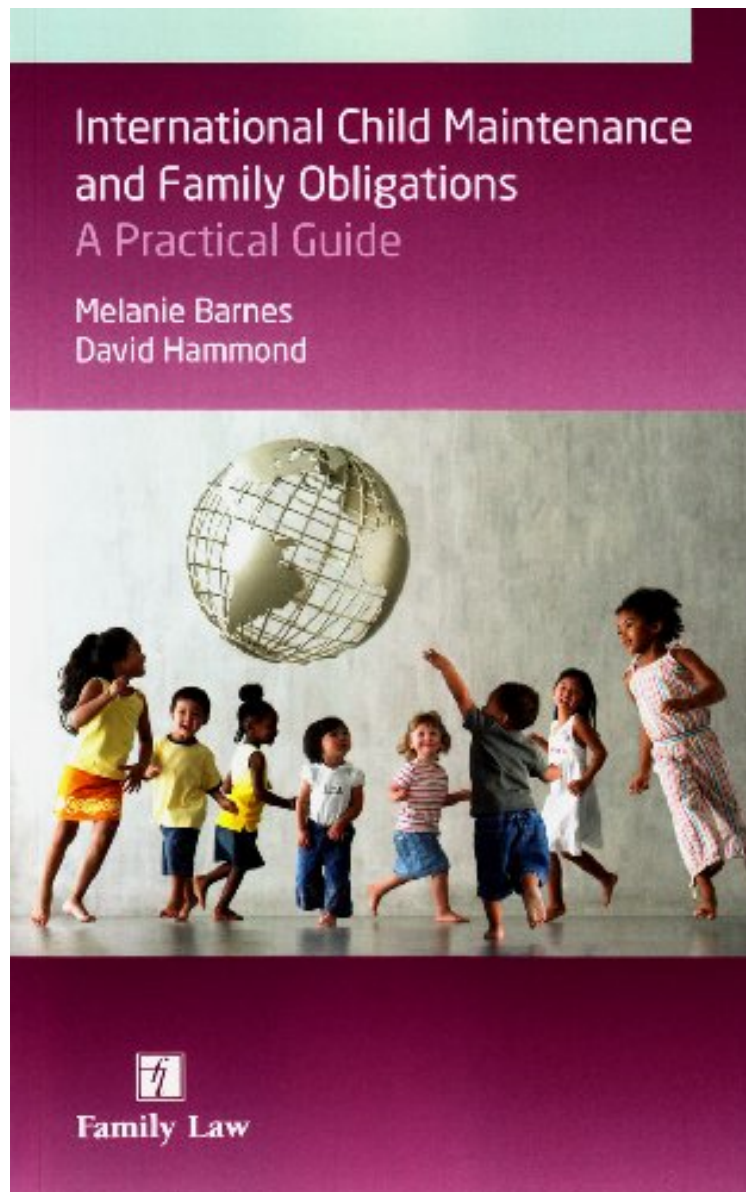


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. International child maintenance...By Phillip Taylor MBE[[VIDEOID:mo329F6NTYG4AU5]]OBLIGATIONS EXPLAINEDAn appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green ChambersAs business has gone global, so has family mobility, which means that more child maintenance and spousal maintenance cases than ever continue to emerge in various jurisdictions abroad. The proliferation of this relatively recent phenomenon, as the author explains, has apparently meant that practitioners dealing with REMO procedures -- reciprocal enforcement of maintenance orders -- have hitherto had very little published material to turn to for guidance on this difficult subject. This excellent work of reference from Jordans Family Law series, however seeks to rectify this situation and amply succeeds. 'There is an obvious need for a practical guide for those lawyers who must traverse this difficult terrain,' says Thorpe LJ writing in the foreword, adding emphatically that 'this title delivers just that....'Practitioners and legal advisors recognizing the need to acquire an enhanced understanding of the various rules and regulation pertaining to matters of jurisdiction and reciprocal enforcement in this area will particularly appreciate this book and the straightforward guidance it provides, to the relevant law and procedures.Co-author Melanie Barnes expresses the hope that this book will be 'a useful guide and reference for those who need to deal with practice and procedure in maintenance cases in all tiers of court' - and so it is.Among a wealth of other matters, the book provides an overview of all available applications under domestic law, plus procedural guides and an analysis of international law, which includes the EU Council Maintenance Regulation 4/2009 and the implementation of the 2007 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other forms of Family Maintenance.If you are a practitioner in this area, one glance through the detailed table of contents will assure you that every relevant issue is covered, from EU regulations and conventions, to financial remedies under the Children Act 1989, to marriage, divorce and dissolution to financial provision upon death -- and more besides, including chapters on commonwealth and former commonwealth countries and the UN and Hague Convention.Featured prominently in the book are the three appendices which include procedural guides pertaining to, for example, maintenance orders and applications plus all the relevant legislation and forms. And for those doing further research, there are tables of cases, statutes, statutory instruments and the table of EU and international legislation.Clearly written and logically organised, the book has been intended, say the authors, as 'a guide to serve as a useful point of reference for practitioners taking their first steps through the labyrinthine rules of maintenance law'. Whether based in the UK, or in another jurisdiction, any practitioner advising clients in this difficult area of family law should acquire this book. The publication date is stated as at 1 February 2013.

The increase in international mobility means that there are now significantly more child maintenance cases which include an international element. Enhanced inter-country cooperation in the processing of such applications has resulted in more effective recovery of maintenance, so that practitioners and legal advisors need to have a good grasp of the various rules and regulations in respect to jurisdiction and reciprocal enforcement in this increasingly relevant and complex area. This book provides straightforward guidance to the law and procedures that govern applications for new orders and enforcement of existing orders to and from abroad. An overview of domestic legislation, procedure, analysis of international law (including the EU Council Maintenance Regulation 4/2009 and the implementation of the 2007 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance), and summary of enforcement procedure will equally assist legal advisors at family proceedings courts and practitioners instructed to deal with financial orders and provide advice on reciprocal enforcement.