

About 4PB

4PB has a distinguished history as a leading set of specialist family law barristers providing practical, expert legal advice, and including effective and assured advocacy, in all practice areas of family law. Our size, practice range, reputation and expertise are unrivalled and mark us out as unique amongst our competitors.

We are:

- A historic London chambers housing 79 expert family barristers
- Steeped in Inns of Court legal tradition with cutting-edge knowledge and technology
- Recommended as leaders in our field by the main legal directories, Chambers & Partners and The Legal 500

We offer advice, representation and dispute resolution services in all areas of family law:

- Divorce
- Civil partnership dissolution
- Finances and property on divorce or civil partnership dissolution
- Children's arrangements after parents separate
- Children proceedings involving a Local Authority
- Child abduction and wrongful retention
- International family law
- Agreements
- Cohabitants' claims (trusts of land cases)
- Financial arrangements for children
- Domestic abuse
- Assisted conception and reproduction
- Publicity
- Inquests

What people say about 4PB:

Chambers & Partners 2017

A powerhouse of family law that offers unparalleled depth in all public and private law children-related issues, both international and domestic. The set further has a growing matrimonial finance practice, and its members service high net worth clients in complex disputes concerning large assets.

Client service: "The clerks are incredibly user-friendly; they're great for solicitors, they're flexible, they're reasonable on fees, and they're prepared to adapt. They know their barristers really well." The senior clerk is Michael Reeves.

The Legal 500, 2017

4 Paper Buildings is 'always the first port of call for children law', where there is 'a tremendous range of talent at all levels, such that one needs not look elsewhere'. Chambers also contains some 'heavy-hitting matrimonial finance lawyers' and has 'made good headway in that area' in recent times. 'Despite their in-depth knowledge, members all seem to have their feet firmly on the ground', and 'from clerks through to pupils, junior barristers and QCs, everyone is a pleasure to deal with'. Some say the clerking is 'the best of any family law set'; 'the well-oiled machine contains agile, proactive and always accommodating individuals', who 'know the meaning of personal service and ensure they always provide it'. Senior clerk Michael Reeves is 'a total star', first junior Paul Hennessy is 'responsive, engaged and will always do his best for clients', and second junior Kenny Martin also 'stands out for praise'.

With 'exceptional practitioners', 4 Paper Buildings has 'become increasingly stronger over the years'. In no break from tradition, the set appeared several times in the Supreme Court throughout 2016; five members were involved in the landmark case that determined the correct interpretation of "best interests" in the context of transfer applications under article 15 of Brussels II Revised Regulation 2003.

4 Paper Buildings contains 'some excellent family silks and a good range of juniors'. Members continue to demonstrate their strengths in cases involving financial orders for unmarried parents, internationally complex divorces and arbitration.

4 Paper Buildings won The Legal 500 Family Law Set of the Year in 2017

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