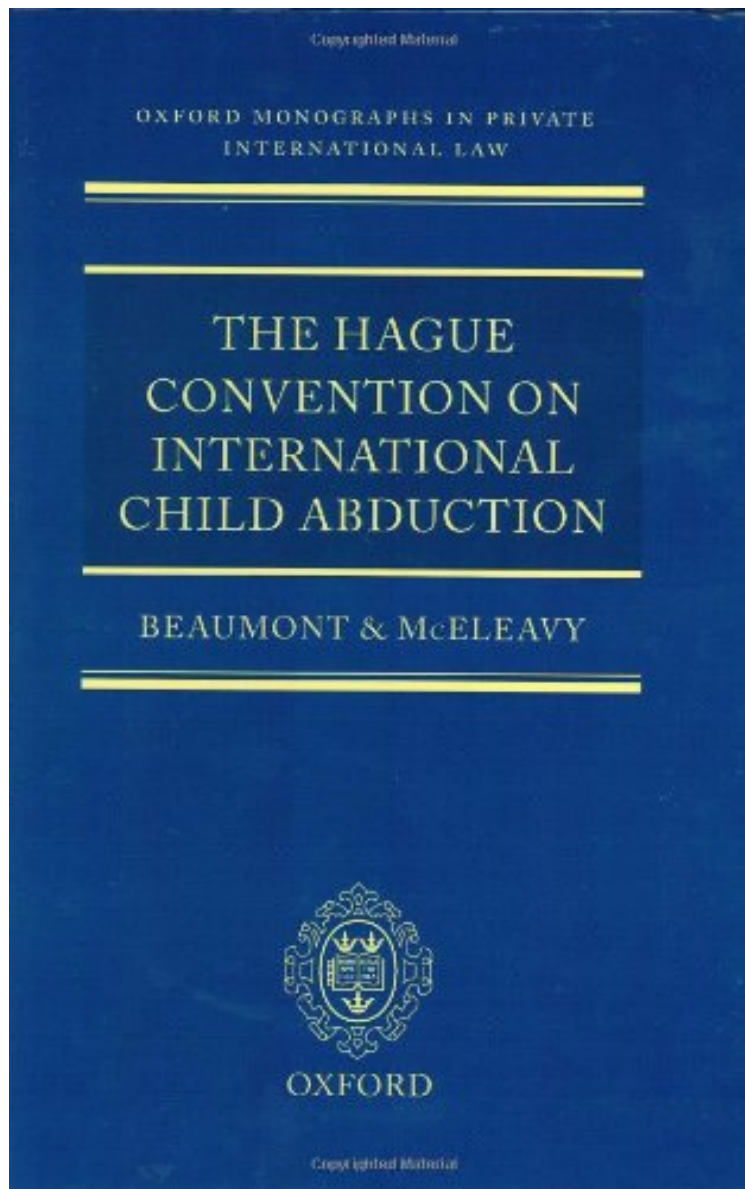


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and all praised *The Hague Convention on International Child Abduction* (Oxford Private International Law Series):

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. In *Depth Understanding of the Hague* By Peter Thomas Senese - Author. For a Left Behind parent, particularly one dealing with the international wrongful removal and retention of a child, 'The Hague Convention on International Child Abduction' by Paul R. Beaumont is an invaluable tool to assist in your and your lawyers understanding of the signature country guidelines and procedures that must be followed from both a Filing Signatory Country to an Accepting Signatory Country. Child Abduction is a horror: International Child Abduction is, if you can imagine, the perpetual living nightmare of any parent. This book offers some hope to a Left Behind parent in that a reader will come to understand, at least in theory, that a Signature Country of the Hague has stringent guidelines that are adhered to. The book is practical, insightful, and filled with great detail on various resources. And though it is not expanded upon, if you're reading this book for the obvious reasons, you should know that the various members who lead Central Authority programs for various Signatory Countries are darn good at what they do. In general, one of the items talked about, but perhaps could have been expanded on a bit further is that filing a Hague Application is a civil remedy, and not a criminal one. Personally, I believe that the Central Authority should somehow ratify an across-the-board criminal action/relief treaty as part of an entire prevention and return plan, since the Convention as is, is strong but limited to a degree. First, the Hague is Civil, and though criminal or punitive charges can be administered by a Court, they are typically not . . . which demonstrates that one of the primary reasons why an abducting parent is likely to abduct again. The other issue in offering an automatic criminal proceeding is that there exists with nearly every country in the world further extradition agreements outside of the Hague for criminal conduct such as abduction or kidnapping. Thus, let's say your child is taken to Japan: well Japan is not a member of the Hague. So the Convention is not readily accessible to you. Criminal proceedings are your only outlet: and that, typically is a very long process. Nevertheless, this book is well written, covers most everything that evolves around the issue, and offers hope through knowledge. Well done.

The Hague Child Abduction Convention has proved to be one of the most widely ratified treaties ever agreed at the Hague Conference on Private International Law. This book provides a much needed systematic analysis of the way in which the Convention has been applied in England and Scotland, with extensive reference to the case law of Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand and the United States.

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