



International Family Law Conference 2011

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Tuesday 6 September 2011

This new one-day conference, chaired by **The Honourable Mr Justice Baker**, 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. The conference will feature:

- ✓ A keynote address on the role of Alternative Dispute Resolution in international family law disputes
- ✓ Practical guidance on the scope and implications of the new EU Maintenance Regulation (EC) No 4/2009
- ✓ Expert insight and case-law analysis of recent developments in Hague Convention proceedings
- ✓ Insight into the impact of shared care in relocation disputes and the Court of Appeal decision in *MK v CK*
- ✓ Current trends in international surrogacy law
- ✓ Practical hints and tips on dealing with complex forum disputes

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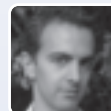
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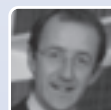
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Increasing numbers of families living and working abroad, together with rising divorce rates, have led to the globalisation of family law disputes. The European Commission estimates that there are 16 million international couples living in the European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

Family Law is delighted to bring you this timely new 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 new European maintenance provisions. This expert and knowledgeable speaker team will demystify complex and technical legal issues and provide you with the tools 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.

What is included?

- ✓ The opportunity to exchange legal experiences 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* products 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 children law
- ✓ Hague Convention abduction matters
- ✓ International child relocation
- ✓ Enforcement of maintenance in Europe
- ✓ International surrogacy arrangements

Forthcoming Events

- **Evidence in Child Abuse Cases Conference**
22 September 2011, London
- **Advocacy Skills for Family Lawyers**
27 September 2011, London
- **Family Law Conference 2011**
18 October 2011, London

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Programme

09.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10.00 Chair's Welcome and Keynote Address Alternative Dispute Resolution in International Family Law Cases

The Honourable Mr Justice Baker

10.40 Themes and Developments in the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction

Edward Devereux

- The decision of the United Kingdom Supreme Court in *Re E*
- The voice of the child in Hague Convention proceedings
- The future of the Hague Convention: where next?

11.30 REFRESHMENTS

11.50 Be Careful What You Wish For: Relocation Without *Payne*

Frances Judd QC and Dr Robert George

- Current trends in relocation applications in England and Wales
- The impact of shared care in relocation disputes and the Court of Appeal decision in *MK v CK*
- A comparative review of English and New Zealand approaches; welfare as the paramount consideration resulting in different outcomes
- The rejection of *Payne* in New Zealand
- The Australian perspective
- The implications of relocation without *Payne*

12.40 LUNCH

13.40 When Does The Court Have Jurisdiction?

Aidan Vine

- Divorce: statutory considerations, 'habitual residence' and 'domicile' in practice and the recognition of foreign decrees
- Financial relief: treatment of overseas assets and the operation of the *Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984* since *Agbaje*
- Children: *Brussels IIA*, the *Family Law Act 1986* and review of critical cases including *Re I*
- Tips and traps when dealing with competing jurisdictions, including:
 - *Brussels IIA* 'lis pendens' doctrine (kept simple)
 - forum n'on-conveniens, stays and *Hemain* injunctions
 - the significance of *Owusu v Jackson* and *Sundelind Lopez v Lopez Lizazo*
- What next from the European Union? Maintenance obligations, jurisdiction, applicable law and much more ...

14.40 Surrogacy: An International Perspective

Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE

- Parental orders
- The commerciality test
- Recent developments in international surrogacy law

15.30 AFTERNOON TEA

15.45 The EU Maintenance Regulation: Are We "Little Englanders"?

Tim Amos QC

- How the system works: law and procedure
- What is meant by "maintenance": the autonomous (non-) definition
- Differential rules for recognition: UK against the rest
- Exequatur and applicable law explained and excised
- Implications for pre-nups and Part III; "authentic instruments"
- How the Maintenance Regulation fits into the Euro-political juridical debate

16.35 Chair's Closing Remarks

16.45 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

Chair and 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



Tim Amos QC

Queen Elizabeth Building

Tim has practised at Queen Elizabeth Building (QEB) throughout his career. His work is increasingly specialised in international family law. Tim has particular experience in Anglo-German cases. He is fluent in both the German language and in legal German and works frequently in Germany with both clients and lawyers from other jurisdictions. Tim is a qualified collaborative lawyer; he sits as a family Recorder and is also a Resolution mediator.



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 *Child Case Management Practice (Family Law)*.



Dr Robert George

Senior Law Tutor, Jesus College Oxford

Robert is a senior tutor at Jesus College and from September 2011 holds a British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. He has done extensive comparative research in family law and relocation disputes, particularly in France, New Zealand and England. His work has been cited in the Supreme Court (*Radmacher v Granatino*) and he has strong links with several international family lawyers.



Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE

Partner and Head of Children Law Department, Dawson Cornwell

Anne-Marie is recognised as one of the leading experts in international family law in the world. 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 child abduction and adoption.



Frances Judd QC

Head of Harcourt Chambers

Frances is recommended as a leading silk in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500. She regularly represents parents who wish to relocate as well as those trying to prevent it. She co-wrote (with Robert George) an article in [2010] *Fam Law* 63, comparing relocation here with Australia and New Zealand and often delivers lectures on the subject.



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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