## **CURRICULUM VITAE**



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**MEMBER OF MÁLAGA BAR ASSOCIATION NUMBER 3.302** since 1.994, which a period working at a bank, on January 2.015, more than 20 years acting as lawyer/solicitor.

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## ACADEMIC TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

• Bachelor of Law from the University of Granada, 1990.

- Malaga Bar Association member No. 3.302 since 1994 (during this period I was also working at a bank, but in total I'm working as a lawyer/solicitor during 15 years).
- University degree as Family Law Expert from the International University of Andalucía and the Malaga Bar Association.
- As final work I wrote a 64 pages work called "Convenios Prematrimoniales como forma anticipada de minorar los conflictos y la problemática que puede devenir de una eventual crisis matrimonial. Una propuesta de lege ferenda a través de un análisis del Derecho Comparado", in Engilsh "Prenuptial agreements as an anticipated way of reducing conflict and problems arising from an eventual marital crisis. De lege ferenda proposal from the analysis of comparative Law", which studied non patrimonial aspects, and got a mark of "sobresaliente" or "A", by unanimity.
- University degree as Family Mediation Expert from UNED, the Spanish Online State University.
- Master's degree in Legal and Financial Translation (German/Spanish) from the University of Seville.
- Official Language School Proficiency (German/Spanish)
- German Certificate C1 GOETHE-INSTITUT
- University Degree as Expert (in the above mentioned University, UNIA, and Bar Association) in Mediation for Family, Civil and Commercial Issues and for complex organizations.
- As final work for this Expert Course in Mediation, I wrote a 50 pages work about Mediation in Family Businesses called "Mediación en el sistema complejo de la empresa familiar: conflicto, paradoja y mediación", what translated into English means: "Mediation in the complex sistem of family business: conflict, paradox and mediation". This work got a mark of 9 out of 10.
- University Degree as Expert in protection of vulnerable, elderly and disabled people from the University of Malaga.
- As final work for this Expert Course I wrote a work called "Medidas de protección de la dignidad y autonomía de la voluntad del mayor vulnerable extranjero", where I got a mark of 10.
- I attend English and German speaking clients.
- I'm working for myself in my own lawyer's firm "Balmaseda & Hernández Lawyers" since 2.003, with office in Estepona, Málaga, and clients between Málaga and Cádiz (more information: <u>www.balmaseda-abogados.com</u>).

- Later, after flying to Berlin to meet my colleague Mr Jan-Hendrik Frank, founder of "WF Frank und Partner Rechtsanwälte", an international association of lawyers specialized in International Succession Law, we began collaborating and since then I'm part of this international network (more information: <u>www.wfrechtsanwalt-malaga.de</u>).
- I attend periodically courses and working days about Succession and Family Law, for civil and tax aspects, as well as for negotiation and mediation.
- I organized, together with my colleague from Berlin, Mr Jan- Hendrik Frank, two conferences for international German-Spanish inheritance cases in Estepona and Marbella some years ago.
- The professional experience includes litigation for family and inheritance cases before the Court, as well as in some other civil areas, although I mainly try and reach agreements and out of court solutions, to avoid further confrontation and improve relationships between the parties. It gives sense to my work.
- Languages: Spanish, English, C1 Cambridge Certificate and German, C1 Goethe Institute.

## HOBBIES AND LIFE GOALS:

- Enjoying family and friends
- Music
- Reading
- Cinema
- Hiking, swimming and sport
- Learning drawing and painting
- Travelling if possible
- Go on learning in life and profession
- Being open to life and people
- Being a good translator and mediator