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***Christina Bergh***

Christina Bergh was born on 19 May 1953. After having completed her Thesis (1993) about Growth hormone and growth factors as modulators of human follicular function at the Dept of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Sahlgrenska Academy, Göteborg, Sweden, she worked as a Professor (adj) in Obstetrics and Gynecology, at the Inst of Clinical Sciences in Sahlgrenska Academy, Göteborg University till 2009. Since 2009 she works as a Professor Obstetrics and Gynecology with focus on Evidence Based Medicine at the Inst of Clinical Sciences in Sahlgrenska Academy, Göteborg University, Sweden.

She is an Elected member of several scientific peer review committees and scientific committees an she is the Head of the Quality Registry for IVF in Sweden since 2006. She has been the main supervisor in previous PhD Doctors 9 times and 4 times in present PhD Doctors. She has been invited to lecture at around 50 international congresses and she has participated in 12 multicentre, international trials 1993-2009. Her current Research funding is about LUA/ALF (2011-2014) 1.175 million/year (Safety and Quality in ART). She has 115 original publications, 20 reviews and 42 debates, book chapters or others.

***Lucia Busatta***

Lucia Busatta is born in 1983 in Feltre, Italy. She holds a PhD in Comparative and European Legal Studies of University of Trento, Italy. Since November 2012 she holds a fixed-term research grant at the University of Trento, working on a project on the effectiveness of territorial means for linguistic minorities’ protection in the Province of Trento. Since September 2011 she is a Teaching Assistant in the courses of European and Public Law and Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento. Between 2009 and 2012 she had tutoring activity in the courses of Introduction to Law at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Trento.

She has over 15 publications and she has been invited speaker at over 20 conferences and seminars. She is a member of the editorial board of BioLaw Journal- Rivista di BioDiritto and she participates in a research project (www.biodiritto.org) highlightning case law and legislation that are of interest in the area of biolaw. In 2009 she joined the BioLaw research team at the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento. During her PhD Program she has been visiting researcher at King’s College London, At the School of Law of the University of Glasgow and at the Department of Law, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.

***Christian Byk***

Christian Byk, Judge, Court of appeal, Paris, is Secretary General of the International Association of Law, Ethics and Science, General Editor of the International Journal of Bioethics. He is a specialist in international and comparative law, a former special adviser for bioethics to the Secretary General of the council of Europe and chairs the Ethics Committee of and the French National Commission for UNESCO. He has also participated in the negotiations for the EU Directive on the patentability of biotechnologies as well as in the elaboration of UNESCO documents on genetics and bioethics. Author of more than 300 scientific articles and project studies and tenths of scientific books –amongst which an Essay in Bioethics (Ed. Les Etudes Hospitalières 2011), - M. Byk represents France at the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee.

***Marina Casini***

Marina Casini was born in Florence and she has been living in Rome since April 2000 with her husband and her son. She earned graduated from the Law School of the University of Florence with highest academic honors. Already during her studies, she showed a keen interest in legal issues pertaining to human life. Her thesis in Criminal Law, in fact, was titled: “The Beginning, the Quality and the End of the Human Being”.

Holder of a “Diploma di Perfezionamento in Bioetica” of the Catholic University of Sacred Heart in Rome (CUSH-Rome), she obtained her Ph.D. in Medical Ethics and Bioethics from the Medical School of the same University, where she published her doctoral thesis titled: “The Right to Life of the Unborn in the European Jurisprudence. The Decisions of the Constitutional Courts and the supranational Organs of Justice”.

Since 1998, she has been teaching Bioethics and Biolaw in several University courses. Since March 2004, she has been working as a “ricercatore confermato” (Assistant Professor) at the Institute of Bioethics of Catholic University of Sacred Heart in Rome (CUSH-Rome). She is the author of numerous books, articles and academic papers concerning biolaw, human rights and bioethics, abortion, medically assisted procreation, euthanasia, living wills, objection of conscience, privacy and genetic tests, marriage and family. Since 2013, she collaborates with the Faculty of Law-Universidad Católica San Pablo and since 2014, she is a member of the Comité Consultivo Integrado of that Faculty.

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Catherine Foundedaki, Professor of Civil Law at the Faculty of Law of the Aristoteleion University of Thessaloniki, holds a PhD in Civil Law (1993). Her academic career with said University started in 1999, year on which she started as Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law. She is member of the Association of Civil Law Specialists of the Society of Legal Academics and Professionals of Northern Greece as well as of the Hellenic Society of Family Law. Furthermore, she is an alternate member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic National Interdisciplinary Organization for the Homologation of University Degrees and Documentation (also known as the National Academic Recognition and Information Centre). Moreover, Professor Fountedaki participated in the commission entrusted with the task of reform of the Hellenic Family Law (1994 -1996); she is member to the Board of Trustees (Treasurer) of the Group of Study of Medical Law and Bioethics. She is a coordinator of the “Modern Medical Praxis, Biomedicine and the Law”, a scientific network hosted by the Aristoteleion University of Athens. She also participated in the working party of the Council of Europe in charge of the drafting of the new European Convention on the Adoption of Minors (2004 – 2008). Member of the law preparatory commission in charge of investigating into the impact of biotechnology on Civil Law (which led to the elaboration of the text of Law 3089/2002 on “Medically assisted reproduction”) as well as of the working party at the Hellenic Ministry of Justice dealing with the amendments to the Hellenic Family Law (2010), Professor Fountedaki is a regular collaborator of “Chronika Idiotikou Dikaeou” (Annals of Private Law) Law Review as well as scientific collaborator of the “Efarmoges Astikou Dikaiou” (Applied Civil Law) Law Review. In her record, Professor Fountedaki has 6 monographs, 72 publications, 75 participations in international colloquia and scientific events, whether as a main speaker or as a commentator. Fluent in French, English, German and Spanish, she is also practicing law in Thessaloniki (accredited solicitor at the Appellate Court).

***Susan Esther Golombok***

Susan Esther Golombok is since 2006 Director at the Centre for Family Research, University of Cambridge, Professor of Family Research at the Department of Psychology, University of Cambridge and Professorial Fellow at the Newnham College, University of Cambridge. Between 2004-2005 she was a Visiting Professor at Columbia University, New York. Between 1993-2005 she was working as a Professor of Psychology & Director at Family and Child Psychology Research at Centre, City University, London. Between 1987‑1993 she was a Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and then Reader at the City University, London. Between 1983‑1986 she was a Lecturer in Psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry, London University and between 1977‑1983 she worked as Research Psychologist at the Institute of Psychiatry, London University. She holds a BSc (Hons) Psychology, University of Glasgow, a MSc Child Development, Institute of Education, London University and a PhD Institute of Psychiatry, London University. She has over 12 publications regarding assisted reproduction and child development in alternative family models. Her recent research grants are:

2013-2017 Welcome Trust Senior Investigator Award (£1,037,142) Future Families: The social and psychological outcomes of emerging assisted reproductive technologies for individuals, families and society.

2009-14 Welcome Trust (£350,000) Enhancement Award in Biomedical Ethics. Redefining families: Bioethics, assisted reproduction and emerging family forms.

2009-2012 ESRC (£351,863) Parenting and the psychological development of children raised in gay father families.

2007-2012 US National Institutes for Health ($1,147,500) Families created by assisted reproduction: parenting and child development.

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She is the president of the Committee of Private International Law of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, and member of many other law associations. She has participated in legislative work both in Greece and in the EU. She has led a project on new methods of teaching and assessment of the Thessaloniki law school and has participated in several other international and Greek projects on issues related to her specialization. She has published widely (several books and numerous articles), both in Greece and abroad. Her interests also include cultural property protection, human rights, cyberspace law, and biotechnology as regards private international law.

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***Athina Kotzabassi***

Professor Athina Kotzabassi graduated from the Law Faculty of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, having received a scholarship from the National Scholarships Foundation (1978). She was appointed attorney at the First Instance Court of Thessaloniki (1980). She obtained her Postgraduate Diploma with honors from the Law Faculty of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1982). She attended Postgraduate seminars in Heidelberg (1983-1984) and in Feiburg, Germany (1985) under the supervision of Professor Rainer Frank (President of the International Association of Family Law). She obtained her Ph.D from the Law Faculty of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1991). She was elected and appointed lecturer of Civil Law at the Law Faculty of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1994) and serves as a professor at the same Faculty since 2013 (Assistant Professor of Civil Law at the Law Faculty of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2002), Associate Professor of Civil Law at the same Faculty (2008) and full Professor (2013).

She has been and she is a member of several Legal Associations, ENAS (Association of Greek Civilists), Legal Association of Northern Greece, Medical Law and Bioethics Association- founding member, International Association of Family and she is also a member in various social and political organisations in the area of child protection, domestic violence and gender equality. She has participated in a number of research projects and she has published a number of books and articles.

***Nikos Koumoutzis***

Nikos Koumoutzis was born in Athens. He holds a law degree from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, a DEA in private law from the University of Bordeaux I, as well as a PhD from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (for the thesis titled: ‘The parental responsibility of the child born out of wedlock and the father’s right to family life’ – Academy of Athens award 2011). His main research interests include human rights, family law, especially the law of medical assistance to human reproduction, law of restitution, tort law.

He is attorney at law, member of the Bar Association of Athens, of the Hellenic Civil Law Association, of the Medical Law and Bioethics Society, of the Family Law Society, and collaborator of the journal ‘Chronicles of Private Law’. Since 2014, he serves as Lecturer at the Law School of the University of Nicosia, where he teaches Greek Civil Law. He speaks Greek (native language), French, English and can read German.

***Efi Kounougeri-Manoledaki***

A graduate of the Faculty of Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (PhD 1974), with post-graduate studies at the Free University of Berlin, Efi Kounougeri-Manoledaki has been a Professor of Civil Law in Thessaloniki, and since 2012 a Professor Emerita. Today she teaches “Modern Medical Praxis: Law and Bioethical Dimension” in a cross-disciplinary post-graduate programme of the Aristotle University.

She is member of the “Jurists’ Society of Northern Greece”, the “Greek Civil Law Association”, the “International Society of Family Law”, the “Hellenic Society of Mental Health in Assisted Reproduction”, and the Scientific Board of the e-magazine “Bioethics” of the National Bioethics Committee. She is also member of the “Association for the Study of Medical Law and Bioethics”, of which she has been president (2005-2011), and is co-editor of its “Essays on Medical Law and Bioethics”.

She has been member of the Commission for the Recasting of the Civil Code into Demotic Greek, the Legislative Commission for the Amendment of the Law of Guardianship and Adoption (L. 2447/1996), the Legislative Commission for the Drafting of the Law 3089/2002 on Medically Assisted Reproduction, the Hellenic National Authority of Medically Assisted Reproduction, and president of the Legislative Commission (2010) for the Amendment of Family Law, especially as regards same-sex couples (not yet passed). She is specially interested in Family Law, as well as in Medical Law and Law of Biotechnology. She has written many monographs, books, studies and articles, and has given many papers and lectures on these subjects.

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Prof. Dr. at the Department of Law, University of Mannheim since 2013. Between 2007-2013 he worked as a Professor of Law at the University of Passau. Between 1998-2007 he was a Research Assistant (Assistant Professor) at the Institute of Public Law at the Department of Scientific Law at University of Bonn. Between 1994-1996 he worked as a Deputy scientific assistant at the Institute of Public Law at the Department of Scientific Law at University of Bonn. From 1993 till 1994 he worked as a Graduate assistant at the Institute of Public Law at the Department of Scientific Law at University of Bonn.

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***Petra Nordqvist***

Petra Nordqvist is since 2013 Lecturer in Sociology, Division of Sociology, at the University of Manchester. In 2009 she completed her PhD in Women’s Studies entitled ‘Conceiving Together: Lesbian Couples’ Pursuit of Donor Conception’ at the Centre for Women’s Studies at University of York. She is holder of two MAs in Women’s Studies and Sociology. Between 2010-2013 she was Co-Investigator and Research Associate ‘Relative strangers: Negotiating non-genetic kinship in the context of assisted conception’ at Morgan Centre for the Study of Relationships and Personal Life, Sociology Division, University of Manchester. In 2012 for two months was visiting researcher ‘Ethical, legal and social implications of the development of new medical technologies’ at Brocher Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland. February. Between 2009-2010 she was Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at Morgan Centre for the Study ofRelationships and Personal Life, Sociology Division, University of Manchester, FT.

She is the author of numerous articles and papers in several academic journals and of chapters in books. She has also received a number of Research Grants (ESRC Impact Acceleration Account Award; Policy Evidence Seminar Scheme: ‘Do Genes Matter? Making Family Connections After Sperm/Egg Donations’. Award holders: Dr Petra Nordqvist and Ms Hazel Burke. 2 January 2014- 2 June 2014, £7,960. (Principal investigator), ESRC Award RES 062 23 2810: ‘Relative strangers: Negotiating non-genetic kinship in the context of assisted conception’. Award holders Carol Smart and Petra Nordqvist. 1 October 2010 – 30 June 2013, £372 524.05 (Co-Investigator) [Main outputs; Nordqvist and Smart 2014a and b, Nordqvist 2014, Nordqvist and Smart forthcoming], ESRC Doctoral Award 2006-2009 PTA-031-2006-00503 (fees and research expenses paid).

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Upon completion of her undergraduate studies, followed by a successful defense of a postgraduate thesis in Public Law, at the Faculty of Law of the National and Capodistriac University of Athens, Fereniki Panagopoulou pursued studies in Health and Public Law at the Harvard University (USA). She holds a PhD in Public Law and Bioethics from the Humboldt University (Berlin, Germany). She is currently a Legal Assessor with the National Authority for the Protection of Personal Data as well as teaching Bioethics at the Universities of Piraeus, Athens and the Peloponnese (Greece). She has authored a number of books and articles and has edited three books (two of which co-edited with Maria Kanellopoulou – Mpoti) on bioethics; she has also penned several project studies on issues relevant to public law, bioethics and new technologies.

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Professor of Civil La at the Faculty of Law of the National and Capodistriac University of Athens. Born in 1956, in Athens, Dimitra Papadopoulou-Klamari attended the Faculty of Law of the National and Capodistriac University of Athens (1974-1978), from which she also holds a PhD in Civil Law (1991). She successively became Senior Lecturer, Assistant Professor and Associate Professor before being proclaimed Professor of Civil Law at the Faculty of Law of the National and Capodistriac University of Athens (2010). Besides teaching Civil Law to undergraduate and postgraduate Law students, Prof. Papadopoulou – Klamari has carried out research projects over three academic semesters at the Tübingen University (Germany). She has authored four monographs and several project studies (some of them drafted in languages other than Greek) on various issues pertaining the domain of the General Principles of Civil Law, General Contract Law, Family Law and Surrogate Law.

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Her main research interests include: European, Hellenic and Comparative Constitutional Law (esp; democracy and political parties, and relationship of national and European constitutional law); Human Rights (esp equality and non-discrimination); Bioethics and Human Rights (esp medically assisted reproduction and euthanasia); Law and Religion. She speaksGreek (native), English (fluent), German (fluent), French (fair). She is a Member of the Interdisciplinary Network of Research on “Medical Acts, Biomedicine, Law & Ethics”, Faculties of Medicine, Law and Theology, and she also teaches within the framework of the relevant Master. She is also a Member of the Research team of the interdisciplinary “InFercit” programme (on medically assisted reproduction, scientific responsible: Prof Venetia Kantsa, Assoc Prof of Social Anthropology), a national *rapporteur* for the “Rights on the Move” Programme (University of Trento, Italy) and stake-holder in the pan-European interdisciplinary programme “Families And Societies, Changing families and sustainable societies” (lead by University of Stockholm).

***Zaira Papaligoura***

Born in 1951, Zaira Papaligoura successfully completed her curricular studies in Psychology at the University of Creta (Greece) in 1985. In 1987 she obtained her Master’s Degree in Psychology, in culmination of her post-graduate studies at Strathklyde University, in Scotland whereas in 1989 she was awarded a PhD in Evolutionary Psychology from the Faculty of Social Studies of the Edinburgh University, Scotland.

Ms. Papaligoura has been a regular collaborator of the Faculty of Psychology of the Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki, originally as an Assistant Professor (2002 – 2006), then as a Permanent Assistant Professor (2006-2008), followed by a stint as Associate Professor (2008-2014) before becoming a Regular Professor of said Faculty. She has a number of publications of books and articles.

***Karène Parizer-Krief***

Karène Parizer-Krief has completed her PhD at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales on “A comparative study of medically assisted procreation: France, Germany and Great Britain in 2014. During the academic year 2014-2015 she will be teaching “Law-creating illegalities in the field of medically assisted procreation in France, the UK, Germany, Belgium, and Israel,” at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) in Paris. She is also holder of LL.M. from New York University School of Law with specialization in Βioethics and Social Policy. She is attached to the Centre d’études des normes juridiques (CENJ) Yan Thomas, EHESS, a Member of the Société de législation comparée (SLC), Paris, a Staff member of the Centre d’éthique clinique de l’hôpital Cochin, Paris and a Former member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Committee on Bioethical Issues. She has numerous publications on several journals. In 2013 she had the responsibility of the German and Austrian Studies in a research report - - A comparative study on the regime of surrogacy in EU Member States, conducted by the European Parliament, Policy Department, Citizens’ rights and constitutional affairs. From 2014 till 2016 she will be in scientific collaboration with Professor Jennifer Merchant in the “International Gender Studies Council,” piloted by Professor Jennifer Merchant.

On June 19th 2014 there was a hearing 2014 at Comité consultatif national d’éthique pour les sciences de la vie et de la santé (CCNE), where she supported an Opinion “on the ethical questions regarding the evolution of medically assisted procreation”. She speaks French, German, English and Hebrew.

***Simone Penasa***

Simone Penasa is a graduate of the Law School of Trento. In 2007 she completed her Ph.D. in Comparative and European Legal Studies at the University of Trento on “Verso una costituzione scientificamente intesa? Progresso scientifico e progetto costituzionale in Italia e Spagna” (Towards a scientifically intended constitution? Scientific Progress and constitutional project in Italy and Spain). Between 2007-2008 she worked as a fellow researcher for a research on “Study for a common regulation of Trentino linguistic minorities” at the Department of Legal Sciences at the University of Trento. From 2007 till 2008 she worked as a fellow researcher for a research on “Study for a common regulation of Trentino linguistic minorities” at the Department of Legal Sciences at the University of Trento. Between 2011 and 2013 she worked as a Post-doc researcher (Fondazione Caritro fellowship) at the Department of Legal Sciences at the University of Trento. Between 2013- 2014 she worked as a Fellow researcher at the Department of Legal Sciences ath the University of Trento (Project: **“**Towards an integrated system for health promotion: health as a transversal cross-axis for local public policies”).

***Manuela Perrotta***

Dr Manuela Perrotta received her PhD in Sociology and Social Research in 2008 from the University of Trento (Italy). Her thesis “Assisted reproduction and technological innovation: organizing technologies, knowing and bodies” explored assisted reproductive technologies at the interface between Organization Studies on the one hand and Science and Technology Studies on the other. Between January 2011 and June 2013, she was a post-doctoral fellow at the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture, Faculty of Humanities, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, working on the research project “Inside out. New images and imaginations of the body”. The project focused on how new visualization technologies are applied in the production of images on the level of cells and how new knowledge of the interior of the body is produced and reproduced.

Dr Perrotta's research focused on ARTs as culturally embedded socio-technical product entangled in a network of political, economic and moral considerations. In 2013 she edited a special issue for Tecnoscienza: Italian Journal of Science and Technology Studies entitled “Re-conceiving life in the labs: The emerging meanings of cells in the Italian reproductive biomedicine and beyond”. Currently, she is lecturer in Technology and Organisations at the School of Business and Management of Queen Mary University of London. Her current research focuses on the study of techno-organizational innovations, especially in the field of assisted reproductive technologies and biomedicine.

Since October 2013 Dr Perrotta has been vice president of the Italian Society for the Study of Science and Technology (STS-Italia). Since 2010 she has been editor of Tecnoscienza: Italian Journal of Science and Technology Studies. She is member of the Organizational Learning Research Group at the School of Business and Management of Queen Mary University of London, of the Cambridge Interdisciplinary Reproduction Forum (CIRF), of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) and of the European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS).

***Eleni Rethymiotaki***

Eleni Rethymiotaki was born in Athens, Greece in 1964.She has studied Law at the Faculty of Law of the National and Capodistriac University of Athens before successfully pursuing PhD studies at the Faculty of Law of Pantéon-Assas (Paris II, France) University on medical deontology and bioethics from a Law Sociology perspective (eventually earning a honorable distinction). She is a lawyer, member of the Bar Association of Athens. In 2012 she was proclaimed Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of the National and Capodistriac University of Athens. Her main topics of research are Biomedicine and Information & Communication Technologies as paradigms of domains of social relationships regulated by way of an interaction amongst provisions and institutions of state-promulgated legislation on one hand and self-regulation entities on the other. She has also investigated in the relationship between Law and Politics in European Union as well as into that between EU legal order and Member-States national legal order. At present, she is exploring the trends manifesting themselves in the way of evolution of Hellenic Family Law, in the light of the transformation of the family institution as well as of the alternative forms of family.

***Françoise Shenfield***

Dr Françoise Shenfield, LRCP, MRCS, MA (law and ethics) is a fertility specialist at University College London Hospital, UK, providing infertility treatments for 30 years. She is involved in the field of Ethics and law of Assisted Reproductive Technologies, especially since she was able to further formalise this interest when she studied for the master degree of Medical Law and Ethics at King’s College (1991-2). This confirmed her aspirations to continue in the field, which symbolises the interaction between the citizen and the city, an issue of broad societal interest, which she sees as complementary to her role in the unique and singular patient/doctor relationship. She participates in the executive committee of the European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE), 2007-2013, in addition to being a founder member of its Special Interest Group for Ethics and Law over 12 years ago and the Taskforce for Ethics and law (ESHRE’s “ethics committee). She is a past member of the HFEA for three years (2001), a member of FIGO’ s ethics committee since 2003, a co chairman since Dec 2009.

She has published numerous articles (over 50), chapters and books on ethical dilemmas of ART. She is a past coordinator of the Cross border (CBRC) Taskforce for ESHRE (collaboration of our Ethics and Law special interest group, and EIM), now coordinator of the new SIG Socio-cultural aspects of (in)fertilitySummer 2011-2013, coordinator of all SIGs and Taskforces for ESHRE, now deputy coordinator (2013-2016). Her current research interest is cross border reproductive care, surrogacy and cryopreservation of oocytes for medical and non medical reasons.

***Jane Stoll***

Jane Stoll is a Lecturer in Private Law at the Faculty of Law, Uppsala University, Sweden. Her teaching and research interests include Family Law, Medical Law and Bioethics. Jane’s doctoral thesis*, Surrogacy Arrangements and Legal Parenthood: Swedish Law in a Comparative Context* (2013), considers the ways in which parenthood is established following surrogacy in Sweden, England & Wales and Israel. Her licentiate thesis, published in 2008, is entitled *Swedish donor offspring and their legal right to information*. Jane’s Doctorate of Laws (2013) and Licentiate of Laws were awarded from Uppsala University. She received her Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce degrees from Griffith University, Queensland (1996). Jane is also a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (1999), and a Registered Nurse (1981). She holds a postgraduate Diploma in Health Science from Flinders University, South Australia (1989) and has practiced in both law and nursing.

***Petra Thorn***

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