International Family Law Conference 2012

Essential guidance for practitioners

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Attending this conference will equip you with the tools that you need to advise clients involved in international family law disputes quickly and authoritatively. Get up-to-the minute training and knowledge to help you understand the increasing volume of legislation in the arena of international family law. Attend this conference to get:

✔ A keynote address from The Honourable Mr Justice Baker
✔ Practical hints and tips on dealing with the new 1996 Hague Convention on the ground
✔ A better understanding of the importance of habitual residence in international family law disputes
✔ Expert insight into the concept of “first seised”, how to achieve it and the steps required to be taken after seising a court
✔ The opportunity to test your knowledge of training provided during the day, in a judicially led fictional case study discussion session

Chair & Keynote Speaker
The Honourable Mr Justice Baker

Speakers
Edward Devereux
Barrister, Harcourt Chambers

Richard Harrison QC
1 King’s Bench Walk

Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE
Partner and Head of Children Law Department, Dawson Cornwell

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Increasing numbers of international families living and working abroad together with rising divorce rates have led to the globalisation of family law disputes. The European Commission estimates that there are 16 million international couples living in the European Union and 1 million divorces each year.

**Family Law** is delighted to bring you this timely one-day conference which is a must-attend event for all family law practitioners advising clients with international connections. Family lawyers need to be able to advise clients with confidence on jurisdictional issues, forum disputes, international relocation, child abduction and European maintenance provisions, in particular the introduction of the new 1996 Hague Convention on child protection and parental responsibility. This expert and knowledgeable speaker team will demystify complex and technical legal issues and provide you with all of the practical hints and tips that you need to advise clients quickly and authoritatively.

The global family law landscape is changing quickly and dramatically. Book today to secure your place at International Family Law Conference 2012.

**What is Included?**
- The opportunity to exchange ideas and network with peers from foreign jurisdictions
- Practical tips and strategic advice from a specialist speaker team
- Guidance on global trends in international family law disputes
- Cutting edge knowledge about new legal developments
- Intermediate/advanced level update training
- Plus: The chance to buy selected *Family Law* publications and online services at 20% discount

**Who Should Attend?**
Solicitors, barristers and legal executives advising and/or representing clients in:
- International forum disputes concerning divorce, ancillary relief or private child law
- Hague Convention abduction matters
- International child relocation
- Recognition of orders in Europe
- Enforcement of maintenance in Europe

**Forthcoming Events**
- **Family Law Conference 2012**
  10 October 2012, London
- **Advocacy Skills for Family Lawyers**
  12 October 2012, London
- **An Introduction to Pensions on Divorce**
  17 October 2012, London

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Under the Solicitors Regulation Authority, ILEX’s Continuing Professional Development Schemes and the Bar Standards Board New/Established Practitioner Programmes, this conference will receive a credit of 5 hours 30 minutes.
Programme

09.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10.00 Chair’s Welcome and Keynote Address
The Honourable Mr Justice Baker

Edward Devereux
• Rights of Custody/Rights of Access: Do we still need this threshold requirement?
• Habitual Residence: Paradise and Power: The European dimension and the rest of the world
• Article 13(b) and best interests of the child
• The Sixth Special Commission on the practical operation of the 1980 and 1996 Conventions

11.20 REFRESHMENTS

11.35 Forum Disputes and the Concept of “First Seised”
James Turner QC
• International regulations and conventions featuring the “first seised concept”
• Importance and consequences of being “first seised”
• How to seise a court
• Steps required to effect service after initial seising

12.10 Habitual Residence
Richard Harrison QC
• Importance of “habitual residence” in international family law
• Traditional English meaning of habitual residence and ordinary residence
• Centre of interests approach in European law
• Future synchronising of different approaches “by osmosis”

12.45 Question & Answer Session

13.00 LUNCH

14.00 The EU Maintenance Obligations Regulation (EC) No 4/2009
Aidan Vine
• What’s in it?
• What’s not in it?
• What’s happened so far?
• What happens next?

Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE
• Legal principles
• Procedure
• Practice tips

15.30 AFTERNOON TEA

15.45 INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION:
Discuss two fictional case studies with our expert panellists and test your knowledge and understanding of the day’s training
Moderator: The Honourable Mr Justice Baker
Panellists: Edward Devereux, Richard Harrison QC, Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, James Turner QC and Aidan Vine

16.55 Chair’s Closing Remarks
The Honourable Mr Justice Baker

17.00 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

Chair & Keynote Speaker
The Honourable Mr Justice Baker
Mr Justice Baker was appointed a judge of the High Court assigned to the Family Division in 2009. He is currently Family Division Liaison Judge for the Western Circuit. Prior to his appointment he was at the Bar for over 30 years specialising in family law with a particular interest in cases concerning children, including international disputes. He took silk in 2001 and was appointed Head of Harcourt Chambers in 2004. His last case at the Bar was the first family law case to reach the Supreme Court, Re I, concerning the interpretation of article 12 of Brussels II Revised.

Speakers
Edward Devereux Barrister, Harcourt Chambers
Edward specialises in cases involving international aspects of family law. He has appeared in many important cases in this area including appearing in the Supreme Court in Re E (Children) (Abduction: Custody Rights) and in Re I (A Child) (Contact Application: Jurisdiction) and has appeared in the House of Lords in Re M and another (Children) (Abduction: Rights of Custody) and in the European Court of Human Rights in Carlson v Switzerland. Edward is recommended as a leading barrister by the Chambers UK Guide to the Legal Profession, the Legal 500 and Legal Experts, having been variously described in those publications as “an exceptional junior” and “a rising star of the Family Bar”. He is the author of the chapter on child abduction in the volume Child Case Management Practice (Family Law).

Richard Harrison QC 1 King’s Bench Walk
Richard was called to the Bar in 1993 and took silk in 2012. He has particular expertise in matrimonial finance and international children cases and has been involved in some of the leading child abduction cases in recent years. Richard also specialises in cases involving international forum disputes under Council Regulation (EC) 2201/2003 and deals with applications under the Trusts of Land and Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989. He has been recommended for both finance and children cases in the Chambers UK Guide to the Legal Profession and the Legal 500 for a number of years. Richard is a Consultant Editor of Hershman and McFarlane: Children Law and Practice (Family Law). He is a member of the Reunite Legal Working Group, a Fellow of the IAML and member of the IBA, the FLBA and Lawyers for Liberty.

Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE Partner and Head of Children Law Department, Dawson Cornwall
Anne-Marie is recognised as one of the world’s leading experts in international family law. She specialises in a wide range of family law cases including those involving jurisdictional disputes, child abduction, forced marriage, international adoption and international surrogacy. The Chambers UK Guide to the Legal Profession ranked her as the only “star individual” in the country for cross-border disputes and described her simply as the “queen bee of children work”. She received an OBE for her services to children’s rights and adoption.

James Turner QC 1 King’s Bench Walk
James was called to the Bar in 1976 and took silk in 1998. He has a wide and varied practice that encompasses all areas of family law, criminal law, medical disciplinary work and administrative law. He has appeared in 130 reported cases, including a number of cases in each of his major fields of practice in the House of Lords or Privy Council. James has also appeared in financial cases in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands. He is a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple and is recommended in both the Legal 500 and Chambers UK Guide to the Legal Profession as a Leading Silk in family work. He has for many years been a contributing editor of Archbold Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice. James speaks on family law issues at conferences in England and Bermuda.

Aidan Vine Barrister, Harcourt Chambers
Aidan has been a barrister since 1995 and regularly acts in matrimonial and children cases with an international element. He is an editor of Family Law Service and the author of its chapters on jurisdictions and on human rights. He spoke at the Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats seminar on International Family Wealth in April 2011 and is recommended for international family law in the Legal 500.
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