the conversation with Dr. Abbas Hadjian, while congratulating him on the occasion of his appointment as the president of the family lawyers' association in the state of California, I would like to ask him what conditions families who need a qualified lawyer should have in mind for choosing a family law.

In response, he says: Every California lawyer has the authority to litigate a divorce, but people who specialize in the field of family law must have a certificate of expertise in the field of law and be recognized by the State Bar Association.

Just like physicians, optometrists or dentists, after graduating in their general fields, they must go through a specialized course and have a specialized certificate, and their medical qualifications must be approved by the medical system so that they can practice medicine with their specialty.

You know that graduates from many countries of the world come to America or Europe for a specialized course, and after receiving a specialized certificate, they return to their country to start working.

Graduates of the legal field must also have a bachelor's degree in addition to studying general judicial law. For this reason, I chose my specialty field of settlement and solving family problems.

Q - In addition to various aspects of family law, do you have a position in other sectors of American society?

- I am currently a member of two national and international organizations of family lawyers due to my expertise: American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and Academy of Family Lawyers and (AAFL).

The total number of American and Iranian family specialist lawyers who have the honor of being members of both academies in California does not exceed 10 lawyers.



LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA BAR ASSOCIATION

My appointment as the head of the Los Angeles County California Bar Association "Family Section" is a one-year period. The board of directors has more than 40 members comprising well-known lawyers, judges, university professors, and psychologists. 27 Members of the board of directors have the right to vote.

And among them, 5 people are on the board of officers All the members of the board of directors perform their duties voluntarily. They observe execution issues of the Family Law and have provide help to the people in receiving judicial services.

DIVORCES SIDE ISSUES

Q - As an expert, what do you see as the divorce-related issues?

In divorce, side issues should be separated from the main issue of divorce. Divorce is related to the separation of the husband and wife. If the husband and wife cannot continue living together and want to separate, they will separate. This separation is not the reason that they cannot solve side financial issues and don't settle non-financial matters together.

Divorce in California is no-fault. If you have a disagreement, you go and separate using the law.

Q - If there is a child or children involved, how does the divorce take place?

If the child is not involved, usually 3 side issues are raised:

Financial support, division of debt and assets, and legal fees.

If there are children, two other issues arise the maintenance of the children and the cost of their maintenance. In addition, if there is family violence between the husband and wife, the sixth issue arises. Therefore, the parties should try to resolve their differences through arbitration, or as we Iranians say "with help of elders", so that the case process can proceed naturally and come to a conclusion. These are the general policies of the state of California regarding divorce.

DUTY OF LAWYERS:

Q-Do lawyers have a special responsibility for the separation of husband and wife?

Before taking the husband and wife to the court, lawyers are obliged to consult and cooperate to resolve the dispute between the two parties. The court will punish the husband and wife or the lawyer who does not do this or who does not face the proposal of compromise with logic and reason, according to the law, but the cost of this penalty must be paid by the client.

For this reason, it is not only important but also vital for those who hire a lawyer to compel the lawyer to compromise to resolve their differences. Because some lawyers become hotter than ever. They think that the client's satisfaction does not correspond to the settlement, especially in Iranian society where many ladies and gentlemen consider divorce as revenge and to compensate for the discomfort during the marriage. This is not compatible with the no-fault divorce law in California.

FAMILY VIOLENCE AND CHILDREN

Q - Mr. Dr. Hadjian, of course, when there is a lack of compromise between husband and wife in the continuation of their life together, some couples will experience violence and maybe some kind of beating between them.

Family violence in the courts has priority over any other issue in order to avoid conflicts and disputes. Please note that in California violence has a broad meaning and is not limited to beatings, injuries, and bleeding.

Any kind of sexual, physical, mental, intellectual, and psychological harassment is illegal, even if it is not a criminal offense. Similarly, in the case of keeping a child or children...

Q – What happens to a child or to children after the separation of parents?

According to the court, the future of the children is more important than any other issue. Therefore, it is better for the parties to consult a lawyer before attending the court among themselves to facilitate the court's resolving the custody of the children peacefully

COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY

Q. Dr. Hadjian, when a dispute arises, do we have a Court appointed lawyer for both parties?

According to the law of California, for the legal separation of a couple, there is no right to Court appointed lawyer for the parties so the husband and wife must use personal funds to defend their rights. And in case of inability, there are charities that can help in such cases.

PRIORITY IN DIVORCE

My last question to you is to tell me which part of divorce is given priority over other issues according to the Court.

Family violence and the prevention of abuse is the first step. After that, it is a matter of keeping and maintaining the health of children.

Courts do not give priority to financial matters unless there is an emergency, such as obtaining alimony (temporary financial support) before the Trial or selling the house to avoid auction.

According to California law, wives and husbands must support themselves, get part-time jobs or seek help in emergency situations from government agencies and receive financial assistance such as food stamp.

Mr. Dr. Hadjian, we are very grateful for this conversation, and we hope that in resolving the lawsuits of families, both Iranian and non-Iranian, more than ever before. Be successful and solve problems...

