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Alcott (No. 2)

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Reporting restrictions were lifted to allow the publication of a judgment determining an application under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction 1980 where that judgment identified the parents, who were well-known figures. Even though that publication led indirectly to the identification of the child, the likelihood of harm was low in view of the content of the judgment and was outweighed by the public interest in publication. Moreover, the child's identification was already possible as a result of an article published in a foreign newspaper. However, the court refused to lift reporting restrictions on the evidence led at the private hearing, which contained full details of the parents' private lives.

To read the judgment, please click here.

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