

INFLUENTIAL WOMEN OF NEW YORK



Representing high-net-worth clients in complex divorces for almost 20 years, Valentina Shaknes is an expert in working with people in crisis.

In an industry driven by conflict, she has made her name by knowing how to diffuse it. “I’ve learned that adversarial, win-at-all-costs court proceedings are rarely the best fit for resolving family disputes, especially when children are involved,” says Valentina. “You can’t expect parties to battle

each other in the courtroom and then be effective co-parents.”

Delivering results without scorched-earth tactics has resonated with Valentina’s clients, who value her ability to find creative solutions to their most complex problems. Staying out of the spotlight is also important to the clients seeking to protect their privacy.

Valentina is a recognized authority on complex international family disputes, including proceedings under the Hague Convention. Her firm, Krauss

Shaknes Tallentire & Messeri LLP, has begun partnering with European law firms to better serve clients facing cross-border issues.

“I chose this profession because I wanted to help people, and I value the connections that I form with my clients above all else. You know you are doing something right when your clients stay in your life long after their cases are over.”



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