



1 King's Bench Walk Child Abduction Conference 2012

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Parliament Chamber
Inner Temple

Sir Christopher Sumner – Chair

Sir Christopher Sumner, formerly a judge of the Family Division and now an Associate of 1kbw, has a vast wealth of experience of dealing with cases involving the relocation of children across international borders.

Anne-Marie Hutchinson O.B.E – Update from Reunite

Anne-Marie Hutchinson, a partner at Dawson Cornwell, is a specialist child abduction practitioner who has unrivalled experience in this field and a formidable reputation domestically and internationally. She is the Chair of Trustees of Reunite, the leading UK charity specialising in international parental abduction.

1 King's Bench Walk Speakers

James Roberts
Victoria Green
James Turner QC
Richard Harrison
Jennifer Perrins
Deiniol Cellan-Jones
Anthony Kirk QC

1 King's Bench Walk is a fantastic set of chambers with excellent barristers at all levels. *Legal 500 2012*

This set receives widespread praise for its "very strong offering of barristers at all levels." It houses a solid bench of barristers for both children and matrimonial finance work, and instructing solicitors can benefit from the fact that every kind of family law specialism is collected under one roof. *Chambers and Partners 2012*

**This conference is your essential guide to Child Abduction
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Who should attend this event:

1. Solicitors with specialist child abduction practices.
2. Solicitors with general family law practices who may encounter abduction issues from time to time.

This event will cover:

1. The structure of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.
2. Practical information about running a child abduction case.
3. The importance of the voice of the child being heard in child abduction proceedings.
4. An analysis of the law of habitual residence including practical tips on information to be covered in affidavits.
5. An analysis of the defences available under the Hague Convention.
6. Consideration of the recent decision of the Supreme Court in *Re E (children)* and the impact this will have on future abduction cases.
7. The growing importance of mediation in child abduction cases.

1kbw Speakers

James Roberts
Case Management

Victoria Green
Rights of Custody

James Turner QC
Habitual Residence

Richard Harrison
The Voice of the Child

Jennifer Perrins
Grave Risk After *Re E*

Deiniol Cellan-Jones
Settlement, Consent and Acquiescence

Anthony Kirk QC
The Role of Mediation

1kbw is one of the leading sets of chambers for international children work. We have an extensive selection of barristers (both silks and juniors) who practice in this highly specialised field of work. We are recommended as a set of chambers in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 and many of our members have individual recommendations in those publications.

Since the Hague Convention was incorporated into English law in 1986, members of chambers have featured in many of the leading cases and been instrumental in the development of the law.

We have a very large team of junior members who regularly appear in the Applications Court and are almost always able to cover urgent applications made a short notice (including out of hours). Our clerking team will always strive to accommodate any application that needs to be covered.

We recognise that this is a demanding area of practice in which cases develop quickly and almost invariably require urgent attention. We pride ourselves on being able to offer a comprehensive and highly efficient service to solicitors and are always happy to help out in the preparation of practice direction documents and affidavits as well as offering ongoing case management advice as and when required.



Anthony Kirk QC was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1981. He has been in practice at 1 King's Bench Walk since 1982 and deals exclusively with cases relating to children. He qualified as a mediator in 1998 and is a member of the Bar Council ADR Group and the Ministry of Justice Mediation Steering Group. He has trained as a collaborative lawyer.

Anthony was appointed a QC in 2001. He is an Honorary Life Vice-President of the Family Law Bar Association, a Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and a Bencher of Gray's Inn. He is also a member of the Royal College of Organists. Anthony has lectured extensively on all aspects of family law relating to children.



James Turner QC (called in 1998)



Deiniol Cellan-Jones (called in 1988) has a wide experience of child abduction and regularly lectures on the subject. He has appeared in a number of reported cases, both for Plaintiffs and Defendants.



James Roberts MA (Oxon) was called to the Bar in 1993. He practices exclusively in the fields of matrimonial finance and private law children with a particular emphasis upon child abduction and international relocation together with issues surrounding Brussels II. He is experienced in all aspects of international work including forum issues, enforcement of foreign orders and international child abduction in all forms. He regularly appears for Plaintiffs and Defendants in the High Court and has also represented children in Hague matters. He is reported in a number of Hague authorities in particular *Re P (A Child) (Abduction: Custody Rights)* [2005] Fam 293 which is a leading authority on rights of custody, the defence of consent and the instruction of experts, *S v B (Abduction: Human Rights)* [2005] 2 FLR 878 (separate representation and "sibling splitting") and *S (A Child)* [2009] EWCA Civ 1021 (Fam) *S(A Child)* (habitual residence). He was appointed a Recorder in 2009. He continues to be recommended as a leading junior for children work in Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500.



Richard Harrison MA (Cantab) was called to the Bar in 1993. His practice covers international child abduction, forum disputes, Brussels IIR cases, matrimonial finance and private law children disputes. He has appeared in some of the leading child abduction cases including the Supreme Court decision in *Re E (Children)* [2011] UKSC 27, the House of Lords decision in *Re D (A Child)(Abduction: Rights of Custody)* [2007] 1 AC 619, *Re P-J (Abduction: Habitual Residence: Consent)* [2009] 2 FLR 1051, *Re S (Habitual Residence)* [2010] 1146 and *Re W (Abduction: Child's Objections)* [2010] 1165. He acts on a regular basis for, both Plaintiffs and Defendants in Hague cases and has also represented children and Reunite (in *Re E* and *Re W*). He is a Consultant Editor of Hershman and McFarlane *Children Law and Practice* with responsibility for the Hague Convention and Brussels IIR aspects of the work. He is a member of the International Bar Association and a Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Richard is married and has four young children.



Victoria Green (called in 1994) joined 1 King's Bench Walk in 2007 after a number of years practising on the Midlands circuit. She has a wide ranging practice covering all areas of family law, including public and private law children matters, as well as matrimonial finance. She has experience in matters involving international adoption, relocation out of the jurisdiction and abduction.

Victoria regularly lectures on all aspects of family law. She is an advocacy trainer for Gray's Inn.



Jennifer Perrins was called to the Bar in 2004. She advises and acts in all areas of family work, including matrimonial finance, public and private law children matters and international child abduction. Jennifer appeared as junior counsel for Reunite in the Supreme Court in the case of *Re E (Children)* [2011] UKSC 27.

In both her children and her financial practice she regularly deals with cases that have an international element, such as forum disputes, leave to remove applications, and issues arising under Brussels IIR and the new EC maintenance regulation.



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