

## ***CURRICULUM VITAE***

### **PERSONAL PROFILE**

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Last Name: GEARY  
First Names: Catherine (Kate) Kearney  
Nationality: USA and Irish  
Mother tongue: English  
Other Languages: Italian and French

### **STUDIES**

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1978 **LICENCE EN DROIT** – Mention Droit Suisse  
Faculty of Law – University of Lausanne

2013 **DIPLOMA OF ADVANCED STUDIES –  
MEDIATION**  
University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Italian  
Switzerland (SUPSI)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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February 1979 – June 1989 **Internal Legal Department - Banca del Gottardo,  
Lugano**  
Active mainly in the area of international financial  
contracts (loans, project financing) and negotiation with  
private and public entities and bank consortiums.

July 1989 – September 1996 **Independent Legal Advisor**  
Active in the area of international financial contracts  
(loans, project financing) as well as in private and public  
debt restructuring.

September 1996 **Counsel with Kellerhals Carrard Lugano SA  
(formerly PSMLAW SA, Lugano)**  
Active in the area of international arbitration (ICC, Swiss  
Rules and ad hoc) and in the area of inheritance law with  
an international dimension.

June 2012

### **Mediator**

In addition to assuming the role of mediator in the context of numerous family matters, acted, by appointment of the *Tribunale d'Appello*, in the context of procedures relative to the abduction of minors.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

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### **Courses and Supervision**

- “L’ascolto attivo nella relazione d’aiuto” Ineke Duselman – SUPSI – March 2010
- “La Mediazione nel nuovo Codice di procedura civile svizzera” Francesco Trezzini e Michele Maggi – SUPSI – June 2010
- “Strategie di Mediazione Transculturale” Consolata Peyron – SUPSI – October 2011
- “Dinamiche e Strategie della Mediazione” Ana Uzqueda – ATME – November 2013
- “I colloqui individuali di pre-mediazione: istruzioni per l’uso” Fulvio Scapparro – SUPSI – April 2014
- “Aspetti Giuridici nella separazione e nel divorzio” Michele Maggi – SUPSI – September 2014
- “La Sofferenza dei Figli nella Separazione” – Associazione Comunità Familiare – October 2014
- “Video Training / Advocacy Mediation” Ana Uzqueda – ATME – November 2015

### **Member**

- Federazione Svizzera dei Mediatori (FSM)
- Società Svizzera dei Giuristi