

## Richard Little

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Richard is an established family law specialist with a focus on children law, regularly appearing in the Family Court, High Court and the Court of Appeal.

His practice comprises public law children work, acting on behalf of children, local authorities, parents and other family members.

Richard also represents parents and children in complex private law children work with an emphasis on the international movement of children.

Richard accepts direct access work in appropriate cases.

## Family Law

### Private Law

Richard's private law practice primarily involves representing clients in the High Court in international cases including both Hague and non-Hague abduction matters. Richard also advises and acts for applicants and respondents in Children Act 1989 proceedings arising out of Article 21 applications.

### Public Law

Richard regularly represents parties in cases involving serious allegations of harm and abuse and other complex fact-finding matters.

### Selected cases

- [Re P \(Habitual Residence, Art 13\(b\) Grave Risk of Harm\) \[2024\] EWHC 1863 \(Fam\)](#)
- [London Borough of Haringey v T \(1996 Hague Convention Art 7\) \[2024\] EWFC 151](#)
- [The London Borough of Havering v A Mother & Others \[2023\] EWFC 65](#)

- [H v E \[2023\] EWHC 381 \(Fam\)](#)
- [Re T \(A Child\) \(Secure Accommodation Order\), Court of Appeal \(Civil Division\), \[2018\] EWCA Civ 2136, \[2019\] 1 FLR 965](#)
- [Re S \(A Child\) \(Interim Residence\), Court of Appeal \(Civil Division\), \[2012\] EWCA Civ 1915; \[2013\] 2 F.L.R. 446; \[2013\] Fam. Law 679](#)
- [Re P \(Identity of Mother\), Court of Appeal \(Civil Division\), \[2011\] EWCA Civ 795; \[2012\] 1 F.L.R. 351; \[2011\] Fam. Law 1075](#)

## Publications

- Family Assistance Orders: Rising to the Challenge' Family Law, Vol. 39, p.435
- 'Re L Revisited' Family Law, Vol.36, p.522
- Restriction of liberty under the inherent jurisdiction, interview for LexisPSL News Analysis

## Qualifications & Appointments

- Recorder, South Eastern Circuit (2023)
- MCI Arb, Children's Arbitrator (2017)
- M.A. (Oxon) Jurisprudence (1999)
- Former Executive Committee Member of the Association of Lawyers for Children and of the Bar Council's Education and Training Committee
- Former Visiting Lecturer and Examiner in Family Law at the University of Reading