

News

22/04/2024	<p>Two publication comment on P v M & Ors [2023] EWFC 254, in which Justin Ageros appeared</p> <p>The following articles in the Law Society Gazette and The Bureau of Investigative Journalism comment on the judgment in P v M & Ors [2023] EWFC 254, in which <u>Justin Ageros</u> appeared on behalf of the applicant mother in a case concerning the use of expert evidence in cases concerning alleged Parental Alienation.</p> <p>Click here to read The Bureau of Investigative Journalism article</p> <p>Click here to read the Law Society Gazette article</p> <p>To read the full judgment, click here</p>
18/04/2024	<p>Jo Delahunty KC writes for the Times on the importance of prioritising children when a relationship breaks down</p> <p>In an article published by the Times, <u>Jo Delahunty KC</u> highlights why it is important children remain at the centre of proceedings when a relationship breaks down.</p> <p>To read the full article, click here</p>
16/04/2024	<p>4PB Shortlisted for Chambers of the Year at the 2024 Bar Pro Bono Awards</p> <p>We are delighted and proud to be shortlisted for "Chambers of the Year " at the Bar Pro Bono Awards.</p> <p>The awards recognise those individuals and chambers who have gone above and beyond expectations when undertaking pro bono work to support access to justice. The winner will be announced at an award ceremony on Wednesday 8th May at Middle Temple Hall.</p> <p>View the full shortlist here.</p>
16/04/2024	<p>Michael Edwards instructed to represent the UK Health Security Agency in the UK Covid-19 Inquiry.</p> <p>The UK Covid-19 Inquiry, which began on 28 June 2022, has been set up to examine the UK's response to and impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and learn lessons for the future. The Inquiry's work is guided by its Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The inquiry investigations have been organised into Modules, and throughout each, the Inquiry hears evidence from witnesses, experts and Core Participants through a series of corresponding hearings.</p> <p><u>Michael Edwards</u> will be working on Module 5 (procurement – looking at the procurement and distribution of key healthcare supplies) and Module 7 (test, trace, and isolate – looking at the effectiveness of the strategy put in place by the UK Government). Both Modules are listed for hearings in 2025.</p> <p>To learn more about the enquiry, click here</p>

15/04/2024	<p>New Reported Case: AB (A Child) [2024] EWHC 586 (Fam)</p> <p><u>Dorothea Gartland KC</u> led Edward Bennett of Harcourt Chambers in this decision by the President of the Family Division in which the Court granted the applicants the parental order they sought in circumstances where they had already adopted their child. The Court accepted the analysis and submissions made having considered the effect of s.67(1) of the ACA 2002 and s.54(1) of the HFEA 2008.</p> <p>Click here to read the Judgment.</p>
11/04/2024	<p>Five 4PB members represented various parties in the matter of R v M [2024] EWHC 720 (Fam)</p> <p><u>Christopher Hames KC</u>, <u>Michael Gration KC</u>, <u>Mark Jarman KC</u>, <u>Jacqueline Renton</u>, <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> and <u>Frankie Shama</u> appeared in the judgment of R v M (Hague Convention; Withdrawal of Application and Art. 16 (Parental Responsibility)) [2024] EWHC 720 (Fam) which was published today. The case deals with a withdrawal of a 1980 Hague Convention case and an application for recognition of rights of parental responsibility pursuant to Article 16 of the 1996 Hague Convention.</p> <p>Read the judgment here</p>
09/04/2024	<p>4PB London Marathon Team Run in Support of Leading Children's Charity NSPCC</p>
09/04/2024	<p>Kitty Broger-Bareham completes the London Landmarks Half Marathon in support of the NSPCC</p>
04/04/2024	<p>Professor Jo Delahunty KC discusses the parallels between private and public law in Solicitor Journal</p> <p>Solicitors Journal publishes "Public Law and private law: two sides of the same coin?" where <u>Professor Jo Delahunty KC</u> argues for "integrating Public Law's rigorous evidence and professional standards into Private Law to enhance justice."</p>
04/04/2024	<p>The 4PB International Children Law Update - Winter/Early Spring 2024 edition is now available.</p>
26/03/2024	<p>The 4PB Private Children Law Update - Winter/Early Spring 2024 edition is now available.</p>
22/03/2024	<p>Internationally Renowned Family Lawyer Rachael Kelsey joins 4PB as an Associate Tenant</p> <p>4PB is delighted and proud to announce that Rachael Kelsey, the current President of the IAFL and internationally renowned Scottish family lawyer, has accepted an invitation to become an associate tenant of 4PB from immediate effect.</p>
20/03/2024	<p>Family Court reporting: how effective and accurate is it?</p> <p><u>Alex Verdan KC</u> and Sacha Lee reflect on the effectiveness of the Family Court Reporting Pilot in Today's Family Lawyer.</p> <p>Read the full article here</p>
20/03/2024	<p>Samantha Woodham comments on Ariana Grande's \$1.25 million divorce settlement and contributing factors to it's simplicity</p> <p><u>Samantha Woodham</u> was quoted in today's Hello! Magazine on why Ariana Grande's divorce from Dalton Gomez has played out so smoothly.</p>

18/03/2024	<p>Congratulations to our newest Silk Joanne Brown</p> <p>Many congratulations to <u>Joanne Brown</u>, who was sworn in as King's Counsel in a ceremony at Westminster Hall today.</p> <p>The 4PB family are so very proud of our new Joanne, and look forward to celebrating with friends and family.</p> <p>This brings our total number of Silks in Chambers to 25, making 27% of our members King's Counsel</p>
15/03/2024	<p>Mani Singh Basi wins Legal Personality of the Year at the LexisNexis Legal Awards 2024</p> <p>4PB proudly celebrates <u>Mani Singh Basi</u>, who won Legal Personality of the Year at last night's LexisNexis Legal Awards 2024.</p> <p>The award honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the legal sphere in the past year. It recognises the cases Mani has been involved in within family law, his commitment to pro bono, the publication of two books, his family law legal commentary and mentoring across the legal field.</p> <p>Congratulations to all of the <u>winners and finalists</u>.</p>
14/03/2024	<p>4PB celebrates two wins at the Women and Diversity in Law Awards 2024</p>
08/03/2024	<p>4PB Celebrates International Women's Day 2024</p> <p>In celebration of International Women's Day 2024 and this year's theme, "Inspire Inclusion," 4PB explores the importance of women in leadership roles.</p> <p>We sit down with three of our very own trailblazing members, <u>Barbara Mills KC</u>, <u>Anita Mehta</u> and <u>Samantha Woodham</u>, to unravel the profound influence that women in leadership positions can wield—how their influence resonates within the legal profession, extends to their colleagues, and sets a compelling precedent for those who will follow in their footsteps.</p> <p><u>Watch Now</u></p>
07/03/2024	<p>2024 edition of the Dictionary of Private Children Law now out</p> <p>The 2024 edition of the Dictionary of Private Children Law is now out. Co-authored by <u>Piers Pressdee KC</u>, together with Zoe Saunders and Prof Rob George, and with a foreword by Lord Justice Baker, it is an invaluable guide for all lawyers working in the private children law field, providing ready access to the relevant case-law, statutory sources and points of practice.</p> <p>To purchase the latest edition, please click <u>here</u></p>
01/03/2024	<p>4PB nominated in 3 Categories at the Bar Pro Bono Awards</p> <p>We are proud to announce that we have been nominated in 3 categories at the Bar Pro Bono Awards 2024.</p>
01/03/2024	<p>Important Decision in VS v KS on Stay and the Appropriate Forum for Divorce</p> <p><u>Charles Hale KC</u> has acted for the successful respondent in <i>VS v KS [2023] EWHC 3475 (Fam)</i>. This is an important decision on stay, and the appropriate forum for divorce and financial applications.</p>

28/02/2024	<p>Deirdre Fottrell KC presents at the ALC's Representation of Child Party Webinar.</p> <p><u>Deirdre Fottrell KC</u> will speak alongside Mr Justice MacDonald at this afternoon's Association of Lawyers for Children (ALC) <i>Representation of Child Party</i> Webinar.</p> <p>They will consider: the respective roles of a solicitor and of a guardian once a child has been joined as a party to proceedings; when a child should be separately represented in #HagueProceedings; the role and remit of the solicitor guardian and the admissibility of their opinion evidence.</p> <p>To learn more and register, click here.</p>
27/02/2024	<p>James Nottage awarded a Gray's Inn Ann Goddard Scholarship</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that one of our pupils, <u>James Nottage</u>, was awarded a scholarship from Gray's Inn last week. James received an Ann Goddard Scholarship, meant to support pupils intending to build a practice at the publicly-funded Bar.</p>
27/02/2024	<p>Frankie Shama successfully represents a mother in two applications.</p> <p><u>Frankie Shama</u>, instructed by Dawson Cornwell, successfully represented the mother in her application to relocate to Germany in <i>D v T</i> [2023] EWFC 285, and thereafter in resisting an application for permission to appeal the decision in <i>D v T</i> [2023] EWFC 286.</p> <p>To read both Judgments, see below: D v T [2023] EWFC 285 D v T [2023] EWFC 286</p>
21/02/2024	<p>Piers Pressdee KC, leading Mani Singh Basi are successful in the High Court acting pro-bono for the appellants.</p> <p>Piers Pressdee KC, leading <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> acted for the successful appellants in <i>GM & Anor v EB & Anor (Rules of Evidence)</i>. They both acted pro bono, instructed by Creightons solicitors. The case deals with important principles relating to rules of evidence in private law children disputes, and the judgment comments on the difficulties for the courts in dealing with challenging circumstances as a consequence of LASPO.</p>
21/02/2024	<p>Nicholas Fairbank reflects on London's position as divorce capital of the world in light of the latest Supreme Court decision in Potanin v Potanina in the Law Society Gazette</p> <p>Click here to read the full article</p>
19/02/2024	<p>Charles Hale KC Represented Successful Respondent in an Important Costs Decision Following a Stay Proceedings in Monaco</p> <p><u>Charles Hale KC</u> acted for the successful husband in this important costs decision following successful stay proceedings in favour of Monaco.</p>
16/02/2024	<p>Deirdre Fottrell KC successfully represents the First Respondent in the Court of Appeal</p> <p><u>Deirdre Fottrell KC</u> (4PB), leading Maggie Jones (Garden Court Chambers), has been successful in the Court of Appeal case <u>YM (Care Proceedings: Clarification of Reasons)</u>.</p>

13/02/2024	<p>International Domestic Violence Case and the Use of ‘Lawfare’.</p> <p>Charles Hale KC, leading <u>Julia Townend</u> for the mother; <u>Teertha Gupta KC</u> for the father, all of 4PB were all involved in this case concerning the High Court’s approach to the most serious allegations of domestic violence where the mother fled the jurisdiction to be met with an abduction claim by the father.</p>
12/02/2024	<p>4PB Welcomes Deirdre Fottrell KC to chambers</p> <p>4PB is delighted to announce that <u>Deirdre Fottrell KC</u>, has joined chambers with immediate effect. Deirdre needs almost no introduction; specialising in children law, she is very highly regarded at the family bar. Deirdre also sits as a Deputy High Court Judge.</p>
07/02/2024	<p>Katharine Bundell writes for ThoughtLeaders4 FIRE</p> <p>In an article for ThoughtLeaders4 Fire, <u>Katharine Bundell</u> provides an insightful perspective on Crypto assets in divorce proceedings.</p>
07/02/2024	<p>Charles Hale KC and Nicholas Fairbank comment on Supreme Court ruling.</p> <p>In an article for STEP Journal <u>Charles Hale KC</u> and <u>Nicholas Fairbank</u> comment on the recent Supreme Court ruling in <u>Pontanina v Pontanin [2024] UKSC 3</u>.</p>
05/02/2024	<p>Christopher Hames KC and Pippa Sanger successfully opposed an application to strike out a claim for financial remedies on public policy grounds, representing the client on a pro bono basis.</p> <p>This was a pre-emptive application by the husband to strike out the wife’s claim for financial remedies pursuant to public policy principles on the basis of the wife’s alleged bigamy following a 20-year marriage, characterised by abuse and for which there were two children now living with the wife. The husband relied on the Court of Appeal authority of <i>Whiston v Whiston</i> [1995] Fam 198.</p>
26/01/2024	<p>The Divorce Surgery wins Family Innovator of the Year at the British Family Law Awards.</p> <p>We are delighted and proud of our very own <u>Samantha Woodham</u> and <u>Harry Gates</u> who won Family Innovator of the Year with The Divorce Surgery at the inaugural British Family Law Awards 2024.</p> <p>A full list of the winners can be found here.</p>
25/01/2024	<p>Samantha Woodham shortlisted at the Women & Diversity in Law Awards 2024</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Samantha Woodham</u>, who has been shortlisted for <i>Innovator of the Year</i> at the Women and Diversity in Law Awards.</p>
19/01/2024	<p>Joanne Brown will be appointed to King’s Counsel</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Joanne Brown</u>, who will be appointed to King’s Counsel. Joanne will be formally sworn in at a ceremony later this year, where the Lord Chancellor will present Letters Patent on behalf of His Majesty The King. Joanne’s appointment will take our total number of silks to 24.</p>
17/01/2024	<p>Mani Singh Basi is shortlisted for the “Legal Personality of the Year” award at the LexisNexis Legal Awards 2024</p> <p>We are thrilled that <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> has been shortlisted for the “Legal Personality of the Year” award at the LexisNexis Legal Awards 2024. The award honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in the legal sphere in the past year. The winner will be decided by vote, so please join us in supporting Mani. Voting closes at 17:00 on Friday, 16 February; click here to vote</p>

05/01/2024	Teertha Gupta KC and Ralph Marnham write for Today's Family Lawyer on the challenges facing UK Family Courts and schools surrounding transgender children
03/01/2024	4PB welcomes Charlotte Georges to chambers Chambers are delighted to announce that Charlotte Georges, formerly of 36 Group, has joined 4PB with immediate effect.
14/12/2023	Financial Remedy Essay Competition 2023 - Winners Announcement This year, 4PB was proud to launch the inaugural Financial Remedy Essay Competition to nurture excellence and innovation in the field of financial remedies. As a leading family law set, we recognise the value of continuous learning and the exchange of ideas for the advancement of family law practice. With this opportunity, we aimed to introduce current law students, as well as those who completed their studies and were actively seeking pupillage, to the realm of Financial Remedies law in the hope that they will be inspired to further explore this area of law. The title for this year's essay was: "Courts should consider a party's behavior in the division of financial assets. The case law has set the bar too high."
05/12/2023	Mani Singh Basi and Alex Halliday published in the LexisNexis Family Law Journal In an article published by the LexisNexis Family Law Journal, titled 'Setting Aside 1980 Hague Convention Return Orders: Where Are We Now?', Mani Singh Basi and Alex Halliday explore the circumstances when a party to proceedings may apply to set aside a final order in the context of 1980 Hague Convention proceedings. Click here to read the article.
04/12/2023	Mani Singh Basi and Alex Halliday obtain a committal and publicity order in wardship proceedings in the High Court Mani Singh Basi, leading Alex Halliday, has successfully obtained a committal and publicity order in wardship proceedings in the High Court, in H v Butt & Anor [2023] EWHC 3042 (Fam). To read the full judgment, please click here
02/12/2023	10 members of 4PB appeared in the Court of Appeal for C v M (A Child) (Abduction: Representation of Child Party). 10 members of 4PB were instructed in the Court of Appeal case: C v M (A Child) (Abduction: Representation of Child Party) following the dismissal of the father's application for a summary return order under the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention.
30/11/2023	4PB welcome a delegation from the Malaysian Bar 4PB was thrilled to host a delegation from the Malaysian Bar in chambers on Wednesday.
24/11/2023	Rosanne Godfrey Lockwood wins Citywealth Barrister of the Year Silver Award We are delighted and proud to announce our very own Rosanne Godfrey Lockwood has won the Barrister of the Year Silver Award at Citywealth's Future Leaders Awards 2023.
14/11/2023	Nick Fairbank and James Nottage discuss the significance of Potanin v Potanina on divorce tourism in London In an article published by Family Capital, Nicholas Fairbank and James Nottage discuss Divorce Tourism in London, and the potential impact of the Supreme Court's decision in Potanin v Potanina. To read the article in full, click here .

01/11/2023	<p>Barbara Mills KC leads delegation to Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration</p> <p><u>Barbara Mills KC</u>, Joint Head of Chambers, headed a delegation representing the Bar Council of England and Wales in her capacity as Vice-Chair Elect 2024, during a visit to Nairobi.</p> <p>To read the full article featured in Today's Family Lawyer, click here.</p>
23/10/2023	<p>4PB Members Instructed in the Landmark Case: LB of Hackney v P & Ors [2023] EWCA Civ 1213</p> <p>4 members of 4PB were instructed in the pivotal case of LB of Hackney v P & Ors [2023] EWCA Civ 1213.</p> <p>The landmark judgment, which was handed down on 19 October 2023, authoritatively determined the relevant date for establishing jurisdiction under Art. 5 of the 1996 Hague Convention, an issue that has troubled the High Court since the UK left the EU. It has also reached important conclusions about the jurisdiction to make public law orders in care proceedings, where a child is habitually resident elsewhere but present in E&W. This case is of significance for children's law disputes with an international element.</p> <p>Henry Setright KC was instructed by Dawson Cornwell and appeared on behalf of the appellant. Jacqueline Renton, Charlotte Baker and Frankie Shama were instructed by Goodman Ray on behalf of the intervener IAFL: International Academy of Family Lawyers.</p> <p>Read the full judgment here</p>
20/10/2023	<p>Anita Mehta and Olivia Piercy write for Financial Remedies Journal</p> <p>In an article published in the Financial Remedies Journal, <u>Anita Mehta</u> (4PB) and <u>Olivia Piercy</u> (Hunters Law) ask whether it is time to consign the gasp factor (when analysing conduct in financial remedy proceedings) to the history books.</p> <p>Within the article they also give the details of a multi-disciplinary working party they are forming in their roles at Resolution, to look first at the treatment of economic abuse within financial remedy proceedings.</p>
09/10/2023	<p>4PB are delighted to welcome Mai-Ling Savage</p> <p>Chambers are delighted to announce that <u>Mai-Ling Savage</u>, formerly of Garden Court Chambers, has joined 4PB with immediate effect.</p>
05/10/2023	<p>Chris Barnes represents journalist in challenge to reporting restrictions: Tickle v Father & Ors [2023] EWHC 2446 (Fam)</p> <p>In a judgment of the Honourable Mrs Justice Lieven, sitting on an appeal from the Family Court in Manchester, handed down today, <u>Chris Barnes</u> successfully appealed from a decision of His Honour Judge Haigh to adjourn an application to lift reporting restrictions to permit reporting of a hearing conducted on 21st and 22nd August 2023.</p>
03/10/2023	<p>4PB are delighted to welcome Simon Rowbotham</p> <p>Chambers are delighted to announce that <u>Simon Rowbotham</u>, formerly of 7BR, has joined 4PB with immediate effect.</p>
02/10/2023	<p>4PB Welcomes 2023/24 Pupil Cohort</p> <p>We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to our exceptional pupils <u>Susannah Burley</u> and <u>James Nottage</u>, who join chambers today.</p> <p>Susannah will be supervised by <u>Katharine Bundell</u>, <u>Michael Edwards</u> and <u>Greg Davies</u>. James will be supervised by <u>Nicholas Fairbank</u>, <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> and <u>Joanne Porter</u></p>

02/10/2023	<p>4PB Welcomes 2022/23 pupil cohort to Tenancy</p> <p>4PB are delighted to announce <u>Nadia Campbell Brunton</u>, <u>Kieran Ball</u> and <u>Alexandra Halliday</u>, our 2022/ 2023 pupil cohort, have successfully completed their pupillage and join us as tenants today.</p> <p>Join us in congratulating them all.</p>
28/09/2023	<p>Emma Spruce comments on the dilemma facing judges when issuing anonymity orders in family law cases.</p> <p>In an article published in The Times, <u>Emma Spruce</u> comments on the anonymity orders and dilemma judges face when deciding “the extent to which private issues should be released into the public domain.” in family law cases.</p> <p>To read the article in full, click here.</p>
19/09/2023	<p>Kieran Ball has completed his Pro Bono Pupil Pledge.</p> <p>Join us in congratulating <u>Kieran Ball</u>, who has successfully fulfilled his #PupilPledge, dedicating 25 hours to #probono work during his second six practice in 2023.</p> <p>Kieran has accepted tenancy with 4PB, starting 1st October 2023, upon successfully completing pupillage.</p> <p>If you want to learn more about Advocate and how you can help to provide #AccessToJustice, click here.</p>
15/09/2023	<p>Surrey Family Law Day 2023</p> <p>In a conference hosted by Resolution, <u>Catherine Wood KC</u>, alongside other members of the 4PB Arbitration Team, will be presenting a talk on Arbitration at the Surrey Family Law Day on 27th September at Sandown Race Course.</p>
15/09/2023	<p>Alistair G Perkins Principal Lecturer at the Judicial Institute for Africa Conference.</p> <p>In a 5 day conference organised and funded by Cape Town University for the Judicial Institute for Africa, <u>Alistair G Perkins</u> will be addressing 28 High Court and Court of Appeal judges from; Botswana, South Africa, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, the Seychelles, Uganda, Zambia, Zanzibar and Zimbabwe, on the 1980 Hague Convention and child abduction generally.</p>
07/09/2023	<p>Chris Barnes speaker at KCL conference - Protection and Justice in Times of Counter-Terrorism: Insights from France and the UK.</p>
05/09/2023	<p>Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2023 - 4PB Nominations</p> <p>We are delighted to be shortlisted for Family Law Chambers of the Year and for the Family Law Community Interaction Award at the Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2023. Additionally, we are also proud to see our members shortlisted in an additional five categories. Congratulations to:</p> <p><u>Charles Hale KC</u> – Family Law KC of the Year</p> <p><u>Mani Singh Basi</u> – Family Law Junior Barrister of the Year, Family Law Commentator of the Year and International Family Lawyer of the Year.</p> <p><u>Frankie Shama</u> – Family Law Young Barrister of the Year</p> <p>‘Talking Family Law’ – The Resolution Podcast with <u>Anita Mehta</u> of 4PB and <u>Simon Blain of Forsters</u>. – Family Law Commentator of the Year.</p>

22/08/2023	<p>Samantha Woodham comments on the efficacy of prenuptial agreement</p> <p><u>Samantha Woodham</u> comments on the effectiveness of Britney Spears and Sam Asghari's prenuptial agreement and potential outcomes under UK law following their highly publicised divorce proceedings.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
14/08/2023	<p>Alan Inglis in memorium</p> <p>It is with great sadness that 4PB announces the death of our friend and colleague, <u>Alan Inglis</u>. Alan was unique; the only family barrister and advocate, qualified to practice in England and Wales and Scotland, he was admired and very much loved on both sides of the border.</p>
28/07/2023	<p>Kieran Ball writes for Wealth Briefing</p> <p><u>Kieran Ball</u> comments in Wealth Briefing on a ruling by the Supreme Court against a claim to pursue financial relief during or after divorce when a spouse has died.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
28/07/2023	<p>Baljinder Bath write for Local Government Editors</p> <p><u>Baljinder Bath</u> writes for Local Government Editors on the deprivation of liberty laws and how they are not fit for purpose in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
27/07/2023	<p>Jacqueline Renton and Mani Basi successfully defend 1980 Hague Convention case</p> <p><u>Jacqueline Renton</u>, leading <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> successfully defended a 1980 Hague Convention case in <u>Z v Z [2023] EWHC 1673</u>. In particular, the case was successfully defended on a) wrongful retention b) habitual residence and c) Article 13b.</p> <p>The case provides useful guidance on these exceptions to a summary return.</p> <p>To read the full judgment click here.</p>
27/07/2023	<p>Joy Brereton KC and Frankie Shama successful in Court of Appeal</p> <p><u>Joy Brereton KC</u> and <u>Frankie Shama</u> were successful on behalf of the appellate mother in the Court of Appeal in a case regarding a Judge's assessment of the ability of a child to instruct their own solicitor.</p> <p>Click here to read the full judgment.</p>
25/07/2023	<p>12 Members of 4PB in the Court of Appeal</p> <p>12 members of 4PB, <u>Ruth Kirby KC</u>, <u>Adele Cameron Douglas</u>, <u>Miriam Best</u>, <u>Mark Jarman KC</u>, <u>Mani Singh Basi</u>, <u>Chris Hames KC</u>, <u>Indu Kumar</u>, <u>Charlotte Baker</u>, <u>Henry Setright KC</u>, <u>Harry Langford</u>, <u>Michael Gratton KC</u> and <u>Michael Edwards</u> are in the Court of Appeal today in a joint appeal of Re D and Re KR. The joint appeals consider important evidential issues relating to 1980 Hague Convention proceedings.</p>
17/07/2023	<p>Mani Singh Basi on Qualified Legal Representatives, in The Guardian.</p> <p>In an article published in The Guardian today, <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> alongside the President of the Family Division, Sir Andrew MacFarlane, comment on the use of 'Qualified Legal Representatives' and the challenges faced.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
29/06/2023	<p>Rachel Chisholm writes about compulsory mediation.</p> <p>In an article for Lexis Nexis, further to the issue of the consultation by the Ministry of Justice, <u>Rachel Chisholm</u> writes about the implications of compulsory mediation, including potential benefits, disadvantages and the proposed 'reasonable attempts' criteria.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>

28/06/2023	<p>Jo Porter writes local government publication, The MJ</p> <p><u>Jo Porter</u> writes about child neglect and the impact of the financial crisis on the family, practical support available and the responsibilities on the local authority for a child identified as a child in need.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
28/06/2023	<p>Mani Singh Basi writes for Resolutions Review</p> <p>Writing for Resolutions Review, <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> provides tips for practitioners, 'Dealing with habitual residence in child abduction cases'.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
27/06/2023	<p>Rachel Chisholm shortlisted for 2023 Resolution Awards.</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Rachel Chisholm</u> who has been shortlisted with The Mediation Space for two awards, Innovation and Working in Collaboration at the inaugural 2023 Resolution Awards.</p> <p>See the full shortlist here.</p>
26/06/2023	<p>Chris Barnes and Charlotte Baker write for IFLJ</p> <p>In an article for the International Family Law Journal, <u>Chris Barnes</u> and <u>Charlotte Baker</u>, write about the impact of Re H-N and K v K on private law cases where there are allegations of domestic abuse.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
26/06/2023	<p>Mani Basi writes for the Law Society Gazette.</p> <p>In an article for the June edition of the Law Society Gazette, <u>Mani Basi</u> writes about the role of the 'Qualified Legal Representative' in family law cases.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
23/06/2023	<p>4PB Pupils to take Tenancy at 4PB in October 2023</p> <p>4PB are delighted to announce our 2022/ 23 Pupil Cohort, <u>Nadia Campbell Brunton</u>, <u>Kieran Ball</u> and <u>Alex Halliday</u>, have all been offered tenancy, upon the successful completion of pupillage, starting 1st October 2023.</p> <p>Congratulations to our Pupil Barristers, taking us to a total member count of 90.</p>
13/06/2023	<p>Mani Singh Basi writes for Today's Family Lawyer</p> <p><u>Mani Singh Basi</u> writes for Today's Family Lawyer, providing 'a practical guide for stranded spouses'.</p> <p>Read the article in full here.</p>
06/06/2023	<p>Samantha Woodham comments in The Independent.</p> <p><u>Samantha Woodham</u> provides comment in an article for The Independent today on Prince Harry taking the stand and the focus required for cross-examination and the potential of weaknesses being exposed.</p> <p>To see the comment, click here.</p>
06/06/2023	<p>Mani Singh Basi invited on to BBC Radio 4 - Law in Action</p> <p><u>Mani Singh Basi</u> was invited to BBC Radio 4 Law in Action, to speak today about his recently released book, on the issues and impact of spouses abandoned overseas in family law cases.</p> <p>To download the program click here.</p>
23/05/2023	<p>Mani Singh Basi authors a book on 'Stranded Spouses'.</p> <p>In a book published this week by Law Brief Publishing, <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> provides, 'A Practical Guide to 'Stranded Spouses' in Family Law'.</p>

22/05/2023	<p>Barbara Mills KC elected as Bar Council Vice Chair for 2024</p> <p><u>Barbara Mills KC</u> has been elected as the Vice Chair of the Bar Council for 2024, becoming the first specialist family practitioner in 35 years to take up the role and the first Black person and first person of colour to assume the office.</p>
18/05/2023	<p>Catherine Wood KC joins a panel of Judges for a moot at Winchester College.</p> <p><u>Catherine Wood KC</u> joins a panel of judges led by <u>Nicholas Le Poidevin KC</u> of New Sqaure Chambers, <u>Roger L. Michel Jr</u>, The Executive Director and Founder of the Institute for Digital Archaeology and <u>Michael Beloff KC</u>, from Blackstone Chambers for a moot at Winchester College, on Friday 19th May.</p> <p>The issue: <i>'Does the British Museum have legal title to the Elgin Marbles'</i>.</p>
10/05/2023	<p>Barbara Mills KC running for Vice Chair of Bar Council</p> <p>Absolutely delighted and proud <u>Barbara Mills KC</u> is running for Vice Chair of the Bar Council.</p> <p>Voting undertaken by elected members of the Bar Council, closes: Friday 19 May 2023, 10:00.</p> <p>The announcement will take place later that day.</p>
09/05/2023	<p>Rhiannon Lloyd writes for Today's Family Lawyer</p> <p>In an article for <u>Rhiannon Lloyd</u> comments on CPS guidance provided on controlling and coercive behavior and 'love bombing'.</p> <p>Read the full article here.</p>
09/05/2023	<p>Rosanne Godfrey Lockwood shortlisted Citywealth Barrister of the Year.</p> <p>We are delighted and proud to announce our very own <u>Rosanne Godfrey Lockwood</u> has been shortlisted by Citywealth, Future Leaders Awards 2023 for Barrister of the Year.</p>
04/05/2023	<p>Lucy Logan Green writes for the New Law Journal</p> <p><u>Lucy Logan Green</u> writes for the New Law Journal, in an insightful article regarding the necessity of a more robust system for sharing information to ensure that chances to protect vulnerable children are not missed by our social services.</p> <p>Read the full article here.</p>
30/04/2023	<p>Four 4PB member published in The Barrister</p> <p>Four 4PB members have been published in the April edition of The Barrister.</p> <p><u>Frankie Shama</u> looks at Parental Alienation, on page 10.</p> <p><u>Michael Edwards</u>, looks at working parents at the Bar, on page 26.</p> <p><u>Andrew Powell</u> and <u>Lucy Logan Green</u> write about the risks arising from surrogacy reform delays, on page 30.</p>
19/04/2023	<p>4PB sponsor Resolution National Conference 2023 and Barbara Mills KC, keynote speaker.</p> <p>The biggest annual gathering of family justice professionals.</p>
18/04/2023	<p>Andrew Powell joins a panel at Family Law Spring CLE Conference in Las Vegas.</p> <p><u>Andrew Powell</u> will be speaking at the American Bar Association 2023 Section of Family Law Spring CLE Conference in Las Vegas this week. Andrew will join a panel discussing hybrid international surrogacy arrangements.</p> <p>For more information about the conference, click here.</p>

18/04/2023	<p>Nicola Wallace training Jersey Family Lawyers Association.</p> <p><u>Nicola Wallace</u> has been invited back to deliver training on behalf of the Jersey Family Lawyers Association. The training is Excellence in Communication Skills and is taking place today in St Helier.</p>
09/04/2023	<p>Nicholas Fairbank and Olivia Gaunt write for Step Journal</p> <p>In an article for Step Journal, <u>Nicholas Fairbank</u> and <u>Olivia Gaunt</u> write about confidentiality and the family courts, and disclosing papers from financial remedy proceedings.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
06/04/2023	<p>One Year On - No Fault Divorce.</p> <p>Amongst other esteemed family lawyers, <u>Nicholas Fairbank</u>, comments both in <u>The Times</u> and <u>Today's Family Lawyer</u> on the impact of 'No Fault Divorce' one year on to the day, when the legislation was implemented.</p>
06/04/2023	<p>Julia Townend</p> <p>We are delighted to announce <u>Julia Townend</u> has returned to chambers after a period of maternity leave.</p>
05/04/2023	<p>Congratulations to Charles Hale KC, Rex Howling KC and Francesca Dowse.</p> <p>We are delighted to announce <u>Charles Hale KC</u>, <u>Rex Howling KC</u> and <u>Francesca Dowse</u> are now qualified Matrimonial Finance Arbitrators, adding to our growing team of Arbitrators.</p> <p>To read more about the team click here.</p>
03/04/2023	<p>4PB are delighted to welcome Amean Elgadhy (Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year 2022).</p> <p>Chambers are delighted to announce that <u>Amean Elgadhy</u>, formerly of One Pump Court, has joined 4PB with immediate effect.</p>
27/03/2023	<p>Congratulations to our three new Silks.</p> <p>Many congratulations to our fabulous three members, <u>Mark Jarman KC</u>, <u>Judith Murray KC</u> and <u>Dorothea Gartland KC</u> who have been sworn in as King's Counsel in a ceremony that took place at Westminster Hall today.</p>
13/03/2023	<p>2023 edition of the Dictionary of Private Children Law now out.</p> <p>The 2023 edition of the Dictionary of Private Children Law is now out. Co-authored by <u>Piers Pressdee KC</u>, together with Zoe Saunders and Prof Rob George, and with a foreword by Lord Justice Baker, it is an invaluable guide for all lawyers working in the private children law field, providing ready access to the relevant case-law, statutory sources and points of practice.</p> <p>To purchase the latest edition, please click here.</p>
11/03/2023	<p>Rebecca Foulkes writes for Local Government Lawyer.</p> <p><u>Rebecca Foulkes</u> writes for Local Government Lawyer on how the recently launched Reporting Pilot in the family courts will work in practice.</p> <p>Read the full article here.</p>
08/03/2023	<p>4PB mark International Women's Day 2023</p> <p>To mark International Women's Day this year, <u>Jacqueline Renton</u> interviews <u>Alison Grief KC</u> and <u>Indu Kumar</u>, on their journey to the Bar, unearthing the struggles they each faced.</p> <p>The inspiring article also provides tips for those looking to develop a career as a barrister.</p> <p>Read the full article here.</p>

24/02/2023	<p>Urban Lawyers working with 4PB on Schools Outreach Program</p> <p>4PB are delighted and proud to be working with Urban Lawyers. Dr Tunde Okewale MBE, barrister at Doughty Street Chambers and founder of Urban Lawyers.</p>
17/02/2023	<p>Re P (Inherent Jurisdiction Return: Allegations of Female Genital Mutilation and Domestic Abuse: Fact Finding and Return Order: Welfare Analysis)</p> <p><u>Christopher Hames KC</u> and <u>Charlotte Baker</u> acted for the Father and <u>Michael Edwards</u> for the Child, in the father's application for the return of P to Nigeria following her abduction in 2019. P was removed from Nigeria without her father's knowledge and with documents which the mother had obtained by forging the father's signature.</p>
09/02/2023	<p>Resolution: Talking Family Law Podcast on Child Abduction</p> <p>In the Talking Family Law podcast featuring, <u>Michael Edwards</u> and <u>Amy Rowe</u>, Partner at Dawson Cornwell, together with Roz Osborne, (the Director of GlobalARRK which is a charity to support the stuck parent and children) they together discuss the law in respect of child abduction,</p> <p>The Resolution podcast is regularly hosted by our very own <u>Anita Mehta</u> alongside and <u>Simon Blain</u>, Partner at Forsters LLP.</p> <p>To listen to the podcast click here.</p>
08/02/2023	<p>Jacqueline Renton and Mani Singh Basi write for Family Law Week</p> <p><u>Jacqueline Renton</u> and <u>Mani Singh Basi</u>, review the latest key decisions in international children law.</p> <p>Read in full here.</p>
07/02/2023	<p>Nicola Wallace judges Mediation competition in Paris.</p> <p>Nicola Wallace has again been invited as a judge for the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, annual Mediation competition. Over 350 students from universities worldwide compete in mediation scenarios over 5 days from 6-11 February 2023.</p>
06/02/2023	<p>Sam King KC talks to Mani Singh Basi</p> <p>In recognition of Race Equality Week, 6-12th February 2023, <u>Sam King KC</u> talks to <u>Mani Singh Basi</u>.</p>
01/02/2023	<p>Katharine Bundell presents financial remedy updates.</p> <p><u>Katharine Bundell</u>, will be delivering CPD accredited seminars focusing specifically on, 'Ancillary Relief, Capital Pensions & Spousal Maintenance'.</p>
30/01/2023	<p>Mani writes for the New Law Journal on 'Holiday Abductions'.</p> <p>In the third part of a series published by the New Law Journal on 'Holiday Abductions' <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> sets out processes which family practitioners should follow to ensure clients have the greatest opportunity to have their child returned.</p>
24/01/2023	<p>Barbara Mills KC has been appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge.</p> <p>The Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales has appointed Barbara Mills KC as a Deputy High Court Judge.</p>
18/01/2023	<p>Barbara Mills KC speaking at 'HNW Divorce Next Gen'.</p> <p><u>Barbara Mills KC</u> will be joining a panel of speakers at 'HNW Divorce Next Gen', a unique one day event, taking place in London on 23rd March 2023.</p>

16/01/2023	<p>4PB in January Edition of Counsel Magazine.</p> <p><u>Michael Edwards</u> writes in the January edition of Counsel Magazine on ‘Supporting Parents at the Bar’ and the policy deployed at 4PB, to support a return to work. (P.24) In addition to this, both <u>Harry Gates</u> and <u>Samantha Woodham</u>, write about the language used by family lawyers and how that needs to change. (P.30) To read the articles in full click here.</p>
11/01/2023	<p>Nicholas Fairbank and Katherine Broger Bareham write for the FT Adviser.</p> <p>In an article for the FT Adviser, <u>Nicholas Fairbank</u> and <u>Katherine Borger Bareham</u> provide a useful insight on pensions and how they are handled in a divorce settlement. Read the full article here.</p>
03/01/2023	<p>4PB delighted to welcome Katharine Bundell.</p> <p>Chambers are delighted to announce that <u>Katharine Bundell</u>, formerly of Fenners Chambers in Cambridge, has joined 4PB with immediate effect. Katharine is a heavyweight financial remedy practitioner, with particular expertise in Trusts of Land matters. She also undertakes complex work often involving various company structures, jurisdiction conflicts and foreign issues.</p>
23/12/2022	<p>Three New Silks to be appointed from the ranks at 4PB.</p> <p>Three of the 95 appointments approved by His Majesty The King as new King’s Counsel (KC) in England and Wales, are from 4PB. Join us in congratulating <u>Judith Murray</u>, <u>Mark Jarman</u> and <u>Dorothea Gartland</u>.</p>
22/12/2022	<p>4PB are recruiting for a Legal Assistant</p> <p>We have an exciting opportunity to join 4PB, as our Legal Assistant starting early in 2023. If you would like to read more about the opportunity and details of how to apply, click the link here. Applications must be submitted by 20th January 2023.</p>
16/12/2022	<p>Kate Van Rol writes follow up for County Weddings Magazine.</p> <p>In a follow up article for County Weddings Magazine, also published across 19 sister titles, <u>Kate Van Rol</u>, discusses whether current wedding laws are ‘<i>confusing, outdated and restrictive</i>’.</p>
15/12/2022	<p>Frankie Shama writes for The Barrister.</p> <p>In an article for The Barrister, <u>Frankie Shama</u> looks at the use of experts in private children law family disputes involving allegations of parental alienation. Read the full article here.</p>
07/12/2022	<p>4PB Sponsors Killik & Co Christmas Carols</p> <p>4PB are the proud sponsors alongside <u>Blue Square Global</u> of the <u>Killik & Co (Family Office)</u>, ‘<i>An Evening of Carols</i>’ supporting the charity, <u>Time to Talk Befriending</u>. The service is taking place today, 7th December 2022, at Middle Temple Hall.</p>
05/12/2022	<p>4PB announces new Joint Heads of Chambers.</p> <p>Leading family chambers, 4PB has announced <u>Barbara Mills KC</u> and <u>Charles Hale KC</u> as new Joint Heads of Chambers. Charles and Barbara will be taking over from <u>Alex Verdan KC</u>, who has been in the role for over 10 years. Both are leading family Silks with reputations for dealing with the most complex cases across family law.</p>

01/12/2022	<p>Harry Nosworthy DDJ Congratulations to <u>Harry Nosworthy</u> for his appointment as Deputy District Judge sitting in the South Eastern Circuit.</p>
30/11/2022	<p>Barbara Mills KC, Cleo Perry KC and Mani Singh Basi speak at the White Paper Conference. <u>Barbara Mills KC</u>, <u>Cleo Perry KC</u> and <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> join a highly respected panel of speakers at the Caledonian Club today for the White Paper Conference, '<u>Private Children Law & Practice: Shaping New Developments into Solution-Focused Answers for Your Clients</u>'.</p>
30/11/2022	<p>Andrew Powell Chairs Family Law Panel at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. <u>Andrew Powell</u>, is today chairing a conference panel on the 'Future Directions in Surrogacy Law'.</p>
30/11/2022	<p>Congratulations to Ruth Kirby KC appointed Middle Temple Benchers Congratulations to <u>Ruth Kirby KC</u> for her appointment as Benchers for Middle Temple.</p>
29/11/2022	<p>4PB host and Kroll present 'Digital Assets Investigations, Tracing and Recovery'. Thank you to Ben Hamilton (Managing Director) and his team at Kroll for an insightful seminar on digital assets, hosted at 4PB on Tuesday 29th November 2022.</p>
29/11/2022	<p>Two great wins for 4PB at the Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards. Congratulations to both <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> and <u>Cyrus Larizadeh KC</u> for their win at the Lexis Nexis family law awards, that took place on 28th November at the Park Plaza, Westminster.</p>
24/11/2022	<p>Kate Van Rol writes for the Financial Times on Cohabitation Agreements. In an article for the Financial Times, <u>Kate Van Rol</u> looks at cohabitation agreements and their efficacy in UK courts. Read the article in full here.</p>
23/11/2022	<p>Andrew Powell writes about Egg Freezing and Surrogacy Laws in the UK. In an article for Toddle About, <u>Andrew Powell</u> writes about what you need to know before you embark on the egg freezing and surrogacy journey, together with a summary of legal implications to consider under UK law. Read full article here.</p>
23/11/2022	<p>Nicola Wallace trains Jersey lawyers in advocacy. <u>Nicola Wallace</u> is delivering 3 days of bespoke advocacy training in St Helier, Jersey, on behalf of Jersey Family Lawyers Association, taking place between 23rd – 25th November 2022. Delegates from 10 Jersey Family Law firms are attending over three days – honing FDR and trial skills.</p>
21/11/2022	<p>Rachel Chisholm on panel at HNW Divorce Flagship Conference. Our very own <u>Rachel Chisholm</u> will be joining a panel of speakers for the HNW Divorce Litigation flagship conference taking place on 24th November at One Moorgate Place. To book your place click here. 10% discount code HNWDLSPK22.</p>

18/11/2022	<p>Court of Appeal hands down significant judgment considering the impact of Diplomatic Immunity on the safeguarding of children.</p> <p>The Court of Appeal has today handed down judgment in <u>Re AG (A Child) [2022] EWCA Civ 1505</u> concerning the extent to which diplomatic immunity prevents local authorities and the police from taking effective steps to protect children of diplomats subjected to ill treatment by their parents. The Appellant, AG, and her family had come to the attention of public authorities in the course of her father's diplomat posting to the UK.</p>
18/11/2022	<p>4PB Awarded Family Set of the Year.</p> <p>We are ecstatic and proud of the 4PB team awarded Family Set of the Year by Chambers and Partners at the UK Bar Awards that took place on Thursday 17th November 2022.</p> <p>Thank you to all colleagues and friends across the legal profession for your continued support as we progress from strength to strength.</p>
02/11/2022	<p>Landmark decision by the Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p><u>Mani Basi</u> and <u>Carolina Pedreno</u> of Dawson Cornwell have prepared a case note for Leiden Children's Rights Observatory on the landmark decision by the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the Return of a child with autism to Spain under The Hague Convention 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction available here.</p>
31/10/2022	<p>JUSTICE Human Rights Conference</p> <p><u>Jo Delahunty KC</u>, <u>Teertha Gupta KC</u> and <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> are speaking at this year's annual JUSTICE Human Rights Conference on 4th November. The family law session will be chaired by Mrs Justice Gwynneth Knowles DBE.</p> <p>Ticket information can be found here.</p>
24/10/2022	<p>4PB rankings in Chambers UK Bar Guide 2023.</p> <p>4PB is delighted to be recognised by the Chambers UK Bar Guide as the only top tier set in Family Children as well as the ranking in Family Matrimonial Finance with 48 members ranked across the two categories.</p> <p>Thank you to our clients for their ongoing support.</p> <p>See rankings below.</p>
19/10/2022	<p>Family Rights Group Quiz - 20th October 2022</p> <p>The 4PB Family Law team are warming up and looking forward to the renowned <u>Family Rights Group annual quiz night</u> taking place Thursday 20th October at 6pm, at the Doggett's Coat and Badge.</p>
18/10/2022	<p>Rhiannon Lloyd joins expert panel from Irwin Mitchell.</p> <p>In episode 64 of the Irwin Mitchell podcasts, <u>Zahra Pabani</u>, Partner at Irwin Mitchell is joined by an expert family law panel including our very own <u>Rhiannon Lloyd</u> alongside, Irwin Mitchell Client Counsellor, <u>Vicky Lambert</u> and Senior Associate Solicitor <u>Fiona Farrell</u>.</p> <p>The panel discuss how counselling and coaching can benefit clients and how Vicky provides a service tailored to the needs of each client. Listen here.</p>
17/10/2022	<p>Appeal seeking Declaration of Incompatibility in relation to s.2 of the Children Act 1989</p> <p>Caoilfhionn Gallagher KC of Doughty Street Chambers and <u>Chris Barnes</u> of 4PB are appearing in the Court of Appeal on behalf of the appellant mother, instructed by Alexandra Wilks of ITN Solicitors, in a challenge concerning the lack of power to rescind the parental responsibility ('PR') of a married father under s.2 of the Children Act 1989.</p>

17/10/2022	<p>Rachel Chisholm return to work.</p> <p>We are delighted to announce <u>Rachel Chisholm</u> has returned to 4PB after a period of maternity leave. Welcome back Rachel.</p>
14/10/2022	<p>Mani Singh Basi nominated 'Rising Star'.</p> <p>Our very own <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> has been nominated by <u>The Society of Asian Lawyers</u> as a 'Rising Star' at the Asian Lawyer Awards. The awards ceremony will be taking place on Saturday 15th October 2022 at the Royal Lancaster Hotel.</p>
14/10/2022	<p>Central Family Law Court Conference 2022</p> <p>4PB are proud to be supporting the Central Family Court Conference 2022, '<i>Delivering more effective justice</i>' taking place at Guildhall, City of London on Monday 17th October 2022.</p>
13/10/2022	<p>4PB hosts LPMA Race Awareness Workshop</p> <p>4PB are delighted to have hosted the <u>Race Awareness workshop</u> organised by the LPMA on Thursday 13th October 2022.</p>
13/10/2022	<p>4PB Proud Sponsors of IAFL</p> <p>4PB are proud sponsors of the conference organised by <u>International Academy of Family Lawyers</u>. The conference taking place in Ibiza, titled 'Introduction to European Family Law' is taking place over 13-14th October. To read more about the conference click here.</p>
13/10/2022	<p>Nicola Wallace keynote speak at University College, Cork, Ireland.</p> <p>Nicola Wallace is keynote speaker at an evening CPD event at University College Cork, Ireland On 13th October 2022, the CPD event centres on ADR practices and Nicola's presentation is entitled: "<i>I hear what you say, but what are you telling me? Understanding the language of disputes and using it to maximum advantage in Mediation.</i>"</p>
11/10/2022	<p>Ruth Kirby comments in the Law Society Gazette on mediation.</p> <p>Alongside other preeminent colleagues <u>Ruth Kirby KC</u> comments in the Law Society Gazette, on whether mediation can help clear the backlog in family courts. To read the article in full click here.</p>
11/10/2022	<p>Mani writes for the New Law Journal on 'Holiday Abductions'.</p> <p>In a two part series <u>Mani Singh Basi</u> looks at how should a left behind parent proceed when their child is wrongfully retained abroad and the benefits and limitations of the Hague Convention in child abduction cases.</p>
06/10/2022	<p>Shortlisted Bar Pro Bono Junior Barrister of the Year - Jo Porter and Jo Brown.</p> <p>We are delighted and proud both <u>Jo Porter</u> and <u>Jo Brown</u> have been shortlisted for the <u>Advocate Bar Pro Bono Junior Barrister of the Year</u>. The awards are an opportunity to highlight the incredible pro bono achievements of the Bar and celebrate our #AccessToJustice champions and unsung #ProBonoHeroes. The winners will be announced on 2nd November at Middle Temple Hall. To see a full list of all nominations across categories click here. Good luck to all of the nominees and congratulations on the amazing ProBono work you do for Advocate. #WeDoProBono</p>

05/10/2022	<p>Barbara Mills KC standing for Bar Council elections.</p> <p>The Bar Council the governing body of the Bar in England and Wales, represented by a membership of 115 barristers has elections open for voting from today for all barristers to cast their votes. The representatives consider and implement general policy with regard to all matters affecting the Bar, and they also represent and support barristers and the Bar.</p> <p>Our very own <u>Barbara Mills KC</u> is standing for election in the Self-employed King's Counsel category.</p> <p>Please show your support for Barbara by casting your vote via <u>MyBar here</u></p>
03/10/2022	<p>4PB Welcome 2022/ 2023 Pupil Cohort</p> <p>We are delighted to welcome our fabulous three pupils to chambers today. To read more about each of them, please click on the links below.</p> <p><u>Nadia Campbell Brunton</u> <u>Kieran Ball</u> <u>Alexandra Halliday</u></p>
03/10/2022	<p>4PB Welcomes 2021/22 pupil cohort to Tenancy</p> <p>4PB are delighted to announce both <u>Olivia Gaunt</u> and <u>Katherine Broger Bareham</u>, our 2021/ 2022 pupil cohort have successfully completed their pupillage and join us as tenants as of 3rd October 2022.</p> <p>Join us in congratulating, them both.</p>
30/09/2022	<p>Kent Resolution Family Law Day</p> <p><u>Chris Barnes</u>, <u>Charlotte Baker</u> and <u>Ralph Marnham</u> delivered a talk at the Kent Resolution Family Law Day on Friday 1st September 2022. The talk provided a children case update alongside a focus on internal and International relocation cases. The panel also take a look at 'Domestic Abuse in the Family Courts' and 'Controlling and Coercive Behavior'.</p> <p><u>Charlotte Baker</u> writes an article for Resolution, The Review, on '<u>Controlling and coercive</u> behavior: looking beyond the label'. Charlotte looks at what it means to prepare cases where there are allegations of controlling and coercive behavior and the time, resources, and considerable care required.</p>
29/09/2022	<p>4PB delighted with 2023 Legal 500 Rankings</p> <p>4PB are delighted to have been ranked Tier 1 by the Legal 500 for the 7th year in a row in <u>Children Law: Public/Private</u>. 85% of our Silks are ranked, 35% of which ranked Tier 1. Juniors have also done superbly well with 36% ranked and two Rising Stars. We are also proud of our top tier Finance team, 35% of whom have been ranked in <u>Divorce and Financial Remedy</u>.</p>
29/09/2022	<p>Nicola Wallace provide a workshop at the Family Mediators Association</p> <p><u>Nicola Wallace</u> delivered a workshop at the annual <u>Family Mediators Association</u> Conference, that took place at Kings College London on 29th September 2022. The workshop focused on interface between '<u>Family Law & Mediation....coming out of the shadows. Diffusing and de-escalating conflict: theory and practice.</u>'</p>

27/09/2022	<p>4PB launches new Parental Leave Policy</p> <p>4PB are proud of our new Parental Leave Policy recently launched. The policy ensures members pay no rent to chambers during a period of full parental leave up to 12 months and for a further 12 months after their return.</p> <p>This is one of the most progressive parental leave policies at the Bar and is an example of the continued commitment at 4PB to supporting parents to advance and develop their careers at the Bar.</p>
09/09/2022	<p>Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022</p> <p>4PB join with colleagues across the legal professions in mourning the loss of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II.</p>
06/09/2022	<p>Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2022</p> <p>4PB are proud to announce the six nominations received this year by the <u>Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2022</u>.</p>
01/09/2022	<p>Chambers UK Bar Awards 2022 Shortlist</p> <p>4PB is delighted to have been shortlisted for the following awards at this years Chambers UK Bar Awards 2022.</p> <p>Family Law Set of the Year</p> <p>Diversity & Inclusion: Outstanding Contribution - <u>Barbara Mills QC</u></p> <p>Diversity & Inclusion: Future Leader - <u>Andrew Powell</u></p> <p>The winners will be announced at the <u>Chambers UK Bar Awards 2022</u> on Thursday 17th November.</p>
22/07/2022	<p>Mani Singh Basi writes for the New Law Journal.</p> <p>In an article for the New Law Journal <u>Mani</u> addresses the wrongful retention of children under the 1980 Hague Convention and the options available to the parent left behind. Further Mani goes on to look at the inherent jurisdiction of the courts in England & Wales when a child is retained in a country which is not a signatory to the Hague Convention.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
11/07/2022	<p>Katie Wood writes for the FT.</p> <p>In a Q&A for the Financial Times, <u>Katie Wood</u> addresses whether postnuptial agreements are worthwhile and how the family courts are likely to view them.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
23/06/2022	<p>Teertha Gupta QC and Mani Singh Basi write for The Times.</p> <p>In an article for The Times, <u>Teertha Gupta QC</u> and <u>Mani Singh Basi</u>, discuss the trauma suffered by an increasing number of 'stranded spouses', and how English courts are adept at dealing with such cases.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
18/06/2022	<p>Klara Slater writes for The Lawyer, providing tips for pupillage applicants.</p> <p><u>Klara Slater</u>, a new tenant at 4PB, provides some tips for tackling the pupillage application process and making the most of your first six when you get there.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
07/06/2022	<p>Legal Assistant Position</p> <p>We are currently recruiting for a new Legal Assistant. The closing date is 17th June 2022. Full details about the role and how to apply can be found here.</p>
02/06/2022	<p>Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>Her Majesty The Queen celebrates Platinum Jubilee for 70 years of service.</p>

01/06/2022	<p>Anna Comboni writes for Resolution The Review.</p> <p>Writing for Resolution The Review, <u>Anna Comboni</u> looks at the strict procedure that must be followed for rare applications of security of costs in the family courts. Despite the lack of practice direction, Mostyn J's judgment in <i>MG v AR [2021] EWHC 3063 (Fam)</i> provides valuable guidance.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
01/06/2022	<p>Emma Spruce writes for Resolution The Review.</p> <p>Writing for Resolution The Review, <u>Emma Spruce</u> looks at English Singer, Songwriter, Adele's divorce after a short marriage and the questions it raises on the equality principle, as well as the calculation of the acquest.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
31/05/2022	<p>Judith Murray and Sophie Connors write for The FT Adviser.</p> <p>In an article for the FT Adviser, <u>Judith Murray</u> and <u>Sophie Connors</u> look at 'how the courts tackle the devious disposing of assets in a divorce'.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
30/05/2022	<p>Jonathan Nosworthy joins 4PB as Associate Tenant.</p> <p>We are delighted to welcome <u>Jonathan Nosworthy</u>, Head of the Family Finance Team at St Philips Chambers to 4PB as an Associate Tenant.</p>
23/05/2022	<p>Kate Van Rol writes for Country Wedding Magazine.</p> <p>Following temporary legislation introduced during the pandemic, the Government recently announced that they'll permanently be making outdoor marriages across the UK legal.</p> <p>There is however, a criteria which couples must meet in order for an outdoor wedding ceremony to be legally valid. <u>Kate Van Rol</u> advises on how to navigate the legality of getting married in an outdoor setting.</p> <p>Read the full article here.</p>
23/05/2022	<p>Child Law Arbitrators</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Ruth Kirby QC</u> and <u>Michael Edwards</u> who have qualified as Child Law Arbitrators.</p> <p>To instruct Ruth or Michael as Arbitrators, please contact our Clerks at clerks@4pb.com.</p>
11/05/2022	<p>4PB Sponsor the Finance Update at Resolution National Conference 2022.</p>
28/04/2022	<p>Alex Verdan QC - 60 Second Interview with CityWealth</p> <p>Our Head of Chambers, <u>Alex Verdan QC</u> nominated for Barrister of the Year for the second year in a row, by <u>CityWealth Magic Circle Awards 2022</u>, provides a 'Special Magic Circle: 60 second' interview.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
14/04/2022	<p>Rachel Chisholm nominated for Resolution Award.</p> <p><u>Rachel Chisholm</u> as one of the founding member of The Mediation Space LLP, has been nominated for a prestigious Resolution Award which celebrates family professionals who have championed the Resolution Code of Practice and played a part in creating a better family justice system for all.</p>
08/04/2022	<p>The Divorce Surgery book launch.</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Sam Woodham</u> and <u>Harry Gates</u> on the publication of their guide to divorce. 'The art of untying the knot', provides a clear, calm 10-step plan to divorcing without conflict while still getting the best results for everyone involved.</p>

06/04/2022	Charles Hale QC comments on the Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act effective 6th April 2022.
28/03/2022	Alexandra Wilson profile in the New Law Journal. <u>Alexandra Wilson</u> discusses why she is committed to making change happen at the Bar and beyond, in her profile piece for the New Law Journal. To read the article in full, click here .
21/03/2022	Congratulations to our new 2022 Silks. A huge congratulations to our new Silks, <u>Joy Brereton QC</u> and <u>Michael Gration QC</u> , who have been appointed Queen's Counsel in a ceremony that took place today at Westminster Hall, presided over by the Lord Chancellor.
21/03/2022	Nicola Wallace invited as guest lecturer by Maastricht University. <u>Nicola Wallace</u> has been invited as guest lecturer to speak at Maastricht University for the Maastricht University/ Royal Academy Executive in Executive Masters in Cultural Leadership on 25th March 2022. Nicola will be examining comparative jurisdictions, alternative dispute options and highlighting the invaluable role of mediation in disputes arising in family wealth disputes and the Art and Cultural Heritage sectors.
15/03/2022	Julia Townend on BBC Radio Solent Listen to <u>Julia Townend</u> on BBC Radio Solent on the Steve Harris Breakfast Show discussing the Government's new pilot scheme in family courts of Dorset & North Wales, aiming to better support victims of domestic abuse. The pilot looks to improve the level of information shared by police and local authorities with the family courts, reducing the prospects of victims having to recount their traumatic experiences in court, alongside giving children a greater voice in any proceedings. Click here to listen 8 minutes in to the link.
14/03/2022	Andrew Powell will be speaking at the upcoming Union Internationale des Avocats. <u>Andrew Powell</u> will be speaking at the upcoming Union Internationale des Avocats event on 'Modern Families: Current Challenges, Equal Rights & Ways to Protect their Wealth'. He will be speaking with a panel of experts on 1 April 2022. Click here for booking details.
23/02/2022	Mani Basi and Lucy Logan Green write for the Family Law Journal. <u>Mani Basi</u> and <u>Lucy Logan Green</u> explore the issue of withholding notice of care proceedings from parents without parental responsibility in the February edition of the Family Law Journal. To read the full article click here .
17/02/2022	Mani Basi writes for the International Family Law Journal Mani Basi published an article for the International Family Law Journal considering the procedure for rights of access under Article 21 of the 1980 Hague Convention. To read the full article click here .

16/02/2022	<p>Frankie Shama writes for LawCareers.Net</p> <p>A must read for all pupillage applicants.</p> <p><u>Frankie Shama</u> took tenancy with 4PB early this year. In this article Frankie talks about his route to the Bar, and his experience of pupillage with 4PB.</p> <p>Read the full article here.</p>
07/02/2022	<p>Nicola Wallace selected to Judge at the ICC Mediation Competition.</p> <p><u>Nicola Wallace</u> has again been invited as a Judge at the 17th <u>ICC Mediation competition, International Chamber of Commerce</u>. The competition, usually held at the ICC headquarters in Paris, is once again moved online this year. In excess of 350 students and coaches from over 35 countries will be competing over 8 days.</p>
29/01/2022	<p>Piers Pressdee QC writes for Today's Family Lawyer.</p> <p><u>Piers Pressdee QC</u> writes for Today's Family Lawyer, considering the implications of <i>MG v AR</i>, a case in which Piers represented the Mother.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
27/01/2022	<p>Mani Basi and Clarissa Wigoder write for the Family Law Journal.</p> <p><u>Mani Basi</u> and <u>Clarissa Wigoder</u> write for the January edition of the Family Law Journal. The article explores the current law on interim removal.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
24/01/2022	<p>Rhiannon Lloyd writes for Parent Time.</p> <p><u>Rhiannon Lloyd</u> writes for <u>Parent Time</u>, providing readers with '10 top tips for single parents seeking to get financial support from another parent'.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
17/01/2022	<p>Transparency in the Family Court and violence against women</p>
06/01/2022	<p>Barbara Mills QC calls for action, tackling race inequality in the legal profession.</p> <p>In an article published in <u>The Guardian</u>, our very own <u>Barbara Mills QC</u>, who is also co-chair of the Bar Council's race working group, and one of only five black QC's in England and Wales, has said 'the time has come for action and "no more talk" when it comes to tackling race inequality in the legal profession'. Barbara describes the next 12 months 'as "critical" to tackling systemic obstacles at the bar.'</p> <p>Read the full article here.</p>
04/01/2022	<p>4PB delighted to welcome Alexandra Wilson.</p> <p>Chambers are delighted to announce that, as of today Alexandra Wilson, formerly of 5 St Andrews Hill, has joined 4PB.</p>
04/01/2022	<p>4PB Welcomes Pupils 2021 cohort to Tenancy</p> <p>4PB are delighted to announce all three members of our 2021 Pupil cohort have successfully completed their pupillage and join us as tenants as of 4th January 2022. Join us in congratulating, <u>Klara Slater</u>, <u>Frankie Shama</u> and <u>Anna Comboni</u>.</p>
22/12/2021	<p>Joy Brereton and Michael Gration to be appointed Queen's Counsel</p> <p>4PB is delighted to announce that <u>Joy Brereton</u> and <u>Michael Gration</u> will be appointed to the rank of Her Majesty's Counsel by the Lord Chancellor, taking the number of silks at chambers to 20.</p> <p>The Lord Chancellor will preside over the appointment ceremony at Westminster Hall on 21st March 2022, where they will be formally bestowed the title of QC.</p>

10/12/2021	<p>Griffiths v Tickle: Members of Chambers represent Rights of Women in intervention in Transparency Proceedings</p> <p>Two members of 4PB, Chris Barnes and Charlotte Baker, led by Caoilfhionn Gallagher QC of Doughty Street Chambers represented Rights of Women in their intervention in the High Court and Court of Appeal.</p>
09/12/2021	<p>Piers Pressdee QC writes for Lexis Nexis on MG v AR.</p> <p>Piers Pressdee QC, writes for LexisNexis UK on 'When and how should security for costs be ordered in family proceedings?' (MG v AR). Read the full article here.</p>
07/12/2021	<p>Barristers launch equality, diversity and inclusion directory</p> <p>Andrew Powell is one of nine barristers from the inaugural Bar Council Leadership Programme who have launched the Bar's first ever Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Directory.</p>
06/12/2021	<p>4PB delighted to welcome Chris Stevenson</p> <p>Chambers are delighted to announce that Chris Stevenson, formerly of Fourteen, has joined 4PB with immediate effect.</p>
25/11/2021	<p>4PB wins big at the Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2021.</p> <p>4PB members win QC of the Year, Junior Barrister of the Year and Case of the Year, at the Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2021.</p>
18/11/2021	<p>Professor Jo Delahunty QC awarded Outstanding Contribution to Diversity Inclusion by Chambers & Partners</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC, won an award, amongst esteemed colleagues acknowledged by Chambers and Partners on 18th November for the new category recognising, Outstanding Contributions to Diversity & Inclusion.</p>
16/11/2021	<p>First reported family case on security for costs since the FPR</p> <p>Piers Pressdee QC (instructed by Alexiou Fisher Phillips) succeeded for the mother in MG v AR [2021] EWHC 3063 (Fam), the first reported family case on security for costs since the Family Procedure Rules came into being.</p>
15/11/2021	<p>Mani Basi presents part IV in a series for the Family Law Journal.</p> <p>Mani Basi writes for the Family Law Journal in Part IV, looking at Local authority input into private law proceedings and parental alienation. Published in the November edition of the Family Law Journal [2021] Fam Law 1428. To read in full click here.</p>
01/11/2021	<p>4PB have moved !</p> <p>Read more about our new location here.</p>
01/11/2021	<p>Hassan Khan appointed Circuit Judge</p> <p>A huge congratulations to Hassan Khan who has been appointed Circuit Judge and will start sitting at Wood Green Crown Court from 2nd November 2021. Your 4PB Family will miss you but wish you every success on this next step. To read the official announcement, click here.</p>
07/10/2021	<p>Andrew Powell speaking at Annual JUSTICE Human Rights Conference.</p> <p>The Annual JUSTICE Human Rights Conference returns over Zoom on 11th and 12th October. Our very own Andrew Powell joins a panel speaking on Family and Children Rights.</p>

27/09/2021	<p>Congratulations to Michael Edwards</p> <p>Many congratulations to Michael Edwards who has been appointed as a Deputy District Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.</p>
06/09/2021	<p>4PB receive nine nominations in the Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2021.</p> <p>4PB are delighted and proud of our members, with the NINE nominations received in the Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2021, including Family Law Chambers of the Year - London.</p>
01/09/2021	<p>Leading family set 4PB moves to new home</p> <p>Leading family set 4PB is moving to a new address – St Martin’s Court, Paternoster Row. The move comes as the set found it increasingly needed a more modern and accessible space with far better facilities.</p>
16/08/2021	<p>Dorothea Gartland together with Maria Wright, write for the Family Law Journal (Aug 2021)</p> <p>In the August edition of the Family Law Journal, <u>Dorothea Gartland</u> and Maria Wright the senior legal adviser at <u>Children and Families Across Borders</u>, provide a guide to inter-country placements of children and the assessment of long term carers. To read the article in full click here.</p>
05/08/2021	<p>Congratulations to Barbara Mills QC.</p> <p>Many congratulations to <u>Barbara Mills QC</u> from her family at 4PB for her appointment as Governing Bencher for the Inner Temple.</p>
04/08/2021	<p>Pupil Barrister, Frankie Shama in the Court of Appeal</p> <p><u>Frankie Shama</u>, represented Northumberland County Council in Re B (Children). The appeal concerns the circumstances in which fathers without parental responsibility and Article 8 rights in respect of a child are entitled to receive notice of care proceedings.</p>
31/07/2021	<p>Jo Porter writes for Local Government Lawyer</p> <p>In writing for the Local Government Lawyer, Jo Porter examines maximising support for families in the straining children social care sector, in need for urgent reform, to support families and avoid crisis. To read the full article click here.</p>
23/07/2021	<p>Jo Porter writes for Local Government News</p> <p>The independent review of children’s social care, ‘The case for change’, revealed the system is in urgent need of reform, identifying several issues, thus inviting further feedback for the next phase of the review. <u>Jo Porter</u> examines the tension between the rigid statutory framework around child protection and the frontline child protection work done with families. To read the article in full click here.</p>
20/07/2021	<p>Case providing guidance on the operation of the 1996 Convention, further to UK’s exit from the EU.</p> <p>In Re D (Care Proceedings: 1996 Hague Convention: Article 9 Request) [2021] EWHC 1970 (Fam), <u>Henry Setright QC</u> and <u>Chris Barnes</u> acted for the local authority in proceedings before Mrs Justice Knowles concerning an application under the 1996 Hague Convention in respect of a child in Switzerland.</p>

08/07/2021	<p>Charles Hale QC and Michael Edwards write for the Times on the impact of non qualifying sharia marriages.</p> <p>Because traditional Islamic ceremonies are legally considered ‘non-qualifying’, vulnerable spouses are being trapped in marriages – or left destitute, write <u>Charles Hale QC</u> and <u>Michael Edwards</u>. Two years on from <u>Akhter v Khan</u>, the case in which campaigners hoped would lead to a change in the law, Muslim women continue to be treated differently to virtually all other women in society.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
05/07/2021	<p>Landmark appeal against the recognition of a Polish order</p> <p><u>Henry Setright QC</u> and <u>Harry Langford</u> appeared before Mr Justice Cobb in a landmark appeal against the recognition of a Polish order under the Brussels II Revised Regulation.</p>
17/06/2021	<p>Court of Appeal case establishing that placement and private law non-agency adoption proceedings can be heard in parallel.</p> <p><u>Piers Pressdee QC</u> and <u>Joanne Porter</u> (instructed by Griffiths Robertson) appeared in the significant Court of Appeal case of R (Care Proceedings: Joinder of Foster Carers) [2021] EWCA Civ 875.</p>
17/06/2021	<p>Mani Basi and Lucy Logan Green present part III in a series for the Family Law Journal.</p> <p><u>Mani Basi</u> and <u>Lucy Logan Green</u> write for the Family Law Journal in Part III, looking at ‘Local authority input into private law proceedings’. This third instalment focuses on the circumstances in which the local authority may become involved within private law proceedings through a S.37 report and where they may then decide to issue public law proceedings.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
16/06/2021	<p>Harry Gates writes for SME Today.</p> <p><u>Harry Gates</u> writing for SME Today looks at the practicalities on whether you can still run a company together after getting divorced, by way of reflecting on the divorce of Bill and Melinda Gates.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
16/06/2021	<p>4PB Panel of experts host a mock arbitration for Irwin Mitchell.</p> <p>The complexities of International relocation often need more time, more thought and more attention, all of which can often be better served in an arbitration setting. A 4PB panel will host a mock arbitration examining arising issues, taking place on 23rd June, from 8.30am to 10am.</p>
09/06/2021	<p>Stephen Lyon writes for ePrivate Client on whether arbitration is the right route to resolution in a more complex divorce.</p> <p><u>Stephen Lyon</u> examines whether arbitration is right for those in protracted or bitter divorce proceedings and outlines the sanctions a court can impose that are not available to an arbitrator.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
04/06/2021	<p>Cyrus Larizadeh QC, appointed by the UK Government to train lawyers in Bermuda.</p> <p><u>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</u> has been appointed by the UK Government to create a framework for Litigation Guardians in Bermuda and to train their lawyers in the representation of children the next 12 months. He has been invited to visit the island to work with the family justice community to create the best tandem model going forward.</p>

04/06/2021	<p>Anita Mehta writes for the FT Adviser.</p> <p>In an article for the FT Adviser, Anita Mehta reflects on the divorce of Bill and Melinda Gates, looking at separation agreements, the advantages of them and the courts approach to them.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
03/06/2021	<p>Charles Hale QC writes for CityWealth.</p> <p>Charles Hale QC joins other leading lawyers, writing for CityWealth, in an article debunking four common divorce myths.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
02/06/2021	<p>Nicholas Fairbank and Klara Slater, write for ePrivate Client about Arbitration in divorce proceedings.</p> <p>Nicholas Fairbank and Klara Slater write for ePrivate Client on the advantages, and the 'cloak of invisibility', arbitration offers high net worth individuals.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
24/05/2021	<p>Julia Townend writes for the The Barrister on the Domestic Abuse Act 2021</p> <p>Julia Townend provides a review of key achievements of the transformative Domestic Abuse Act 2021.</p> <p>To read the article in full click here.</p>
24/05/2021	<p>Ralph Marnham writes for the Lexis Nexis Family Law Blog, reviewing G v G.</p> <p>In <i>G v G</i> [2021] UKSC 9, the Supreme Court determined that a child in 1980 Hague Convention proceedings who could objectively be understood to be an applicant for asylum could not be returned to the country from which they sought refuge before the final determination of the asylum claim. Ralph Marnham considers the issues.</p> <p>To read the full article on the Lexis Nexis Family Law Blog, click here.</p>
17/05/2021	<p>Henry Setright QC and Michael Gration, write for the Family Law Journal.</p> <p>Henry Setright QC and Michael Gration analyse the Supreme Court's examination of the relationship between the 1980 Hague Convention and the Refugee Convention.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
17/05/2021	<p>Greg Davies writes for the Lexis Nexis family law blog, on Local authority duties in relation to EU Settled Status for looked after children.</p> <p>Greg Davies (who represented the children in <i>Re Z</i>), looks at the implications of the decision in <i>W and Re Z</i> (EU Settled Status for Looked After Children) [2021] EWHC 783 (Fam) as to important questions of law and procedure concerning children's immigration status under the UK's European Union Settlement Scheme (EUSS). Specifically, in <i>W and Re Z</i>, the court provided clear and comprehensive guidance for all local authorities in respect of looked after children, care leavers and children in need.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
15/04/2021	<p>Christopher Hames QC writes for Family Office Magazine on divorce, pensions and Brexit.</p> <p>Christopher Hames QC looks at the impact of Brexit on financial settlements in the UK, and pension sharing orders.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
31/03/2021	<p>Prof. Jo Delahunty QC addresses 'Diversity in the Legal Profession', in her last lecture for Gresham College.</p> <p>In this, my final lecture as Gresham Professor of Law, I am joined by Derek Sweeting QC, Chair of the Bar Council who, despite the enormous demands on his time, joins me in discussion with Mass Ndow Njie of Bridging The Bar, Brie Stevens Hoare QC and Toby Coupe.</p>

30/03/2021	John Tughan QC provide the March update for Family Law Week To read in full click here .
29/03/2021	Ralph Marnham writes for Today's Family Lawyer <u>Ralph Marnham</u> explores the lack of regulation around international surrogacy and the implications it has.
26/03/2021	Five members of chambers appeared in the recent medical treatment case of AC v CD & Others [2021] EWHC 741 (Fam) The case concerned a declaration sought by XY's parents that they could lawfully consent to the prescription and administration of puberty blockers.
26/03/2021	Alistair Perkins represents Muslim woman ordered to remove her veil by High Court Judge. Judge Sarah Morgan ordered a Muslim woman to remove her veil while giving evidence at a virtual Family High Court hearing, in a case where <u>Alistair Perkins</u> represented the Mother in a dispute with her estranged husband over their children.
23/03/2021	4PB and Alex Verdan QC Shortlisted for a CityWealth Magic Circle 2021 Award We are proud and delighted that we have been shortlisted for a Citywealth Magic Circle Award 2021 for Chambers of the Year, and our Head of Chambers, <u>Alex Verdan QC</u> , for Barrister of the Year.
22/03/2021	Mani Basi and Lucy Logan Green present the second part in a two part series for the Family Law Journal. <u>Mani Basi</u> and <u>Lucy Logan Green</u> write for the Family Law Journal in Part II, looking at 'Local authority input into private law proceedings'. This second instalment further considers the intersection of private and public children law on the law relating to special guardianship orders.
19/03/2021	Henry Setright QC and Michael Gration appear for successful appellant in the Supreme Court. <u>Henry Setright QC</u> and <u>Michael Gration</u> appeared together with Jason Pobjoy and Emmeline Plews of Blackstone Chambers, (instructed by A&N Care Solicitors) before the Supreme Court, in a landmark decision considering the relationship between the 1980 Hague Convention and the Refugee Convention.
19/03/2021	Andrew Powell writes for Fertility Road <u>Andrew Powell</u> writes for Fertility Road, discussing the impact the pandemic has had on people embarking on parenthood via surrogacy, and the need for reform of existing laws in relation to surrogacy in the UK.
17/03/2021	Emma Spruce writes for Legal Week <u>Emma Spruce</u> discusses the advantages of 'remote justice' and the benefits that can be achieved should remote hearings continue after lockdown restrictions are lifted. To read the full article click here .
11/03/2021	Charles Hale QC writes for the Financial Times <u>Charles Hale QC</u> , writes for the Financial Times, on second marriages and prenups. To read the full article click here .

10/03/2021	<p>Clarissa Wigoder writes for The Money Pages on Familial Loans.</p> <p><u>Clarissa Wigoder</u> provides tips on how you might look to secure a familial loan, so it is protected and managed effectively where there is a division of assets in a separation or divorce.</p> <p>To read the full article in full, click here.</p>
05/03/2021	<p>Samantha Woodham, Citywealth, Champion of the Year 2021</p> <p>We are proud and delighted <u>Samantha Woodham</u> has been awarded, Champion of the Year 2021, by the <u>Citywealth, Powerwomen of the Year Awards</u>.</p>
02/03/2021	<p>Piers Pressdee QC, co authors Dictionary of Private Children Law.</p> <p>Class Legal are launching the 'Dictionary of Private Children Law' at an online event taking place on 16th March 2021, at 4.30pm. <u>Piers Pressdee QC</u>, will be hosting the introduction to the publication, alongside co authors, HHJ Edward Hess, Zoe Saunders, and Dr Rob George. For more information, click here.</p>
01/03/2021	<p>Diplomatic Immunity and Care Proceedings to be considered by the Divisional Court.</p> <p><u>Prof Jo Delahunty</u>, <u>Chris Barnes</u>, and <u>Lucy Logan Green</u>, along with <u>Prof Antonios Tzanakopoulos</u>, Associate Professor of International Law, University of Oxford Faculty of Law and Fellow in Law, St Anne's College, are appearing before the Divisional Court, on 2nd and 3rd March 2021, in a case considering an application for a declaration of incompatibility concerning the immunity provisions of the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964 which implements the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.</p>
19/02/2021	<p>Alex Verdan QC and Frankie Shama, Pupil Barrister, write for the New Law Journal, on family arbitration.</p> <p><u>Alex Verdan QC</u> and <u>Frankie Shama</u> ask whether the Court of Appeal decision in Hayley makes family arbitration, including in children cases, a better option.</p>
16/02/2021	<p>Clarissa Wigoder writes for The Money Pages</p> <p><u>Clarissa</u> looks at financial considerations to be aware of when entering a second marriage, and explains how to ring fence your assets to ensure wealth remains secure.</p>
15/02/2021	<p>Kate Van Rol writes for Planning Your Wedding Magazine.</p> <p><u>Kate Van Rol</u> writes for Planning Your Wedding Magazine, looking at "Should couples be able to get married anywhere?".</p>
15/02/2021	<p>Teertha Gupta QC writes for Today's Family Lawyer.</p> <p><u>Teertha Gupta QC</u>, provides a family lawyer's perspective on the UK-EU, Trade Cooperation Agreement, in a follow up article, 'Deal, what deal?'</p>
12/02/2021	<p>Court of Appeal case addressing whether the court has power to restrict possession of case papers</p> <p><u>Kate Branigan QC</u> of 4PB and Sarah Branson (instructed by Lock & Marlborough Solicitors) for the Respondent Mother, in a Court of Appeal case addressing whether the court has power to restrict possession of case papers after the conclusion of the proceedings and, if so, how that power is to be exercised.</p>

10/02/2021	<p>Court of Appeal case on relevant principles on consent in Hague Convention cases.</p> <p><u>Christopher Hames QC</u> and <u>Alistair Perkins</u> appeared in the important Court of Appeal case of <u>Re G[2021] EWCA Civ 139</u>, 9 February 2021 where Lord Justice Peter Jackson re-stated the relevant applicable principles on consent in Hague Convention cases and has provided authoritative guidance on the exercise of discretion arising after a finding of consent.</p> <p>To read the full judgment click here.</p>
10/02/2021	<p>Nicola Wallace selected to Judge at the ICC Mediation Competition.</p> <p><u>Nicola Wallace</u> has again been invited as a Judge at the <u>16th ICC Mediation competition International Chamber of Commerce</u>. This competition, usually in Paris, has been moved online this year. 48 teams from a total of 39 countries. Over 100 professionals and over 250 students and coaches. Today she is delighted to have been selected as a semi-final Judge.</p>
05/02/2021	<p>4PB becomes the first family set to sign up to the 10,000 Black Interns Programme</p> <p>4PB have become one of the first barristers sets to sign up and commit to the <u>10,000 Black Interns programme</u>.</p>
02/02/2021	<p>Four Members in the Court of Appeal.</p> <p>Four members of 4PB are in the Court of Appeal today on an appeal concerning a set aside application made within Hague Convention 1980 proceedings – <u>Chris Hames QC</u> and <u>Indu Kumar</u> for the appellant father, <u>Teertha Gupta QC</u> for the respondent mother and <u>Jacqueline Renton</u> for the child.</p>
02/02/2021	<p>Professor Jo Delahunty QC keynote speaker at Australian NSW Annual Child Protection Conference.</p> <p><u>Professor Jo Delahunty QC</u> is to provide the prestigious keynote lecture at the Australian NSW Annual Child Protection Conference on Thursday 4th February 2021.</p>
01/02/2021	<p>Charles Hale QC speaks at QC Surgery: Complex Finances in HNW Divorce</p> <p><u>Charles Hale QC</u> will be a speaker at 'QC Surgery: Complex Finances in HNW Divorce' on-demand event, available to order from 1st February 2021.</p>
01/02/2021	<p>4PB delighted to welcome Piers Pressdee QC</p> <p>Chambers are delighted to announce that <u>Piers Pressdee QC</u>, formerly of 29 Bedford Row, has joined 4PB with immediate effect.</p>
22/01/2021	<p>Charles Hale QC & Elizabeth Couch write for STEP Journal</p> <p><u>Charles Hale QC</u> and <u>Elizabeth Couch</u> of Browns Advocates write for STEP Journal on the progressive impact the Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Bill 2017 -2019, likely to come into place later this year, will have on divorce law in Guernsey and the UK, in an article titled '<i>The end of the blame game in divorce</i>'.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
20/01/2021	<p>Henry Clayton writes for Family Law Week</p> <p><u>Henry Clayton</u> considers the circumstances in which documents which purport to be privileged are, in fact, admissible for Family Law Week.</p> <p>To read in full, click here.</p>

19/01/2021	<p>Sixteen 4PB members appear in Court of Appeal Case.</p> <p>Today, sixteen members of 4PB will appear in the Court of Appeal in a seminal case concerning the application of PD12J, rape allegations and coercive control in the Family Court.</p>
15/01/2021	<p>Sam Woodham writes about ‘Silver Splitters’.</p> <p>Sam Woodham writes for Legal & General about the growing increase in divorce rates for the over 65’s and why this trend might be developing. To read the full article, click here.</p>
12/01/2021	<p>HHJ Byrt QC</p> <p>Chambers are sad to note the death of HHJ Byrt QC on 2nd January 2021. He was the Head of Chambers from 1975-1983 during which period chambers went from strength to strength and then he took his appointment as a circuit judge. He was a greatly respected and well liked barrister and then judge. Our sincere condolences go to his family.</p>
07/01/2021	<p>Mani Basi and Lucy Logan Green write for the Family Law Journal</p> <p>Mani and Lucy write about the circumstances in which local authority involvement (public law) can become relevant within private law children proceedings. To read the full article click here.</p>
30/12/2020	<p>Virtual Pupillage Open Evening 2021</p> <p>4PB will be hosting a virtual pupillage open evening on Friday 15th January at 6pm. To register your interest click here.</p>
24/12/2020	<p>Andrew Powell writes for Today’s Family Lawyer</p> <p>Andrew Powell writes about the impact the global pandemic has had on international surrogacy arrangements. To read the full article, click here.</p>
24/12/2020	<p>Rosanne Godfrey-Lockwood writes for FT Money</p> <p>Rosanne Godfrey-Lockwood, writes for the Financial Times, addressing how an acrimonious divorce can take a financial toll, and the courts view in such divorces, by way of reviewing the Court of Appeal, Rothschild case. To read the full article, click here.</p>
18/12/2020	<p>Harry Nosworthy writes for EPrivate Client</p> <p>Harry Nosworthy writes for EPrivate Client, a publication aimed at top professional advisers, on the impact Brexit will have on divorce proceedings in courts across EU jurisdictions and the uncertainty that is likely to unfold. To read the full article, click here.</p>
17/12/2020	<p>Congratulations to Ruth Kirby, to be appointed Silk in 2021</p> <p>A huge congratulations to Ruth Kirby, who will be appointed to the rank of Queen’s Counsel in a ceremony (to be announced in due course) when the Lord Chancellor will present her Letters Patent on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen. Ruth takes the total number of silks at 4PB to 17.</p>

01/12/2020	<p>Mani Basi writes for Today's Family Lawyer</p> <p>In a follow up article <u>Mani</u> wrote for <u>Today's Family Lawyer</u> on the impact of diminishing legal aid on family law, <u>Mani</u> looks at judicial diversity, and in particular the lack of female judges as identified in a report which was produced by the Council of Europe's European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice ['CEPEJ']</p> <p>To read the full article, click here.</p>
30/11/2020	<p>Charles Hale QC comments in the Financial Times</p> <p><u>Charles Hale QC</u> comments alongside other esteemed family lawyers on the impact of economic uncertainty brought about by both Brexit and the pandemic, and divorce settlements.</p> <p>To read the full article, click here.</p>
25/11/2020	<p>4PB Headline Partner of the 2020 Family Law Awards</p> <p>4PB are the proud headline partner of the Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards, taking place today.</p> <p>Good luck to 4PB nominees <u>Prof Jo Delahunty QC</u> and <u>Harry Langford</u> and <u>The Divorce Surgery</u>.</p>
25/11/2020	<p>New book on surrogacy law by Andrew Powell</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Andrew Powell</u> who has written a book on surrogacy law entitled 'A practical guide to the law in relation to surrogacy' published last week.</p>
20/11/2020	<p>Client Service Set of the Year 2021</p> <p>Congratulations to the team at 4PB awarded 'Client Service Set of the Year' by Chambers and Partners Guide 2021.</p>
19/11/2020	<p>Harry Nosworthy writes for Today's Family Lawyer</p> <p>In a review of the impact a 'no deal' will have on divorce tourism, <u>Harry Nosworthy</u> examines the potential outcomes.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
18/11/2020	<p>Kate Van Rol writes for County Wedding Magazine</p> <p>In an article published in County Wedding Magazine and across 19 sister titles, <u>Kate Van Rol</u> looks at the biggest reform proposed to England's marriage ceremony law, enabling couples to marry in whatever outdoor location they choose.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
13/11/2020	<p>Family Law Week - Case Summary of key Court of Appeal case, Hayley v Hayley.</p> <p><u>Alex Verdan QC</u> provides a summary of the Court of Appeal judgment in Hayley v Hayley, for Family Law Week. The judgment seeks to address the balance between certainty and fairness in arbitration proceedings.</p> <p>Read the full review here, and the full judgment can be found here.</p>
11/11/2020	<p>Nicholas Fairbank and Emma Spruce write for EPrivate Client.</p> <p><u>Nicholas Fairbank</u> and <u>Emma Spruce</u> evaluate the extent to which a Judge can dictate the sharing of assets when a company is involved, in financial remedy proceedings, pursuant to divorce.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>

10/11/2020	<p>Jo Porter writes for Local Government News.</p> <p>In an insightful piece for Local Government News, <u>Jo Porter</u>, examines the impact Covid-19 is having on local government children's services, and most importantly the steps that need to be taken to ensure the wellbeing of vulnerable children is prioritised, should referrals spike.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
10/11/2020	<p>Mani Singh Basi writes for Today's Family Lawyer.</p> <p><u>Mani</u> examines the impact of diminishing legal aid available in family law proceedings.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
22/10/2020	<p>Barbara Mills QC talks to Catherine Baksi in the The Times</p> <p>In a conversation piece in The Times today <u>Barbara Mills QC</u> talks to Catherine Baksi about her hopes that an appetite for change leads to real progress in the Bar, so to reflect the very society it represents.</p>
13/10/2020	<p>4PB Bridging the Bar</p> <p>We are proud to announce that 4PB is a silver partner on the flagship Bridging the Bar mini-pupillage scheme.</p>
01/10/2020	<p>4PB retains enviable position as the only Legal 500 tier 1 set in Children Law.</p> <p>The incomparable 4PB continue to dominate the Legal 500 in Children Law, with 40% of all leading silks ranked and 60% of all Juniors ranked tier 1.</p>
01/10/2020	<p>Congratulations to 4PB Pupils taking tenancy.</p> <p>4PB are delighted to welcome <u>Clarissa Wigoder</u> and <u>Ralph Marnham</u> to full tenancy after the successful completion of pupillage with Chambers.</p>
01/10/2020	<p>Rhiannon Lloyd writes for The Barrister on the potential boom in divorce rates.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
16/09/2020	<p>Four 4PB members in Court of Appeal case looking at the return of a child under the tensions of refugee status.</p> <p>In a case looking at the interplay between obligations of the state, under the 1980 Hague Convention and under immigration law the Convention and Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees.</p>
15/09/2020	<p>Four 4PB members in landmark Court of Appeal case</p> <p>Four members of 4PB: <u>Christopher Hames QC</u>; <u>Jacqueline Renton</u>; <u>Charlotte Baker</u> and <u>Harry Langford</u> were involved in a Court of Appeal decision concerning habitual residence and third state returns under the Hague Convention 1980.</p> <p>To read the full judgment click here.</p>
14/09/2020	<p>Baljinder Bath writes for Resolutions The Review</p> <p><u>Baljinder Bath</u>, evaluates the pros and cons of remote hearings and the impact of technology on the family justice system. To read the full article, click here.</p>
11/09/2020	<p>Michael Edwards and Ralph Marnham write for the Solicitors Journal</p> <p><u>Michael Edwards</u> and <u>Ralph Marnham</u> write for the Solicitors Journal on the live streaming of family hearings in the Court of Appeal. Read the full article here.</p>
08/09/2020	<p>Family Law Awards shortlist Jo Delahunty QC and Harry Langford</p> <p>A huge congratulations to Jo Delahunty QC and Harry Langford, shortlisted by Lexis Nexis in the Family Law Awards.</p>

24/08/2020	<p>Court of Appeal emphasises high bar applied to interim separation cases. <u>Chris Barnes</u> represented the mother in her successful appeal against interim care orders approving the separation of 3 children from their grandparents, with whom they had lived for some 18-months.</p>
07/08/2020	<p>Four 4PB members in Court of Appeal case on the enforcement of foreign orders. Four members of 4PB were involved in this Court of Appeal decision of seminal importance regarding the correct interpretation of article 23(e) of Brussels II Revised Regulation 2003, and the enforcement of foreign orders.</p>
03/08/2020	<p>4PB Members Co Editors of IFLJ Congratulations to <u>Barbara Mills QC</u> and <u>Michael Edwards</u> for their appointment as co editors of the International Family Law Journal. They will be taking the reins of the leading quarterly journal aimed at practitioners and academics from October 2020.</p>
03/08/2020	<p>M (A Child) [2020] EWCA Civ 922 (17 July 2020)</p>
03/08/2020	<p>Rebecca Foulkes We are delighted to announce, Rebecca Foulkes has today returned to 4PB after her period of maternity leave.</p>
30/07/2020	<p>Congratulations to Teertha Gupta QC Many congratulations to Teerth Gupta QC from his family at 4PB for his appointment as Governing Bencher for the Inner Temple.</p>
30/07/2020	<p>Teertha Gupta QC writes for Resolutions The Review Teertha examines the potential impact of Brexit on family law. To read the full article click here.</p>
27/07/2020	<p>Judge removed from child welfare case over ‘pejorative’ remarks made about the mother <u>Alison Grief QC</u> successfully represented the Mother in a Court of Appeal case where the judges upheld a challenge from the child’s Mother asking the High Court Judge in care proceedings to step down from the case.</p>
24/07/2020	<p>Christopher Hames QC looks at pension pots and divorce for The Money Pages. To read the full article click here.</p>
17/07/2020	<p>Francesca Dowse writes for Marie Claire. <u>Francesca Dowse</u> provides Marie Claire readers with six reasons to be very careful when considering dating through a divorce. To read the full article click here.</p>
16/07/2020	<p>Court of Appeal considers whether a child can return to a third state. <u>Christopher Hames QC</u>, <u>Harry Langford</u>, (<i>acting pro bono for the intervenor, The International Centre for Family Law, Policy and Practice, instructed by Laura Coyle of Freemans</i>) and <u>Jacqueline Renton</u> and <u>Charlotte Baker</u> (<i>instructed by Access Law Solicitors</i>) are in the Court of Appeal today on a case called Re B which is considering for the first time at appellate level, whether it is permissible to order a child’s return to a third state under the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention.</p>
04/07/2020	<p>Christopher Hames QC comments in the Financial Times.</p>

25/06/2020	Court of Appeal case looking at the correct interpretation of article 23(e) <u>Jacqueline Renton</u> and <u>Charlotte Baker</u> are in the Court of Appeal today on a case of seminal importance regarding the correct interpretation of article 23(e) of Brussels II Revised Regulation 2003 and the enforcement of foreign orders.
25/06/2020	A (A Child : Surrogacy: S.54 Criteria) [2020] EWHC 1426 (Fam) Andrew Powell and Lucy Logan Green appeared on behalf of the 1st applicant instructed by Cara Nuttal of JMW Solicitors. The court was required to read down 3 limbs of the s54 criteria to make a parental order.
23/06/2020	Jonathan Evans writes for EPrivate Client, in the final part of a three part series, looking at parental responsibility. In a series looking at the perspectives of each of the parties, where the Father has not been identified on the birth certificate, <u>Jonathan Evans</u> presents the issues faced, from the perspective of the child.
18/06/2020	Supreme Court judgment in a landmark case relating to public law children proceedings in Scotland. <u>Henry Setright QC</u> and <u>Andrew Powell</u> , instructed by Linzi Bull (Partner) and Tammy Knox (Senior Associate) of Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP, successfully represented the Safeguarder for the children in the matter of 'XY'.
17/06/2020	Five 4PB members represented various parties in the matter of Re SX [2020] EWHC 1573 (Fam)
12/06/2020	Rhiannon Lloyd comments in the Solicitors Journal on a review of the Presidents paper on 'The Road Ahead for the Family Court'.
09/06/2020	Jonathan Evans writes for EPrivate Client, in part 2 of a three part series, looking at parental responsibility. After reviewing the Father's perspective in part 1, Jonathan looks at parental responsibility from the Mother's perspective, where the Father has not been identified on the birth certificate.
08/06/2020	Kate Van Rol comments in the Sunday Express on the rights of Grandparents in a divorce.
05/06/2020	John Tughan QC provides an update on public law cases concerning children, in Family Law Week.
04/06/2020	Alison Grief QC and Chris Barnes in Court of Appeal case on threshold conditions.
04/06/2020	Miriam Best writes for The Barrister Miriam discusses the gridlock and the impact of remote hearings on the Family courts.
01/06/2020	Significant judgment dealing with diplomatic immunity in child protection proceedings.
29/05/2020	Charlotte Baker writes for Legal Week discussing the pressures on the Family Court and the impact of virtual hearings. To access the article, click here .

29/05/2020	<p>Charles Hale QC writes a comprehensive review on remote hearings for Lexis Nexis</p> <p><u>Charles Hale QC</u> writes a review on remote hearings during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and its use in the longer term, as well as the advantages of hearings taking place remotely and factors that can increase the effectiveness and areas for improvement.</p>
28/05/2020	<p>Chris Barnes and Harry Langford summarise Re H (A Child) in Family Law Week</p> <p>The Court of Appeal decision has significant and far reaching consequences on disputes between a Local Authority and parents and whether a child subject to a care order can be vaccinated.</p>
20/05/2020	<p>Julia Townend writes for Resolution The Review</p> <p>Julia reviews the proposed reform within the Domestic Abuse Bill, and the practical implications of the Bill on the family justice system.</p>
19/05/2020	<p>Rachel Chisholm writes for STEP Journal</p> <p><u>Rachel Chisholm</u> discusses the merits of mediation in keeping the cost of divorce down.</p>
19/05/2020	<p>Congratulations</p> <p><u>Rhiannon Lloyd</u>, appointed Deputy District Judge on the Western Circuit, effective 18th May 2020.</p>
18/05/2020	<p>International Children Law post Brexit</p> <p><u>Teertha Gupta QC</u> writes for the Family Law Journal, providing an in depth review of potential scenarios for International Children Law cases, post Brexit.</p>
05/05/2020	<p>Lieven J judgment and remote hearings</p> <p>Judgment handed down today allowing remote care hearing to proceed with evidence from the parents and other lay witnesses via Zoom. The case involves 5 members of 4PB, <u>Alex Verdan QC</u>, <u>John Tughan QC</u>, <u>Sam King QC</u>, <u>Sally Bradley</u> and <u>Greg Davies</u>. Click here to read the full judgment.</p>
29/04/2020	<p>Ceri White writes for Marie Claire</p>
29/04/2020	<p>Julia Townend writes about the Domestic Abuse Bill and the opportunity to protect the vulnerable.</p>
28/04/2020	<p>4PB Members in the Court of Appeal today.</p> <p>4PB members appear in the Court of Appeal, REMOTELY, in a case about the return of a child from Algeria under the inherent jurisdiction. <u>Teertha Gupta QC</u> leading <u>Cliona Papazian</u> for the Appellant and <u>Ruth Kirby</u>, leading <u>Michael Edwards</u> for the respondent.</p>
16/04/2020	<p>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</p> <p>Cyrus Larizadeh QC joins CLA President Brian Speers and John McKendrick QC to discuss "How Covid-19 is effecting the administration of justice and the presentation of courts." Click here to watch the full video.</p>
02/04/2020	<p>Court of Appeal decision on the vaccination of children in care.</p> <p>Court of Appeal decision reflects a sea change in the approach to the vaccination of children in local authority care overturning an earlier line of authority that treated vaccination as a "grave" and "serious" issue.</p>

30/03/2020	<p>Review of possible surrogacy law reform in England & Wales</p> <p>In a two part series Dorothea Gartland writes for EPrivate Client, a publication aimed at top professional advisers, on the Government's consultation and possible law reform of surrogacy law in England & Wales. Looking at parentage from birth to the prohibitions on surrogacy advertising, the reforms provide hope of real change and a legal system which reflects modern society in this area.</p>
24/03/2020	<p>4PB Financial Remedy Team providing expert out of court family dispute resolution.</p> <p>The 4PB Financial Remedy Team continues to offer the following services to facilitate court hearings and to continue our provision of expert out of court family dispute resolution.</p>
24/03/2020	<p>Coronavirus Update: Remote and electronic working</p> <p>Having had a chance to consider and digest the President's Guidance, as well as the documents circulated by Mr Justice Mostyn and Mr Justice MacDonald, we wanted to let you know what we, at 4PB, are doing to assist with the smooth running of cases over the next few months: Click here.</p>
23/03/2020	<p>Guidance - Remote Access Family Courts</p> <p>Remote Access Family Court paper issued today by Mr Justice MacDonald. To read the full and comprehensive paper, please click here.</p>
20/03/2020	<p>Interim Procedures for Central London Family Court, East London Family Court and West London Family Court</p> <p>Follow the link below to see the interim procedures that will apply for hearings in Private and Public Family Law cases for Central, East and West London DFJ areas.</p>
19/03/2020	<p>President's Guidance For Remote Hearings</p> <p>Please see link below for the just released guidance from the President which gives the green light to remote hearings in family cases.</p>
18/03/2020	<p>COVID 19 Update- 4PB Facilities</p>
17/03/2020	<p>Coronavirus Update: Our working practices and commitment to you</p>
11/03/2020	<p>Women in Family Law Launch Event</p> <p>4PB are proud sponsors of the newly formed Women in Family Law initiative, launching at The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, on Friday 13th March, 6 - 9pm.</p>
10/03/2020	<p>Stephen Lyon writes for Farmers Guardian on the impact of divorce</p> <p>Divorce in farming communities can be particularly complex because farming and family life are so inextricably intertwined. Stephen Lyon examines the difficulties that arise, and potential solutions.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
09/03/2020	<p>Sophie Connors writes for Cosmopolitan on DIY Divorces</p> <p>Sophie Connors examines the advantages and pitfalls of a do it yourself divorce. To read the full article click here.</p>
02/03/2020	<p>High Court order the return of a child from Algeria.</p> <p>The application to appeal the High Court decision to the Court of Appeal is also refused.</p>
26/02/2020	<p>Hassan Khan writes for EPrivate Client</p> <p>Hassan Khan writes for EPrivate Client, a publication aimed at top professional advisers, on the financial and legal rights of sperm donors.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>

25/02/2020	<p>4PB Members Provide Expert Evidence to EU Sub Committee</p> <p>On 25th February 2020, <u>Christopher Hames QC</u> and <u>Jacqueline Renton</u> gave expert evidence at the EU justice sub committee of the House of Lords on the impact of Brexit on family law.</p> <p>To view the evidence session, click here.</p>
25/02/2020	<p>Catherine Wood QC in Court of Appeal on a leading authority case.</p> <p>In the matter of A, B and C (Adoption: Notification of Fathers and Relatives) 2020] EWCA Civ 41, Catherine Wood QC represented the Guardian in a case where the birth of a child had been concealed from the Father.</p>
24/02/2020	<p>4PB Members in Court of Appeal case, developing forced marriage jurisprudence</p>
20/02/2020	<p>Lucy Logan Green awarded Pegasus scholarship</p>
18/02/2020	<p>Harry Nosworthy writes for The Money Pages</p> <p><u>Harry Nosworthy</u> writes for The Money Pages on the financial advantages of civil partnerships for opposite sex couples.</p> <p>To read the full article please click here.</p>
18/02/2020	<p>Harry Nosworthy writes for The Money Pages</p> <p>Harry Nosworthy writes for The Money Pages, on the financial advantages of civil partnerships for opposite sex couples.</p> <p>To read the full article click here.</p>
14/02/2020	<p>The validity of 'non marriages' - Akhter v Khan</p> <p>Court of Appeal decision addresses the validity of 'non-marriages'.</p>
20/01/2020	<p>Jo Delahunty QC, Legal Personality of the Year Finalist</p> <p>Lexis Nexis Legal Awards, Jo Delahunty QC shortlisted for Legal Personality of the Year 2020.</p>
15/01/2020	<p>Two 4PB members join the ranks of Queen's Counsel</p> <p>Barbara Mills and Cleo Perry appointed Silk.</p>
19/12/2019	<p>The impact of divorce and the family run business</p> <p><u>Nicholas Fairbank</u> writes for Global Wealth Management Publication, WealthBriefing, on the impact divorce can have on family run businesses.</p>
11/12/2019	<p>Christmas top tips if you are separated</p> <p><u>Ceri White</u>, writes for Mother and Baby, providing 'A family barrister's top tips for a peaceful Christmas if you're separated'.</p>
06/12/2019	<p>Stephen Lyon writes for the The Money Pages</p> <p><u>Stephen Lyon</u> explains how planning is essential to reduce financial harm, before facing multiple divorce.</p>
05/12/2019	<p>Charles Hale QC comments in the The Telegraph</p> <p><u>Charles Hale QC</u>, comments in the Daily Telegraph, on a new study released today, which finds that children whose parents split before aged 6, are at a greater risk of being bullied, feeling lonely and being unhappy at school.</p>

04/12/2019	<p>Legal 500 Set of the Year and Joy Brereton, Junior of the Year, second year running</p> <p>4 Paper Buildings has been named as Family Children Set of the Year by the Legal 500 for the second year in a row.</p>
13/11/2019	<p>Alan Inglis</p> <p>Alan Inglis provided written submissions to the UKSC on behalf of ABC's father in the case running alongside XY which is being heard today in The Supreme Court.</p>
13/11/2019	<p>Henry Setright QC and Andrew Powell</p> <p>Henry Setright QC and Andrew Powell will be in the Supreme Court today with Penningtons Manches Cooper's Partner Linzi Bull and Senior Associate Tammy Knox, representing the Safeguarder for the children, in the matter of 'XY' – a landmark case relating to public law children proceedings in Scotland</p>
12/11/2019	<p>Jo Delahunty QC</p> <p>Tomorrow, Jo Delahunty QC will be speaking at the Middle Temple event '<u>Survive & Thrive – Judge: Friend or Foe</u>'. The discussion will cover the relationship between Advocates and Members of the Judiciary.</p>
31/10/2019	<p>Eight 4PB members instructed in the Supreme Court matter of NY (A Child) [2019] UKSC 49</p> <p>Henry Setright QC; Teertha Gupta QC; Christopher Hames QC; Mark Jarman; Michael Gration; Jacqueline Renton; Michael Edwards and Charlotte Baker.</p>
30/10/2019	<p>Inspirational Woman of the Year Nomination</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Jo Delahunty QC</u> for her nomination as Inspirational Woman of the Year, in the Barrister of the Year category, by the <u>First 100 Years</u>.</p>
28/10/2019	<p>Indu Kumar</p> <p>We are delighted to announce, Indu Kumar has today returned to 4PB after her period of maternity leave.</p>
23/10/2019	<p><u>Chales Hale QC</u> writes for <u>The Times</u>. In his article he discusses, the much needed law reform required across family law to catch up with societal change.</p>
04/10/2019	<p>Julia Townend on BBC Radio London</p> <p><u>Julia Townend</u> was interviewed on BBC Radio London on the news that Age UK have revealed 200,000 people aged 60 to 74 suffered domestic abuse in England and Wales in one year, with warnings that the total could be higher due to unrecorded abuse. This is poignant given the discussion happening in Parliament around the Domestic Abuse Bill.</p>
03/10/2019	<p>Congratulations to our 2018/19 Pupil Cohort</p> <p>We are delighted to confirm our 2018/19 pupil cohort have all successfully completed pupillage and take tenancy with 4PB . Congratulations to <u>Harry Langford</u>, <u>Emma Spruce</u> and <u>Lucy Logan Green</u>.</p>
03/10/2019	<p>Rosanne Godfrey-Lockwood</p> <p>We are delighted to announce <u>Rosanne Godfrey – Lockwood</u> has joined 4PB today. Rosanne is rapidly developing a successful practice specialising in financial remedy proceedings alongside private children law. She has assisted clients in difficult multi-jurisdictional cases involving pre-marital agreements, complex intervener applications, foreign marital regimes and jurisdiction races.</p>

27/09/2019	4PB top ranked barristers expanding in Legal 500 2020 4PB's member ranking in the Legal 500 expands year on year and this year is no different.
18/09/2019	First 100 Years Jo Delahunty QC was interviewed on episode 9 'The Leaky Pipeline' of The First 100 Years podcast, a series which sets out the journey of women in the legal profession.
16/09/2019	Furhana Mallick A huge warm welcome to our new Chambers Manager Furhana Mallick who starts with us today. It is great to have you as a part of our team.
13/09/2019	The Divorce Sugery Congratulations to Samantha Woodham and Harry Gates who's law firm The Divorce Surgery was ranked 'standout entry' and came in at second place at the Financial Times Awards last night.
11/09/2019	Recorder Appointments Congratulations to Rex Howling QC, Joy Brereton & Dorothea Gartland who have all been appointed as Family Recorders on the South Eastern Circuit- effective from 16th September 2019.
10/09/2019	Jo Delahunty QC Jo Delahunty QC has been included as one of the Middle Temple's 'Women of distinction' in their exhibition ' Celebrating a Century of Women in Law '
05/09/2019	Chambers UK Bar Awards 2019 We are thrilled to announce we have been shortlisted for Family Set of the Year at the Chambers Bar Awards 2019. A huge congratulations also to Dorothea Gartland who has been shortlisted for Family Junior of the Year.
02/09/2019	Family Law Awards 2019 Congratulations to Barbara Mills who has been shortlisted for Junior Barrister of the Year and to Samantha Woodham and Harry Gates on the Divorce Surgery's shortlisting for Family Law Innovation of the Year at the Family Law Awards 2019.
27/08/2019	Cyrus Larizadeh QC Congratulations to Cyrus Larizadeh QC who has been appointed acting Chair of the Family Law Bar Association with immediate effect.
22/08/2019	Anita Mehta Anita Mehta has an article 'Best Practice and Problem Solving in Child Arrangements' in the July/August 2019 version of 'The Review' the magazine of Resolution .
24/06/2019	First 100 Years Jo Delahunty QC joins Funke Abimbola MBE, Christina Blacklawslaw & Sally Boyle in discussion with Lucinda Acland on the First 100 Years Podcast .
20/06/2019	Sperm donors deserve automatic recognition as fathers Samantha King QC and Mark Harper from Hughes Fowler Carruthers write for The Brief Online on the Law Commission's proposals on surrogacy reform & the chance to extend the law to allow a child to have more than two legal parents.

13/06/2019	Rhiannon Lloyd Rhiannon Lloyd writes an article for Female First on <u>'Can the court discriminate against a breadwinner when it comes to divorce?'</u>
13/06/2019	Christopher Hames QC Christopher Hames QC writes for The Money Pages where he considers what you need to know regarding pensions if you and your spouse were to divorce https://www.themoneypages.com/retirement-pensions/divorce-pensions-need-know/
10/06/2019	Cyrus Larizadeh QC Cyrus Larizadeh QC is the opening speaker today in Hamilton on Children Law Reform as part of the Cafcass Delegation at the invitation of the Attorney General of Bermuda. He is assisting the Bermuda Government with transitional arrangements for the Lanzarote Convention.
28/05/2019	Charity Quiz Night Nicola Wallace collaborated with Blake Morgan Solicitors on 16th May in a Charity Quiz night, raising funds for Oxford Children's Hospital. Fully supported by members and staff of 4PB, the evening raised over £4,000 for the charity, who are now in a position to purchase much needed high tech video conferencing equipment.
24/05/2019	Legal Week Client Management Innovation Award Congratulations to Samantha Woodham and Harry Gates who have won the Legal Week Client Management Award for the Divorce Surgery.
20/05/2019	Cyrus Larizadeh QC Cyrus Larizadeh QC has been appointed to visit Bermuda in June as part of a UK delegation to assist the Government of Bermuda and its various agencies with compliance with the extension to Bermuda of the Lanzarote Convention on the Protection of Children.
15/05/2019	Jo Delahunty QC Jo Delahunty QC joined the panel this morning for the launch of the <u>'Us Too? Bullying and Harassment in the Legal Profession'</u> report.
10/05/2019	Andrew Powell and Charlotte Baker Andrew Powell and Charlotte Baker are delivering a seminar today at Ellis Jones Solicitors in Bournemouth on international adoption, surrogacy and donor conception.
29/04/2019	Jo Delahunty QC Jo Delahunty QC has recently written an article for The Barrister on <u>'Politics and the law: Where do we draw the line?'</u>
26/04/2019	Anita Mehta We are delighted to announce that <u>Anita Mehta</u> has joined 4PB today. Anita specialises in Private Law Children and Financial Remedy often instructed in parallel matters. Anita has built up a successful practice with particular focus on complex private law children cases with a fact finding element and high net financial remedy cases in particular TOLATA Schedule 1 Applications.
17/04/2019	Samantha King QC Congratulations to Samantha King QC who has been appointed as a Master of the Bench, Middle Temple.
16/04/2019	Rebecca Foulkes We are delighted to announce that Rebecca Foulkes can now accept cases as a children arbitrator.

19/03/2019	<p>Christopher Hames QC</p> <p>Christopher Hames QC writes for The Times. In his article he encourages the legal profession to promote alternative methods of dispute resolution, such as mediation, arbitration and early neutral evaluation in divorce cases.</p>
13/03/2019	<p>Freedom of the City of London</p> <p>Congratulations to Jo Delahunty QC who is one of the 100 women who received the Freedom of the City of London to commemorate the centenary of the Representation of the People Act 1918.</p>
11/03/2019	<p>Chris Barnes</p> <p>Chris Barnes and Mitali Zakaria Partner at ITN Solicitors consider the case of Re Q for Family Law Week.</p> <p>To read the full article click here</p>
07/03/2019	<p>Politics and the Legal Profession</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC continues her lecture series at Gresham College tonight with a lecture on Politics and the Legal Profession.</p>
07/03/2019	<p>Michael Sternberg QC recognised for Interfaith work</p> <p>Congratulations to Michael Sternberg QC who has received two decorations for his interfaith work – the Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany 2019 and the Knight Commander of the Royal Order of Francis I (Italy) 2019</p>
05/03/2019	<p>Brilliant Minds Conference</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC will be speaking at the Brilliant Minds Conference on the 12th March at Lords Cricket Ground. Jo, joins a number of well know personalities from the world of sports, television and business, including David Coulter MBE and Greg Wallace. Jo will be speaking on how to manage work stress and cope with the fear of failure in Performance.</p>
27/02/2019	<p>Witness Training at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health</p> <p>Chambers assisted the RCPCH in organising yet another successful training day “Child Protection: Examination to Court” at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.</p>
25/02/2019	<p>Circuit Judge Appointment: Oliver Jones</p> <p>Chambers warmly congratulates Oliver Jones on his appointment to Circuit Judge. The Lord Chief Justice has deployed Oliver to the South Eastern Circuit, based within the London Courts with effect from 18th March 2019. He will be known as His Honour Judge Oliver Jones</p>
25/02/2019	<p>Jo Delahunty QC</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC was interviewed on Friday for ‘The World Tonight’ on BBC Radio 4. She discussed the significance and importance of the Bar Councils Judicial Bullying Guidance.</p>
18/02/2019	<p>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</p> <p>Cyrus Larizadeh QC successfully opposed an appeal to the Court of Appeal by a childminder against findings of fact made in a 5 week trial in relation to injuries suffered by a child.</p>
05/02/2019	<p>Children Act has stood the test of time</p> <p>Jo Delahunty writes for The Brief in today’s Times. The insightful article looks at how the Children Act has stood the test of time.</p>
28/01/2019	<p>No-deal Brexit would cut children adrift</p> <p>Teertha Gupta QC comments in The Times about the implications on International Children Law in the event of a No-deal Brexit.</p>

21/01/2019	<p>Julia Townend</p> <p>Julia Townend will be discussing the Draft Domestic Abuse Bill on BBC Radio London today at 5:20pm.</p>
21/01/2019	<p>FLBA Representatives</p> <p>Congratulations to Barbara Mills and Harry Gates who have been elected as the FLBA representatives on the Bar Council.</p>
08/01/2019	<p>Why a 'no fault' divorce would help warring couples</p> <p>Kate Van Rol discusses the introduction of the new 'no fault' divorce and why it could change the landscape for couples who split in YourMoney.com.</p>
03/01/2019	<p>Legal 500 - Awards 2019</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that we have won the prestigious Legal 500 Family Set of the Year and Joy Brereton has won the Legal 500 Family Junior of the Year. The awards ceremony will take place on the 6th February.</p>
13/12/2018	<p>Kate Van Rol</p> <p>Kate Van Rol writes an article for The Times.</p>
05/12/2018	<p>Legal 500 - 2019 Awards Shortlist</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that chambers and a number of individuals have been shortlisted for the Legal 500 - 2019 Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Set of the Year • Clerking Team of the Year • Teertha Gupta QC - Family Silk of the Year • Charles Hale QC - Family Silk of the Year • Joy Brereton - Family Junior of the Year • Michael Gratton - Family Junior of the Year <p>We would like to thank all our clients who have taken the time to speak to the Legal 500 researchers. The winners will be announced on the 3rd January.</p>
03/12/2018	<p>Sexual Harassment at the Bar Lecture</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC gave a lecture at Gresham College, London today as part of the #MeToo movement where she spoke out against sexual harassment around the world and her own experience and said others were suffering too.</p>
23/11/2018	<p>Christopher Hames QC</p> <p>Christopher Hames QC is speaking today for the Spanish Association of Child Abduction practitioners in Madrid on 'mediation as a method of resolution of international child abduction.'</p>
23/11/2018	<p>Executive Committee of the ALC</p> <p>Congratulations to Baljinder Bath who has been nominated to the executive committee of the ALC.</p>
14/11/2018	<p>Andrew Powell</p> <p>Yesterday Andrew Powell attended an evidence session of the All party parliamentary group on surrogacy at the House of Commons. The session, chaired by Andrew Percy MP, was attended by parliamentarians, lawyers, academics, surrogates and intended parents to discuss surrogacy law reform in the UK.</p>

01/11/2018	<p>Chambers & Partners 2019</p> <p>We are thrilled to have once again been ranked as a Leading Set in the 2019 Chambers and Partners Directory. 4PB is the only chambers to occupy band one for Children Law and is also recommended as a leading set for Family Matrimonial work. 32 members of chambers recommended as leaders in the field of Children and Matrimonial Finance.</p>
29/10/2018	<p>Legal 500 2019</p> <p>We are delighted to have a record number of Barristers recommended in the latest Legal 500 Directory. 4PB is the only set occupying Tier One for Children Law, clearing showing chambers strength in the family law market. We have 11 Queens Counsel and 17 Juniors identified as leaders in the field of Children Law. We are ranked in tier two for our Family Law (Divorce and Financial Remedies) practice areas. We have a record number of barristers recommended in the area, with 3 Queens Counsel and 9 juniors noted as leaders in the field. We are grateful to all the instructing solicitors who have taken the time to speak to the researchers and for their on-going support.</p>
25/10/2018	<p>Chambers & Partners Awards</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that <u>Alex Verdan QC</u>, our Head of Chambers, won the Family Law Queens Counsel of the Year at Chambers & Partners Bar Awards last night.</p>
25/10/2018	<p>The growing phenomenon in the court system: litigants in person.</p> <p><u>Rhiannon Lloyd</u> comments in <u>The Times</u> about the growing phenomenon in the court system: litigants in person. The article follows press reports last week that Princess Tessy of Luxembourg represented herself during court proceedings in London against her former husband.</p>
19/10/2018	<p>British & Spanish Law Association Conference</p> <p>Michael Edwards has been invited to speak at the British & Spanish Law Association annual conference in Seville today. Michael will be speaking about International Child Law.</p>
18/10/2018	<p>The Court of Justice of the European Union</p> <p>The Court of Justice of the European Union has handed down judgment this week in Case C-393/18 PPU.</p>
17/10/2018	<p>Step Journal</p> <p><u>Stephen Lyon</u> discusses how to protect inherited possessions in cases of contentious divorce in October's <u>Step Journal</u></p>
15/10/2018	<p>Civil Partnerships</p> <p><u>Charles Hale QC</u> discusses Theresa May's decision to expand civil partnerships to heterosexual couples, and calls for more to be done to protect people in platonic cohabiting relationships in the <u>Daily Telegraph</u>.</p>
15/10/2018	<p>Fiona Munro</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that <u>Fiona Munro</u> has accepted an invitation to join chambers. Fiona is <u>Public Law Children</u> Specialist, known for her strong advocacy skills built up over years of successful practice and her ability to absorb and process cases with complex factual and expert evidence.</p>
02/10/2018	<p>New Tenants</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that <u>Mani Basi</u> and <u>Miriam Best</u> have accepted offers of tenancy following the successful completion of their pupillage.</p>

02/10/2018	White Paper Conference Jo Delahunty QC is speaking at today's White Paper Conference 'Public Children: Shaping New Law into Solution Focused Answers for Your Clients.'
01/10/2018	Ethics In and Out of the Court Room Jo Delahunty QC continues her lecture series at Gresham College on Thursday 4th October at 6pm. The title of her lecture is ' Ethics In and Out of the Court Room '.
27/09/2018	International Children Law Update Jacqueline Renton and Charlotte Baker review the latest key decisions in international children law.
10/09/2018	The 5 worst things you can say during divorce negotiations Sam Woodham writes an article for Female First Magazine on " The 5 worst things you can say during divorce negotiations "
10/09/2018	Kate Van Rol We are delighted to welcome Kate Van Rol back to chambers on the 5th November after her maternity leave.
07/09/2018	Court of Justice of the European Union Teertha Gupta QC, Jacqueline Renton, Chris Hames QC, Brian Jubb and Michael Gration all appear in Court of Justice of the European Union on Friday. The case will determine, inter alia, whether physical presence is a requisite ingredient of habitual residence, pursuant to the Brussels II Revised Regulation 2003.
06/09/2018	Kate Van Rol We are delighted that Kate Van Rol will be returning to practice on 5th November after her maternity leave.
05/09/2018	Alex Verdan QC Congratulations to Alex Verdan QC who has been shortlisted by Chambers & Partners for the Family QC of the Year at the 2018 Chambers Bar Awards
03/09/2018	Family Law Awards We are delighted to announce that four of our barristers have been shortlisted for the prestigious Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Verdan QC and Jo Delahunty QC – Family QC of the Year • Sally Bradley – Family Junior of the Year • Charlotte Baker – Young Family Barrister of the Year
06/08/2018	Baljinder Bath We are delighted to announce that Baljinder Bath has joined 4PB today.
01/08/2018	Christopher Hames QC and Alistair Perkins Christopher Hames QC and Alistair Perkins represented the successful appellant in setting aside a worldwide travel ban.
23/07/2018	Cyrus Larizadeh QC Cyrus Larizadeh QC has been elected a Bencher of Inner Temple.
20/07/2018	Charles Hale QC ' Supreme Court has not put an end to indefinite maintenance .' Charles Hale QC writes an article for The Times.
19/07/2018	Charles Hale QC Charles Hale QC comments for The Times on 'Mills v Mills'

05/07/2018	<p>Do divorces always have to be stressful?</p> <p>Nicholas Fairbank writes for Spears Magazine about the more palatable alternatives to the hostile litigations couples often face in divorce.</p>
28/06/2018	<p>White Paper Conference</p> <p>Christopher Hames QC is speaking at the White Paper Conference today on the subject of Reasonable Needs: 'What are the golden rules of how to challenge a spouse's monthly budget on the grounds of reasonable need? What evidence do you require? What will sway the court? How do you gain and edge?'</p>
28/06/2018	<p>[2018] UKSC 32</p> <p>The Supreme Court handed down their Judgment in the Case of R (on the application of Steinfeld and Keiden) (Appellants) v Secretary of State for the International Development (in substitution for the Home Secretary and the Education Secretary) (Respondent). Rhiannon Lloyd comments on the judgement in The Daily Express</p>
19/06/2018	<p>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</p> <p>Cyrus Larizadeh QC has been invited by the Attorney General of Anguilla and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to review their draft Child Protection Bill 2018. He will also be addressing members of the Assembly, safeguarding agencies, lawyers and the judiciary at the Justice Reform Conference in Anguilla on 22 June 2018. His lecture 'Child Protection in Anguilla – A New Dawn' will be available on the 4 PB website in due course.</p>
15/06/2018	<p>Sam Woodham</p> <p>Samantha Woodham is quoted in an article for the Financial Times today on 'Ten things you ought to know about getting divorced.'</p>
15/06/2018	<p>Charles Hale QC</p> <p>'Deception, Forgery and Lies – Hiding Assets In A Divorce.' Charles Hale QC writes an article for Wealth Briefing.</p>
14/06/2018	<p>Charles Hale QC</p> <p>Charles Hale QC has written an article for The Times on 'Mills v Mills: when should spousal support come to an end?'</p>
06/06/2018	<p>Charles Hale QC</p> <p>Charles Hale QC comments for the MailOnline regarding 'Mills v Mills'.</p>
06/06/2018	<p>Nick Fairbank</p> <p>Nick Fairbank has written an article on 'Bankruptcy and divorce: What next for Boris Becker's assets?' for the International Advisor.</p>
04/06/2018	<p>Charlotte Baker</p> <p>Charlotte Baker is speaking tonight on 'International Relocation: Practicalities and Presentation' at the YRes seminar in Manchester.</p>
24/05/2018	<p>The modern family?</p> <p>Stephen Lyon considers the online divorce process in an article written for The Barrister. To view the article click here.</p>

23/05/2018	<p>The Divorce Surgery</p> <p>Samantha Woodham and Harry Gates have recently established The Divorce Surgery, believed to be the first BSB regulated service that allows separating couples obtain joint legal advice from a single, family law barrister.</p>
23/05/2018	<p>Behind the Gown</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC will be on the panel at the 'Behind the Gown: Ending Harrasment at the Bar?' event this evening. You can book your place here.</p>
22/05/2018	<p>Jacqueline Renton</p> <p>Jacqueline Renton is giving expert evidence today to the House of Lords EU Justice-Sub Committee as to the impact on UK-EU Civil justice cooperation post Brexit.</p>
17/05/2018	<p>Sam Woodham</p> <p>Samantha Woodham has written a piece for The Times with regards to the Owens case in the Supreme Court – <u>Marriage breakdown is just a fact of life — it's time the courts recognised this</u>.</p>
16/05/2018	<p>Stephen Lyon</p> <p>Stephen Lyon, is quoted in the The Times today in respect of the Owens case in the Supreme Court.</p> <p>"It's a fact of life that couples fall out of love and relationships break down – having to scan back through a marriage and find examples of bad behaviour can exacerbate the divorce and turn an already hard time into a much more fraught one. It's time our courts recognised that and hauled divorce law into the 21st century."</p>
16/05/2018	<p>Charles Hale QC</p> <p>Charles Hale QC is speaking today about 'Current International Aspects of Family Finance' at the Bloomsbury Professional Family Law Conference.</p>
09/05/2018	<p>Andrew Powell</p> <p>Andrew Powell will be attending the American Bar Association Family Law Conference in Nashville this week, and will be moderating a panel discussion on international relocation cases.</p>
25/04/2018	<p>Christopher Hames QC and Jacqueline Renton</p> <p>Christopher Hames QC and Jacqueline Renton are being hosted by Setfords this evening presenting a seminar on Re C UKSC.</p>
12/04/2018	<p>John Tughan QC and Rebecca Foulkes</p> <p>John Tughan QC and Rebecca Foulkes are being hosted by Forsters this evening to speak at a talk on 'Public Law Issues in Private Law Children Cases'.</p>
22/03/2018	<p>Recorder Appointment</p> <p>Congratulations to Christopher Hames QC who has been appointed as a Recorder. Christopher has been deployed to sit on the North Eastern Circuit. His appointment is effective from the 4th April.</p>
20/03/2018	<p>Temple Women's Forum</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC and Sam King QC are speaking today at the Temple Women's Forum: It's Never Too Early...To think about applying for Silk.</p>

16/03/2018	<p>IAFL Conference</p> <p>Charlotte Baker and Adele Cameron-Douglas have both received grants from the International Legal and Professional Development Grant programme (funded by the FLBA and the Bar Council) to attend the IAFL Conference in New York in April 2018. The conference, focussing on international family law concepts and practice, will include speakers from throughout the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Europe and South America.</p>
09/03/2018	<p>Alex Verdan QC and Michael Edwards</p> <p>Alex Verdan QC and Michael Edwards are representing LB Sutton in the Inquest into the death of Ellie Butler, which starts on Monday 12 March 2018. The Inquest is listed to last for 2 weeks.</p>
09/03/2018	<p>Re S:</p> <p>Jacqueline Renton and Charlotte Baker represented the father in his appeal to the Court of Appeal. The Court of Appeal is expected to give guidance as regards applications for 'chasing orders' under the wardship jurisdiction when a child has been abducted to another state which is a signatory to the Hague Convention 1980.</p>
26/02/2018	<p>Samantha King QC</p> <p>Congratulations to Samantha King QC who takes her Silk appointment today.</p>
14/02/2018	<p>Re C 2018 UKSC 8</p> <p>The UK Supreme Court has today handed down judgment in Re C 2018 UKSC 8. All seven Counsel involved in the case are from 4PB.</p> <p>The appeal was allowed by a majority decision. The case is a landmark decision in the field of <u>international children law</u>, domestically and internationally, as it establishes that: (a) that repudiatory retention is a legally binding principle in Hague Convention 1980 proceedings and (b) an application for return will fail if the child concerned has become habitually resident in the requested state before any wrongful removal or retention occurs.</p>
13/02/2018	<p>Supreme Court</p> <p>Alex Verdan QC, Michael Edwards and Indu Kumar are in the Supreme Court on Wednesday - Thursday this week, in Williams v LB Hackney. They are representing the Family Rights Group.</p>
06/02/2018	<p>One Hundred Years of Women's Suffrage: Where to Next?</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC is amongst a distinguished panel of speakers at St. Hughs College, Oxford University tonight. The College is hosting a roundtable discussion to celebrate the centenary of this crucial milestone in the development of British democracy, with a panel discussion led by accomplished alumnae from each of Oxford's former women's colleges. To book a place click here</p>
31/01/2018	<p>Jo Delahunty QC</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC will be speaking at Gresham College on Thursday 1st February on "Vulnerable Clients and the Family Justice System." For more information click here</p>
31/01/2018	<p>Nicola Wallace 2nd February 2018</p> <p>Nicola Wallace has again been selected as a judge at the 13th ICC International Mediation Competition at the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris. The competition, the largest of its kind, draws more than 500 competitors from 40 countries, representing 66 university teams.</p>

18/01/2018	<p>Re AB</p> <p>Alex Verdan QC and Cyrus Larizadeh QC appeared in re AB (2018) EWFC 3. The President issued guidance in care proceedings relating to a child with a life limiting condition. The full judgment can be found here.</p>
09/01/2018	<p>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</p> <p>Congratulations to Cyrus Larizadeh QC who has been elected as Vice Chair of Family Law Bar Association. He will be responsible for leading initiatives nationally on a range of issues.</p>
08/01/2018	<p>Special Advocate</p> <p>Congratulations to Michael Edwards on his appointment by the Attorney General as a Special Advocate.</p>
21/12/2017	<p>Queen's Counsel Appointment</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Sam King has been approved as Queens Counsel. The Silk ceremony will take place Monday 26th February.</p>
15/12/2017	<p>Re M (A Child) 2017</p> <p>Catherine Wood QC was successful in the Court of Appeal yesterday in the case of Re M (Child).</p>
04/12/2017	<p>Legal 500 Awards</p> <p>Congratulations to Teertha Gupta QC who is the winner of Legal 500 Family Silk of the Year Award.</p>
30/11/2017	<p>Family Law Awards 2017</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that at the Jordan's Publishing 2017 Family Law Awards the 4PB team won a record four awards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4PB – Family Chambers of the Year • Henry Setright QC – International Lawyer of the Year • Indu Kumar – Young Family Barrister • Mr Hon Justice Williams – won Family QC of the year
27/11/2017	<p>Legal 500 Awards</p> <p>We are delighted to be shortlisted for five different Legal 500 2018 UK awards. The shortlists is as follows:</p> <p>4PB – Family Set of the Year.</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC and Teertha Gupta QC – Family Silk of the Year</p> <p>Dorothea Gartland – Family Junior if the Year</p> <p>Michael Reeves – Senior Clerk of the Year</p>
16/11/2017	<p>2017 Child Representation Conference</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC will be speaking via video link live from Gresham College at the 2017 Child Representation Conference on the 18th November.</p>
15/11/2017	<p>Regulating Surrogacy/Problems and Potential Solutions</p> <p>Andrew Powell will be speaking about 'The view from the Bar: surrogacy in the English courtroom' at the surrogacy law conference taking place at the University of Kent on 17th November.</p>
09/11/2017	<p>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Cyrus Larizadeh QC has been elected as the Vice-Chair of the Family Law Bar Association (FLBA) National Committee from January 2018</p>

08/11/2017	<p>Cleo Perry</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Cleo Perry has been elected to the Family Law Bar Association (FLBA) committee with effect from January 2018.</p>
06/11/2017	<p>Wellbeing Certificate of Recognition</p> <p>We are delighted to be one of the first chambers to be awarded the Bar Council's Certificate of Recognition. The award was announced at the Bar Conference on Saturday 4th November. We are one of 21 Chambers to be awarded the new certificate for our "innovation and invaluable contribution made to the Wellbeing initiative"</p>
03/11/2017	<p>Chambers & Partners 2018</p> <p>We are delighted to have 32 members of chambers recommended as leaders in the field of Children and Matrimonial Finance in the latest Chambers & Partners Directory.</p>
27/10/2017	<p>Chambers and Partners - Family set of the year</p> <p>We are delighted to have won Family Set of the Year at the Chambers & Partners Bar Awards 2017.</p>
12/10/2017	<p>Sam Woodham & Sophie Connors</p> <p>We are delighted that <u>Sam Woodham</u> and <u>Sophie Connors</u> have returned to chambers following their maternity leave.</p>
12/10/2017	<p>Legal 500, 2017</p> <p>We are delighted to once again be ranked as a Top Tier set for our family work. We are the specialist family/children set with the barrister rankings.</p>
06/10/2017	<p>Supreme Court</p> <p>Seven members of 4pb are appearing in the Supreme Court on 9-10 October 2017 in the case of In the matter C (Children) UKSC 2017/0135: Henry Setright QC, Michael Gration for the appellant, Charles Hale QC, Jacqueline Renton and Michael Edwards for the respondent and Christopher Hames QC and Mark Jarman for the intervenor.</p>
03/10/2017	<p>Gresham College Lecture</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC will be speaking at Gresham College this Thursday on "<u>Women Lawyers: Equals at the Bar?</u>"</p>
02/10/2017	<p>New Tenants</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Charlotte Baker, Adele Cameron-Douglas and Abigail Bridger have all accepted offers of tenancy following the successful completion of their pupillage.</p>
12/09/2017	<p>David Williams QC</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that David Williams QC has been appointed to be a Justice of the High Court.</p>
04/09/2017	<p>Chambers & Partners Bar Awards 2017</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted for four Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4PB – Family Set of the Year • David Williams QC – Family Silk of the Year • Jacqueline Renton – Family Junior of the Year • Client Service Set of the Year

04/09/2017	<p>Family Law Awards</p> <p>We are delighted to announce we have been nominated for five awards this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Law Chambers of the Year • David Williams QC – Family Law QC of the Year • Jacqueline Renton – Family Law Junior Barrister of the Year • Indu Kumar – Family Law Young Barrister of the Year • Henry Setright QC – International Family Lawyer of the Year
25/08/2017	<p>Jonathan Cohen QC</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Jonathan Cohen QC has been appointed to be a Justice of the High Court.</p>
21/07/2017	<p>Lord Justice Jackson</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Mr Justice Jackson, a former member of chambers, has been appointed as Lord Justice of Appeal. We send our warmest congratulations.</p>
21/07/2017	<p>Legal Assistant Vacancy</p> <p>We are currently recruiting for a new legal assistant. The closing date is 11th August. For full details please click here</p>
12/07/2017	<p>C (Children) [2017]</p> <p>David Williams QC, Henry Setright QC, Jacqueline Renton and Michael Gration appeared in re C. The case determined that anticipatory retention is a legal concept in Hague Convention 1980 proceedings.</p>
08/06/2017	<p>Nicola Wallace</p> <p>Nicola Wallace is returning to Harvard Law School next week to assist the teaching faculty in the delivery of the 5 day Advanced Mediation Course: <i>Mediating Complex Disputes</i>.</p>
07/06/2017	<p>4PB Family Conference</p> <p>4PB's annual private client conference is on Thursday 29th June at Glaziers Hall. The day conference will cover a number of cutting edge issues such as international and private law transparency and media issues, vulnerable witnesses and personality disorders and finally, financial remedies for children of unmarried parents. The 4PB team will be joined by leading mediators and media law experts. We are delighted the Mr. Justice Alastair MacDonald has agreed to give the key note speech. To find out more and to book a place click here.</p>
24/05/2017	<p>Liverpool Law Society</p> <p>Christopher Hames QC and Michael Edwards are speaking today about the 1996 Hague Convention at the Liverpool Law Society.</p>
23/05/2017	<p>Hassan Khan</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Hassan Khan has been appointed as Legally Qualified Chair and Legal Assessor to the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service.</p>
26/04/2017	<p>Faith Dispute Mediation</p> <p>We are pleased to announce that Nicola Wallace has been accredited as a Faith Dispute Mediator, following successful completion of a 40 hour Faith Disputer Resolution course, with BIMA Mediation.</p>
05/04/2017	<p>Gresham Lecture</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC will chairing the Gresham Lecture "The Family Courts – Are we doing it justice?" on 5th April 2017</p>

22/03/2017	<p>Impact of Brexit on Family Law</p> <p>The House of Lords Justice Committee has published its report on the impact of Brexit on Family Law. David Williams QC and Jacqueline Renton gave evidence to the Committee. The Committee refer to and adopt a number of the concerns expressed by David and Jacqueline</p>
15/03/2017	<p>Witness Training</p> <p>Once more 4 PB, organised by Sally Bradley, joined forces with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in training paediatricians in procedure and the giving of evidence in the family courts. Lord Justice McFarlane gave an impressive closing address about the vital role treating clinicians and medical experts play in the court process. The RCPCH described it as the best training day yet. Many Thanks to all those from chambers who participated</p>
28/02/2017	<p>Guilty until proven innocent?</p> <p>Professor Jo Delahunty QC will be giving a lecture at Gresham College on Thursday 2nd March. Read more</p>
14/02/2017	<p>Legal Assistant</p> <p>We are recruiting for a Legal Assistant. Its a fantastic opportunity to work at 4PB. To find out more and apply for the role click here</p>
02/02/2017	<p>Nicola Wallace</p> <p>Nicola Wallace has been selected as a judge at the 12th ICC International Mediation Competition at the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris. The competition, the largest of its kind, draws more than 500 competitors from 40 countries, representing 66 university teams.</p>
31/01/2017	<p>Teertha Gupta QC</p> <p>Teertha Gupta QC is chairing a workshop at the Taj Bengal in Kolkata, India today. The workshop involves therapists and medical professionals on "Attraction, Addiction and Abuse -Relationships beyond Institutional frames".</p>
26/01/2017	<p>Lawyers in Europe Conference</p> <p>Teertha Gupta QC and Christopher Hames QC are speaking at the Lawyers in Europe Conference on parental child abduction, being held at Harnack-Haus in Berlin.</p>
18/01/2017	<p>Egeneonu v Egeneonu</p> <p>Judgment was handed down today by the President in Egeneonu v Egeneonu[2017] EWHC 43 (Fam) where Alistair Perkins and Christopher Hames QC appeared on opposing sides. The judgment is the first family case to consider whether or not findings of civil contempt amount to criminal offences for extradition purposes. The President also provides important analysis of the wardship jurisdiction.</p>
11/01/2017	<p>Child Arbitration</p> <p>Alex Verdan QC carried out the first 4PB Arbitration concerning a child welfare issue today.</p>
20/12/2016	<p>HHJ Simon</p> <p>Congratulations to Michael Simon who was made a circuit Judge today. HHJ Simon will sit at Blackfriars Crown Court.</p>
15/12/2016	<p>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</p> <p>Congratulations to Cyrus Larizadeh QC who has been appointed Chair of the Children Committee of the Family Law Bar Association with effect from January 2017</p>

06/12/2016	David Williams QC and Jacqueline Renton David Williams QC and Jacqueline Renton give evidence to House of Lords Justice Committee. On 6 December the Lords Justice Committee heard evidence on the impact of Brexit on U.K. law
24/11/2016	Chris Barnes We are delighted to announce that Chris Barnes won the Family Junior of the Year at the Family Law Awards.
22/11/2016	Gresham College Lecture Jo Delahunty QC will be giving a lecture on 'Is One Individual's Radicalism Another's Right to Free Speech' at Gresham College on the 24th November. For further information click here .
17/11/2016	Irwin Mitchell training day A team from 4PB are presenting an in-house training session to 40+ family lawyers. With role plays, led discussions and Q & A's we will explore the problems legal problems confronting the international family when things go wrong.
09/11/2016	Michael Simon Chambers warmly congratulates Michael Simon whom the Queen has appointed as Circuit Judge on the advice of the Lord Chancellor. Michael Simon will be deployed to the South Eastern Circuit, based at Blackfriars Crown Court with effect from Tuesday 20 December 2016.
07/11/2016	Joanne Porter We are delighted to announce that Joanne Porter has joined 4PB today. Joanne has established a busy practice with significant experience in her representation of Local Authorities, children, parents, grandparents and extended family.
02/11/2016	Chambers & Partners 2017 We are delighted to have a record number of barristers recommended in this years Chambers and Partners directory. We have over 30 members of chambers recognised for their Matrimonial Finance and Children Work.
25/10/2016	Legal 500 We are delighted to announce that we have won the Legal 500 Family Set of the Year 2017.
24/10/2016	Joy Brereton Congratulations to Joy Brereton who has been elected to the FLBA committee.
20/10/2016	Legal Assistant Position We have an exciting new position to join the 4PB team, we are currently recruiting for a Legal Assistant take a look at the job specification and how to apply here
19/10/2016	The Legal 500 Awards We are delighted to be shortlisted by the Legal 500 for Family Set of the Year. Jonathan Cohen QC has shortlisted for Family Silk of the Year. Michael Reeves has been shortlisted for Senior Clerk of the Year.
14/10/2016	Mediation Awareness Week Nicola Wallace as member of Art Resolve will be contributing to the Art Resolve Mediation seminar this morning at Hunters solicitors. Lincoln's Inn. The event is part of Mediation Awareness Week.

14/10/2016	Launch of ADR-ODR International Nicola Wallace was invited to host the launch of ADR-ODR International on Thursday 13th October, on behalf of Rahim Shamji, barrister and Chief Executive.
01/10/2016	Jonathan Rustin & Pippa Sanger We are delighted to announce that <u>Jonathan Rustin</u> and <u>Pippa Sanger</u> have accepted our invitation to join chambers following the successful completion of their <u>pupillage</u> .
19/09/2016	Chambers UK Bar Awards 2016 We are delighted to be shortlisted by Chambers and Partners for Family Set of the Year. Sam King has been shortlisted for Family Junior of the Year. The Chambers 2016 Bar Awards will take place on 27th October.
14/09/2016	Legal 500 We are delighted to be recommended in the Top Tier for Children Law and in Band 2 for our Family Finance work. This year we have a record of 12 QC and 17 Juniors recommended as Leaders in the Field of Family Law.
12/09/2016	Refurbishment The refurbishment of the reception, clerks room and waiting area has now been completed. We are sorry for the inconvenience that was caused over the summer. We are now able to host conferences again.
05/09/2016	Jordans Family Law Awards We are delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted for three Family Law Awards. Family Chambers of the Year Chris Barnes for Family Law Junior Barrister of the Year Julia Townend for Family Law Young Barrister of the Year.
13/07/2016	Three new arbitrators We are delighted to announce that three of our silks <u>Alex Verdan QC</u> , <u>Catherine Wood QC</u> and <u>Charles Hale QC</u> are amongst the first to qualify as arbitrators to do children cases.
08/07/2016	Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Awards Congratulations to Jo Delahunty QC who was part of the team of 11 Solicitors and Barristers from the Hillsborough Enquiry who won the Outstanding Achievement award at the Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year awards.
05/07/2016	Court of Appeal Charles Hale QC and Matthew Persson (for the appellant), and David Williams QC and Jacqueline Renton (for the intervener, The Centre for Family Law, Policy and Practice) are appearing today in the Court of Appeal in the case of Re R [2016]. The case will examine the law in respect of internal abductions.
29/06/2016	Hassan Khan We are delighted to announce that Hassan Khan has been appointed as Junior Counsel to the Crown Panel B.
29/06/2016	Nicola Wallace We are pleased to congratulate Nicola Wallace on successfully completing the Advanced Mediation Course: Mediating Complex Disputes, at Harvard Law School, Cambridge MA.

10/06/2016	<p>Lady Justice Eleanor King</p> <p>We are delighted that Lady Justice Eleanor King has kindly agreed to give the closing address out our Private Client Conference on 23rd June at Glaziers Hall. To book your place click here</p>
09/06/2016	<p>Simon Gore Family Law Conference</p> <p>Alison Grief QC, Harry Nosworthy and Julia Townend are all participating in the Mid Year Simon Gore Family Law Conference today. Alison Grief QC will be giving a Private Law Update. Harry and Julia will be speaking on Issues involving acting for vulnerable individuals in divorce.</p>
08/06/2016	<p>Crisis Run</p> <p>We are delighted to have a team of 20 entered into the annual Crisis run next Thursday. The team would be delighted if you could sponsor them for their efforts. To donate, click here</p>
07/06/2016	<p>International Children Law Update</p> <p>Jacqueline Renton has written the latest International Children Law Update for Family Law Week.</p>
19/05/2016	<p>Hertfordshire Resolution Group</p> <p>John Tughan QC and Harry Nosworthy delivered a private law seminar to the Hertfordshire Resolution Group on fact finding hearings, internal relocation and a case and procedure update for 2015-16</p>
17/05/2016	<p>Jo Delahunty QC appointed to 1597 Law Professorship</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Gresham College, London's oldest Higher Education Institution, has appointed of Jo Delahunty QC as Professor of Law.</p>
17/05/2016	<p>London Legal Walk 2016</p> <p>Well done to the 4 PB team who participated in yesterday's London Legal walk. So far the team have raised over £1000. You can donate here</p>
05/05/2016	<p>David Williams QC</p> <p>Chambers are delighted to announce that David Williams QC has been appointed as a trustee of Children and Families Across Borders.</p>
26/04/2016	<p>Hillsborough Inquest concludes 96 fans were unlawfully killed</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC worked alongside Barristers from Garden Court Chambers and Doughty Street who together represented 77 families at the Hillsborough inquests . On 26.4.16 the jury found that the 96 victims of the disaster who died on 15.4.89 were unlawfully killed.</p>
13/04/2016	<p>Henry Setright QC and Michael Gration represent successful appellant in Re N (Children) [2016] UKSC 15</p> <p>The UK Supreme Court has today handed down judgment on the appeal in Re N (Children) [2016] UKSC 15. The case concerned the proper interpretation of Article 15 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 2201/2003 in the context of care proceedings concerning two Hungarian children.</p>
06/04/2016	<p>Robertson v Robertson [2016]</p> <p>Jonathan Cohen QC and Judith Murray appeared for the husband in the widely reported very large financial remedy case for the founder of ASOS, to be found at [2016] EWHC 613 (Fam)</p>
21/03/2016	<p>Podcasts for Family Law Week</p> <p>Family Law Week have published two recent podcasts by members of 4PB.</p>

29/02/2016	<p>Barbara Mills</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Barbara Mills</u> who has received a Certificate of Recognition for Child Only Mediation by the Family Mediation Council.</p>
22/02/2016	<p>Cyrus Larizadeh</p> <p>Congratulations to Cyrus Larizadeh QC who takes his Silk appointment today.</p>
10/02/2016	<p>Witness Testimony in Sexual Cases: Evidential, Investigative and Scientific Perspectives</p> <p><u>Alex Verdan QC</u>, <u>Sam King</u>, <u>Cleo Perry</u> and <u>Rebecca Foulkes</u> have co-authored a chapter entitled "Sexual Allegations and Evidence Gathering in the Family Court" in this new publication from Oxford University Press.</p>
03/02/2016	<p>Re B - Supreme Court Decision</p> <p>Supreme Court decides that a lesbian parent can seek the return of daughter from Pakistan</p> <p>David Williams QC, <u>Alistair Perkins</u> and <u>Michael Gration</u> acted for the successful appellant mother. <u>Henry Setright QC</u>, <u>Hassan Khan</u> & <u>Dorothea Gartland</u> acted on behalf of the International Centre for Family Law, Policy and Practice. <u>Michael Edwards</u> acted for the AIRE centre.</p>
29/01/2016	<p>Conference Facilities</p> <p>The refurbishment of our conference rooms has now been completed. We can offer our clients four different comfortable meeting rooms. Two of the rooms are equipped with the latest video conferencing facilities.</p>
25/01/2016	<p>Michael Edwards</p> <p>Congratulations to Michael Edwards on his appointment to the Attorney General's C Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown. He will now be eligible to represent the Government in family and other proceedings.</p>
13/01/2016	<p>Queens Counsel</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that <u>Cyrus Larizadeh</u> has been approved as Queens Counsel. The Silk Ceremony will take place on 22nd February 2016.</p>
17/12/2015	<p>Recorder Appointments</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that David Williams QC, Oliver Jones and Rebecca Foulkes have all been appointed as Recorders.</p>
14/12/2015	<p>Supreme Court - The matter of B (A Child)</p> <p>A number of members of 4PB appeared before the UK Supreme Court this week in the matter of B (A Child). The case was the first to come before the Supreme Court concerning the rights of a non-biological mother of a child conceived by IUI and the proper approach to determination of the English court's jurisdiction to make orders in relation to such a child.</p>
07/12/2015	<p>Jacqueline Renton</p> <p>Jacqueline Renton has just returned from the European Chapter of International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in Berlin where she spoke on Brussels II(bis) - Parental Responsibility issues</p>
07/12/2015	<p>Baroness Patricia Scotland QC</p> <p>All at 4PB are delighted to warmly congratulate Baroness Scotland PC QC, one of our members, on her appointment on 27 November 2015 as the 6th Secretary General of the Commonwealth.</p>

11/11/2015	Radicalisation: Safeguarding and the Family Courts Conference Jo Delahunty QC and Chris Barnes have been invited to speak at this conference arranged by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on 13th November.
06/11/2015	Jonathan Cohen QC Jonathan Cohen QC was called to the Bar of Gibraltar today before appearing in Court there.
29/10/2015	Chambers & Partners 2016 We are delighted to announce record numbers of our barristers being ranked in the latest Chambers & Partners Guide. We are the only chambers ranked in band 1 for children and our family finance team are ranked in band 2.
21/10/2015	International Family Law Conference Teertha Gupta QC is speaking at the Jordans International Family Law Conference today.
19/10/2015	Radicalisation & the Family Courts Jo Delahunty QC and Chris Barnes have been asked to speak at the forthcoming conference being held on 13th November.
19/10/2015	International Children Law Update: October 2015 The latest International Child Law Update by Jacqueline Renton is available to read on Family Law Week
15/10/2015	Court of Justice of the European Union Henry Clayton appeared in the CJEU earlier this year. The case concerns the time at which the principle of lis pendens is determined and the meaning of the word 'established' in Article 19 of Brussels IIA. The judgement can be read here
08/10/2015	Sam King Congratulations to Sam King winner of the Jordans Family Junior Barrister of the Year.
08/10/2015	IBA Conference 7th October Alex Verdan QC is speaking at the International Bar Association Conference in Vienna on 7th October. He will be speaking about International Surrogacy
06/10/2015	Michael Gration Congratulations to Michael Gration who has been nominated for the Chambers & Partners Family Junior Barrister of the Year. The awards ceremony will take place on 27th October at Old Billingsgate.
02/10/2015	Privacy in Financial Remedies Proceedings David Bedingfield has written an article about Privacy in Financial Remedies Proceedings, it can read on the Family Law Week website
02/10/2015	Re Q (A Child) (2015) Sally Bradley represented the Guardian in the recently reported case Re Q (A Child) [2015] EWCA Civ 991. To read the case summary click here
01/10/2015	Indu Kumar We are delighted to announce that Indu Kumar has accepted our invitation to join chambers following the successful completion of her pupillage.

30/09/2015	<p>International Issues in Family Law</p> <p>4 Paper Buildings are delighted to announce the publication of 'International Issues in Family Law: The 1996 Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Brussels IIa'.</p>
23/09/2015	<p>Legal 500 2015 Awards</p> <p>We are delighted to once again be shortlisted for the Family & Children Set of the Year at the Legal 500 Awards.</p>
16/09/2015	<p>Court of Protection Update (September 2015)</p> <p>The latest Court of Protection update written by Sally Bradley & Julia Townend is available to read on the Family Law Week website</p>
14/09/2015	<p>Barbara Mills</p> <p>Congratulations to Barbara Mills who has been nominated for the 2015 Bar Pro Bono Award</p>
14/09/2015	<p>Declaration of parentage cases</p> <p>Dorothea Gartland & Andrew Powell represented two of the fertility clinics in a recent case before the President of the Family Division.</p>
09/09/2015	<p>Ruth Kirby & Michael Edwards</p> <p>Ruth Kirby and Michael Edwards represented the local authority and father respectively in High Court proceedings in which the mother had removed her four children to Turkey.</p>
08/09/2015	<p>Jo Delahunty QC</p> <p>We are pleased to welcome Jo Delahunty QC back to chambers. Jo has now concluded her full-time role on behalf of 75 of the families bereaved by the Hillsborough disaster.</p>
28/08/2015	<p>RY & Southend Borough Council</p> <p>John Tugan QC & Sally Bradley represented the prospective adopter in this case. Hayden J said "RY's case has, if I may say so, been presented with sensitivity and skill by Mr. Tughan and Ms. Bradley"</p>
26/08/2015	<p>London Borough of Tower Hamlets and B</p> <p>Chris Barnes represented the Local Authority, the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, in an application concerning the interim placement of a girl arising from a risk of flight to Syria and exposure to 'radicalising material'. [2015] EWHC 2491 (Fam)</p>
05/08/2015	<p>M (A Child)</p> <p>John Tugan QC and Rebecca Foulkes represented the Mother in the recently reported case M (A Child).</p>
29/07/2015	<p>Children: Private Law Update (July 2015)</p> <p>The latest Children: Private Law Update by Alex Verdan QC is available to read on the Family Law Week Website</p>
24/07/2015	<p>Jordan's Family Law Award Nominations</p> <p>We are delighted to be nominated for the Family Law Set of the Year, Alex Verdan QC has been nominated for Family QC of the Year and Sam King nominated as Family Junior of the Year.</p>
17/07/2015	<p>Jacqueline Renton</p> <p>Jacqueline Renton has recently successfully represented a mother in Hague Convention 1980.</p>

15/07/2015	<p>Re K (1980 Hague Convention) (Lithuania) (2015) David Williams QC, Christopher Hames QC and Hassan Khan all appeared in the recently reported case <u>Re K (1980 Hague Convention) (Lithuania) (2015)</u></p>
09/07/2015	<p>International Law Group Newsletter The latest International law newsletter is now available to download.</p>
08/07/2015	<p>Derby City Council v SK & Ors Henry Setright QC & Marcus Scott-Manderson QC appeared in the recently reported case <u>Derby City Council v SK & Ors 2015 EWFC 57</u></p>
08/07/2015	<p>Jane Rayson <u>Jane Rayson</u> successfully defends Council in the Administrative Court. A Judicial review regarding support for a looked after child. The judgement can be read here</p>
29/06/2015	<p>Re S & T (Children) (2015) Robin Barda and Mark Jarman appeared in the recently reported case <u>Re S & T (Children) [2015] EWHC 1753 (Fam)</u></p>
29/06/2015	<p>Surrogacy Article <u>Andrew Powell</u>'s latest Surrogacy update is now available to read on the <u>Family Law Week</u> website</p>
26/06/2015	<p>X (Discharge of Care Order) <u>Chris Barnes</u> represented the Mother in <u>X (Discharge of Care Order)</u></p>
26/06/2015	<p>Re A (A Child) 2015 <u>Sally Bradley</u> successfully represented the Local Authority in the recently reported case, <u>Re A (A Child) 2015</u>.</p>
26/06/2015	<p>Teertha Gupta Teertha Gupta QC is speaking at the FLBA Northern Circuit training day today on "The Application of Hague Conventions and the UK in relation to Islamic and other Non-Hague Countries"</p>
24/06/2015	<p>FRU Complexity Certificate & Guidance The Financial Remedies Unit at CFC has issued guidance in respect of cases which will be accepted at the CFC FRU together with a form which needs to be completed.</p>
12/06/2015	<p>Re H (Children) [2015] EWCA Civ 583 <u>Kate Branigan QC</u> and <u>Chris Barnes</u> successfully appeared in the Court of Appeal in the case <u>Re H (Children) [2015] EWCA Civ 583</u></p>
10/06/2015	<p>The Interrelationship between Family & Immigration Law David Williams QC and Ruth Kirby will be speaking at a seminar with Blake Morgan LLP examining the crossover of the family and immigration jurisdictions.</p>
10/06/2015	<p>Surrogacy Article <u>Hassan Khan</u> and Anne Marie Hutchinson OBE of Dawson Cornwell have written an article for Lexis Nexis "Is it time for 'compensated' surrogacy arrangements. To read the article click here</p>
08/06/2015	<p>Chris Barnes We are delighted to announce that Chris Barnes formerly of 42 Bedford Row has joined chambers today. Chris specialises in proceedings relating to children whether public, private or international.</p>

02/06/2015	<p>Keep Calm and Read B-S</p> <p><u>Cyrus Larizadeh</u> has written an article about Re B-S, its aftermath and some of the misconceptions arising from it. The full article is available on the Family Law Week website.</p>
28/05/2015	<p>Children: Public Law Update (May 2015)</p> <p>The latest Public Law Update by <u>John Tughan QC</u> is available to read on the Family Law Week website</p>
22/05/2015	<p>Dorothea Gartland</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Dorothea Gartland</u> who has been appointed as a Deputy District Judge (Civil) on the South Eastern Circuit.</p>
08/05/2015	<p>RE BK-S [2015] EWCA 442</p> <p><u>Jonathan Cohen QC</u> appeared for a successful party in <u>RE BK-S [2015] EWCA 442</u> – Lawtel 8 May 2015.</p>
07/05/2015	<p>IAML Cabinet D</p> <p>Teertha Gupta QC is speaking at a joint IAML Cabinet D’advocats (“CBBC”) and Kings College London seminar today about Sharia Law and Children: “The Application of Hague Conventions and the UK in relation to Islamic Countries”</p>
06/05/2015	<p>Life at the Family Bar</p> <p><u>David Bedingfield</u> has a new blog about two recent Court of Appeal cases. To read his blog click here</p>
29/04/2015	<p>Children: Private Law Update (April 2015)</p> <p>The latest Children Private Law update written by <u>Alex Verdan QC</u> is now available to read on Family Law Week</p>
28/04/2015	<p>European Court of Human Rights</p> <p><u>Henry Setright QC</u> and <u>Michael Gration</u> represent the successful applicant in the European Court of Human Rights.</p>
22/04/2015	<p>London Marathon</p> <p>Paul Hennessy & Kenny Martin will be running the London Marathon this Sunday. Paul is running to raise funds for the NSPCC, and Kenny Martin is raising money for the Charity Evelina.</p>
20/04/2015	<p>K (A Child) [2015] EWCA 352</p> <p><u>Henry Setright QC</u> and <u>Mark Jarman</u> appeared in the recently reported case <u>K (A Child) [2015] EWCA 352</u>.</p>
16/04/2015	<p>Resolution Conference</p> <p>We are delighted to be attending the Resolution Conference this weekend in Brighton.</p>
15/04/2015	<p>White Paper Conference</p> <p>Michael Sternberg QC MCI Arb chaired today’s White Paper Conference and Christopher Hames QC spoken on Compensation.</p>
10/04/2015	<p>Spears</p> <p>Congratulations to Teertha Gupta QC who is recommended as a Top Family Lawyer by Spears Magazine.</p>
07/04/2015	<p>Re J (A Child) (1996 Hague Convention) (Morocco) (2015)</p> <p>Henry Setright QC, Teertha Gupta QC and Jacqueline Renton all appear in <u>Re J (A Child) (1996 Hague Convention) (Morocco) (2015)</u></p>

01/04/2015	<p>Pupillage Applications</p> <p>We are now accepting pupillage applications for 2016. To find out more and download an application form click here</p>
27/03/2015	<p>Transfers of Proceedings under Article 15 Brussels II Revised in a Public Law Context</p> <p>Oliver Jones, & Maria Wright, solicitor of Freemans, currently seconded to the Court of Appeal, analyse a series of recent judgments in which the English courts have considered whether public law children proceedings should be in this jurisdiction or abroad.</p> <p>To read the Family law Week article click here</p>
27/03/2015	<p>UKSC decision in Re S</p> <p>UKSC decision in Re S handed down on 25.3.15 on costs in appellate family cases. Cyrus Larizadeh and Dorothea Gartland both appeared for the Intervenor Access to Justice Foundation. To read the full judgement click here</p>
17/03/2015	<p>Unlocking the Funds for Justice - Pro Bono Costs</p> <p>In his latest article for Family Law Week, Cyrus Larizadeh explains the costs issues which arise where an advocate, acting pro bono, represents a successful party in care and/or placement proceedings.</p> <p>To read the full article click here</p>
16/03/2015	<p>NAGALRO Conference</p> <p>Cyrus Larizadeh spoke on the same panel as the President at the NAGALRO conference on 16th March. He will be spoke on 'Re B-S - 18 months on' at St Catherine's College Oxford.</p>
11/03/2015	<p>Re K (A Child) (2015)</p> <p>James Shaw appears in the Court of Appeal for the Local Authority in Re K (A Child) 2015</p>
10/03/2015	<p>Lawyers, Social Workers and the Proportionality Test</p> <p>In his latest article for Family Law Week, David Bedingfield considers the President's judgment in A (A Child) [2015] EWFC 11 and the lessons to be derived by practitioners.</p> <p>To read the full article click here</p>
10/03/2015	<p>Zoe Taylor</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Zoe Taylor has returned to practice after her maternity leave.</p>
09/03/2015	<p>B v B [2015]</p> <p>Charles Hale QC appeared for the successful respondent in B v B [2015]. The case concerned an appeal by the husband against an order in financial remedy proceedings which related to shares belonging to the him. Read more.</p>
09/03/2015	<p>Re R (A Child - Relocation) [2015]</p> <p>Barbara Mills represents the successful respondent in Re R (A Child - Relocation) [2015] EWHC 456 (Fam). Read more</p>
04/03/2015	<p>International Legal and Professional Development Grant Programme</p> <p>Congratulations to Andrew Powell who has been awarded an International Legal and Professional Development Grant. The programme is supported by the Bar Council and the FLBA.</p>
04/03/2015	<p>Children: Public Law Update (March 2015)</p> <p>The latest Children Public Law Update written by John Tughan QC is now available to read on Family Law Week.</p>

03/03/2015	<p>Nicola Wallace <u>Nicola Wallace</u> has been awarded Distinction in her MSc Art Law & Business with Christie's. She will be speaking to her thesis "<i>The Role of the Expert in Art-Related Disputes</i>" at the Art Law Conference at Maastricht University, on 23rd March 2015</p>
03/03/2015	<p>Z-O'C (Children) [2014] Oliver Jones and Cleo Perry appeared in the Court of Appeal in Z-O'C (Children) [2014] EWCA Civ 1808. To read the case summary click here</p>
26/02/2015	<p>Surrogacy Law Update (February 2015) The latest Surrogacy Law update written by <u>Andrew Powell</u> is now available to read on <u>Family Law Week</u></p>
24/02/2015	<p>International Children Law Update: February 2015 The latest Family Law Week, International Children Law update written by <u>Jacqueline Renton</u> is now available to read.</p>
23/02/2015	<p>AB v TB (Temporary Removal to Jordan) [2014] <u>Michael Edwards</u> represented the applicant in <u>AB v TB (Temporary Removal to Jordan) [2014] EWHC 4663 (Fam)</u>. The High Court granted his client's application to take his two children on holiday to Jordan, against the respondent's objections.</p>
23/02/2015	<p>Resolution Talk Joy Brereton and Michael Edwards will be giving a to members of Resolution today. The talk is entitled, 'Parental alienation and intractable contact disputes'. The talk is taking place at Charles Russell Speechleys. Dr Mark Berelowitz will also be speaking.</p>
19/02/2015	<p>4PB finance team recent reported cases The finance team at 4PB has been involved in a number of reported decisions in the last couple of months.</p>
16/02/2015	<p>Three New Silks Congratulations to <u>Christopher Hames QC</u>, <u>Alison Grief QC</u> and <u>John Tughan QC</u> who all take their silk appointments today.</p>
11/02/2015	<p>1996 Hague Convention case in the Court of Appeal <u>Henry Setright QC</u> (for the respondent mother), and <u>Teertha Gupta QC</u> & <u>Jacqueline Renton</u> (for Reunite, interveners) appeared in the Court of Appeal on the 10th February in the first ever substantive 1996 Hague Convention case.</p>
28/01/2015	<p>Supreme Court <u>Cyrus Larizadeh</u> and <u>Dorothea Gartland</u> are appearing in the Supreme Court acting for the Access to Justice Foundation dealing with the issue of pro bono costs today. The case details can be read here. Live coverage can be viewed on the <u>Supreme Court website</u>.</p>
27/01/2015	<p>Re M (2015) Christopher Hames, Dorothea Gartland & Ruth Kirby all appeared for the successful appellants in Re M 2015 [EWCA] Civ 206.</p>
19/01/2015	<p>International Child Law Group Newsletter The 3rd Edition of the International Child Law Group's Newsletter is available to download here</p>
14/01/2015	<p>Three New Silks approved We are delighted to announce that <u>Christopher Hames</u>, <u>Alison Grief</u> and <u>John Tughan</u> have all been approved as Queens Counsel. The silk ceremony will take place on 16th February 2015.</p>

21/11/2014	<p>Surrogacy law reform dinner</p> <p>Last night Jane Rayson and Andrew Powell spoke at a dinner event organised by Collyer Bristow Solicitors about surrogacy law reform. The event was attended widely by lawyers, intended parents, academics, an MP, the judiciary and the clergy.</p>
19/11/2014	<p>Hassan Khan - 4 Rising Stars Under 40</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Hassan Khan</u> who has been selected as one of the 4 Rising Stars Under 40 by the National LGBT Bar Association & Interlaw Diversity Forum.</p>
17/11/2014	<p>Private Law Children Seminar</p> <p>The annual 4PB Private Law Children seminar is on Thursday 27th November. The seminar is on "The voice of the child"</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Sir Alan Ward has agreed to be the key note speaker and Camila Batamanghelidjh CBE of Kids Company will be giving the closing address. To find out more and to book your place click here</p>
31/10/2014	<p>Chambers and Partners 2015 Directory</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that we are ranked as the only Family Set in Band 1 for our Children work and in Band 2 for our Financial Remedies work.</p>
27/10/2014	<p>Tough Mudder</p> <p>Congratulations to the 4PB clerking team who took part in the Tough Mudder Challenge on 26/10/2014, raising over £1000 for Help for Heroes. You still have time to sponsor them on their Just Giving Page</p>
17/10/2014	<p>Telephone System</p> <p>We have a problem with our telephone lines and are unable to receive or make telephone calls. BT are currently investigating the problem. In the mean time please can you email all enquiries to clerks@4pb.com. Or call the one of the following mobile numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07798 601469 • 07810 482828 • 07810 482929
08/10/2014	<p>The Legal 500 Awards</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that we are the winners of the Legal 500 Family & Children Set of the Year.</p>
02/10/2014	<p>Chambers and Partners Awards 2014</p> <p>Congratulations to Judith Murray who won the UK Bar Chambers and Partners, Family Junior of the Year award.</p>
01/10/2014	<p>The Legal 500 UK 2014 Awards</p> <p>We are delighted to be shortlisted for Family Chambers of the Year. Alex Verdan QC, Marcus Scott-Manderson QC and Jo Delahunty QC are also all shortlisted for Family Silk of the year.</p>
01/10/2014	<p>Court of Justice of the European Union judgment on Prorogation. 1 October 2014</p> <p>Today the CJEU handed down judgment on the Preliminary Reference made by the English Court of Appeal on the issue of whether parties could prorogue jurisdiction to a court for a child's minority or only for one set of proceedings.</p>

09/09/2014	<p>A Tale of Two Cities: Where Shall we Divorce Dear?</p> <p>David Williams QC, Teertha Gupta QC and Henry Clayton presented 'A Tale of Two Cities: Where Shall we Divorce Dear?' to Charles Russell LLP on 9.9.14. The seminar considered jurisdiction on divorce, choice of forum and stays. You can download the paper here.</p>
08/09/2014	<p>Pegasus Scholarship</p> <p>Rachel Chisholm and Michael Edwards have been awarded a Pegasus Scholarship to work in Sarajevo for three months. They will be working for an NGO called Trial on war crimes and human rights cases. They have set up a blog, 'Balkan Brief', to keep in touch while they are away. The blog can be found at: http://balkanbrief.wordpress.com/ They left at the weekend.</p>
01/09/2014	<p>First Private Law Children Early Neutral Evaluation</p> <p>Alex Verdan QC and Harry Nosworthy represent a father in the first private law children early neutral evaluation. For more information click here.</p>
20/08/2014	<p>Chambers and Partners Awards 2014 Nominations</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that we have been nominated as Family Law Set of the Year and Judith Murray has been nominated as Family Junior of the Year at the forthcoming Chambers and Partners Awards</p>
19/08/2014	<p>Re G (a child) (contact: long term foster care) [2014] EWCA Civ 1173</p> <p>Cyrus Larizadeh successfully represented a father pro bono in the Court of Appeal. He has sought costs against the Respondent Local Authority in favour of the access to justice foundation – there will be a judgment on the issue of pro bono costs in October in this case.</p>
12/08/2014	<p>Sports Law</p> <p>Congratulations to Ruth Kirby, Michael Edwards and Harry Nosworthy who have all been awarded a post-graduate certificate in Sports Law from De Montfort University.</p>
01/08/2014	<p>Sophie Connors</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Sophie Connors will be returning to practice after her period of maternity leave on 5th August.</p>
29/07/2014	<p>Jacqueline Renton</p> <p>Jacqueline Renton represented the mother in English wardship proceedings which led in turn to the successful enforcement of English return orders in the Russian court utilising the 1996 Hague Convention for the first time ever. The mother's 2 children were abducted by the respondent to Russia in December 2012, resulting in their separation from the mother (who has sole residence for all 3 children) and their younger brother. The children were happily returned to this jurisdiction in the care of the Mother in early July 2014. To read the Telegraph article click here</p>
23/07/2014	<p>Jordan's Family Law Awards</p> <p>Congratulations to Henry Setright QC and Michael Edwards who have both been shortlisted for a Family Law Award. Henry Setright QC has been shortlisted for Family QC of the Year, and Michael Edwards as Family Law Young Barrister of the Year.</p>
23/07/2014	<p>Response to European Commission consultation on BIIR</p> <p>The 4PB International Child Law Group has submitted a response to the European Commission consultation on BIIR. You can read it here.</p>

22/07/2014	Samantha Woodham We are delighted to announce that Samantha Woodham will be returning to 4PB after her period of maternity leave on 15th September.
17/07/2014	World Cup Sweepstake Congratulations to Justin Ageros who won the 4PB World Cup Sweepstake
30/06/2014	Francesca Dowse We are delighted to announce that Francesca Dowse has joined 4PB. Francesca's practice encompasses all areas of family law. She has previously been practising in the Cayman Islands. To view Francesca's profile click here
09/05/2014	London Legal Walk We are delighted to be participating in the London Legal Walk 2014, raising money for The London Legal Support Trust. Please do consider sponsoring us. To donate click here
06/05/2014	International Children Seminar The annual 4PB International Children Seminar will take place on the afternoon of 12th June. To find out about the seminar and book your place click here
01/05/2014	Mini Pupillages Applications for a mini pupillage in the summer open today, more details here
28/04/2014	Greg Davies We are delighted to announce that Greg Davies has joined 4PB. Greg practices primarily in all areas of family law relating to child protection. Greg was previously at 4 Brick Court.
15/04/2014	International Children & Family Relocation Lawyers Linked-In group 4 PB have started a Linked-In Group 'International Children and Family Relocation Lawyers' to share information about current developments in the field. If you would like to join to click here
14/04/2014	Charles Hale QC Congratulations to Charles Hale who took his silk appointment on Monday 14th January.
11/04/2014	Michael Reeves Congratualtions to Michael Reeves who ran the London Marathon on Sunday to raise money for Meningitis Now. To visit his fundraising page, please click here
11/04/2014	Court of Justice of the European Union Court of Justice of the European Union to hear Preliminary Reference concerning the interpretation of Article 12(3) and Article 15 of BIIR on 15 th May 2014. Henry Setright QC is representing the mother instructed by Freemans Solicitors and David Williams QC and Michael Gratton are representing the father instructed by Dawson Cornwell.
01/04/2014	Pupillage Applications We are now accepting pupillage applications for 2015. For further information and to download an application form click here . The closing date for applications is at 11am on Wednesday 30th April 2014.
01/04/2014	Dermot Main Thompson We are delighted to annouce that Dermot Main Thompson has joined 4PB. Dermot has specialised in family law for the last fifteen years. He practises in all areas of public law and international child abduction. Dermot was previously at Renaissance chambers.

31/03/2014	<p>Andrew Powell</p> <p>Andrew Powell has returned from his Pegasus scholarship in Los Angeles. Andrew spent 3 months at a boutique law firm, Vorzimer Masserman and worked closely with specialist surrogacy and fertility lawyers. To read his blog click here</p>
26/03/2014	<p>Jonathan Evans</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Jonathan Evans has joined 4PB. Jonathan has a broad family practice. He was previously a tenant at Renaissance Chambers.</p>
20/03/2014	<p>Financial Remedies Seminar</p> <p>The annual 4PB half day Financial Remedies Seminar will take place on 1st May, at the Crowne Plaze London – The City. For further information click here</p>
10/03/2014	<p>Rubin v Rubin [2014] EWHC 611 (Fam)</p> <p>Christopher Hames represented the Husband/Father in Rubin v Rubin [2014] EWHC 611 (Fam) where Mr Justice Mostyn has given authoritative guidance on the appropriate principles to be applied in applications for Legal Services Payment Orders under Section 22ZA of the MCA and applications for costs allowances under Schedule 1 to the Children for funding against Applicants in Hague Convention proceedings.</p>
26/02/2014	<p>The White Paper Conference</p> <p>Michael Sternberg QC MCI Arb chaired The White Paper Annual National Conference on Financial Remedies and related Children Act topics at the Caledonian Club in Belgravia SW1. 140 attendees heard 4 silks including Kate Brannigan QC of 4 PB speak. The Conference was overbooked and will be repeated on 2nd April next in the same venue.</p>
19/02/2014	<p>Queens Counsel Appointment</p> <p>We are delighted to annouce that Charles Hale has been approved as Queens Counsel. The ceremony will take place on 14th April.</p>
11/02/2014	<p>Andrew Powell</p> <p>Andrew Powell's latest blog from Los Angeles, where he is doing a Pegasus Scholarship, working at a niche law firm in California specialising in surrogacy and fertility law.</p>
11/02/2014	<p>International Family Law Newsletter</p> <p>The International Family Law Newsletter is available to download here</p>
30/01/2014	<p>Phone Problems</p> <p>We are currently experiencing some problems with our telephone lines. If you need to contact us please use 0207 583 0816 or email clerks@4pb.com. Engineers are working to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.</p>
24/01/2014	<p>Care Proceedings involving EU Nationals</p> <p>The President gave judgment on 14th January 2014 in which he gives important guidance on issues of jurisdiction and the involvement of Consulate of the Member State of the EU National. David Williams QC's commentary on the case can be found on his Blog. The judgment is can be read by clicking here</p>
15/01/2014	<p>In the matter of L-C</p> <p>The Supreme Court has handed down judgment in the Matter of L-C. The judgment provides further clarification in relation to the evaluation of the habitual residence of children and the circumstances in which children should be joined to 1980 Hague Convention proceedings.</p>

13/01/2014	<p>Andrew Powell</p> <p>Andrew Powell started his Pegasus Scholarship last week at a boutique law firm in Los Angeles specialising in surrogacy and fertility law. To follow his blog click here</p>
10/12/2013	<p>Chambers 100 List</p> <p>Congratulations to Charles Hale & Justine Johnston who have both made the Chambers 100 List.</p> <p>The Chambers Bar 100 ranks the top barristers practising at the Bar of England and Wales. To be shortlisted, these barristers must be ranked in Bands One or Two or as 'Star Individuals' in a key area of law in The Chambers UK Bar Guide.</p>
29/11/2013	<p>Cyrus Larizadeh</p> <p>Cyrus Larizadeh is giving a talk to 8 Local Authorities in the Midlands today. The talk is on "Sexual Abuse evidence, fact finding and assessment" A copy of the notes can be downloaded here</p>
22/11/2013	<p>Jacqueline Renton</p> <p>Jacqueline Renton represented the mother in wardship proceedings in the High Court concerning her two children who had been wrongfully retained by the father in Russia after an agreed Christmas holiday.</p>
13/11/2013	<p>In the matter of LC (Children) in the Supreme Court</p> <p>Henry Setright QC, Teertha Gupta QC, David Williams QC, Christopher Hames, Michael Gration & Jacqueline Renton were involved in the Supreme Court case of In the matter of LC (Children) on 11th November 2013. The case raises important issues as regards the interpretation of habitual residence under article 3 of Hague Convention 1980 and the appropriate guidance to be applied when considering whether or not children should be joined to Hague Convention 1980 proceedings. Judgment has been reserved.</p>
04/11/2013	<p>Young v Young</p> <p>Rex Howling QC represents the wife who wants half of the available assets but has stated that she will settle for £300 million. Mr Young is an undischarged bankrupt who claims to have debts of £28 million. Their divorce has been ongoing for 6 years and has been subject to an unprecedented level of press coverage. The trial is due to last for 4 weeks.</p>
31/10/2013	<p>Chambers & Partners 2014</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that we have a record 29 barristers recommended in this years Guide. "This set has a wealth of talent and has firmly established itself as a leading set for family law." Solicitors say of the barristers "They are very innovative in their approach and very holistic in their advice."</p>
31/10/2013	<p>Private Law Children's Seminar</p> <p>The 4 Paper Buildings Private Law Children's Seminar will be on Thursday 21st November. The seminar topic is Addiction & Family Breakdown. The seminar will be chaired by Catherine Wood QC, and those speaking will include Alex Verdan QC, Kate Branigan QC, John Tughan, Andrew Powell and Mandy Saligari (Clinical Director & Founder) Charter Harley Street. For more information & to book your place click here.</p>
24/10/2013	<p>Thames Valley Law Society</p> <p>On Monday 21st October 2013 Michael Sternberg QC MCI Arb, Stephen Lyons MCI Arb, Chris Hames and Kate Van Roll gave lectures on a range of financial remedy topics including Freezing Orders; an FR up-date; non-matrimonial property and <i>Prest v Petrodel</i> to a very well-attended meeting of The Thames Valley Law Society in Reading. The lectures are available on the Chambers' Website.</p>

21/10/2013	International Family Law Conference We are proud to be one of the sponsors at the International Family Law Conference at the Waldorf. Alex Verdan QC, Henry Setright QC, Teertha Gupta QC, Catherine Wood QC, David Williams QC and Jacqueline Renton will all be speaking.
10/10/2013	Christopher Hames Congratulations to Christopher Hames who has been nominated for the 2013 Sydney Ellan Goldsmith Bar Pro Bono Award. The winner will be announced at the Bar Conference on Saturday 2nd November.
09/10/2013	Family Law Awards We are delighted to announce that we won Family Chambers of the Year, Jo Delahunty QC won Family Silk of the Year, and Hassan Khan won Family Junior of the Year. The Jordan's Family Law Awards judging panel includes members from The FLBA, Resolution, the Association of Lawyers for Children and the Jordan's Editorial team. Thank you to all who nominated us for these awards.
08/10/2013	Evening Seminar Alex Verdan QC, Teertha Gupta QC, Michael Gration and Jacqueline Renton will be speaking at Farrer & Co evening seminar. The team will be speaking about the judgment and their role in representing the charity CFAB in the UK Supreme Court in Re A [2013] UKSC 60 Habitual Residence - Where on earth are we? It has the makings of a lively debate.
07/10/2013	Lawyers' Cricket World Cup Michael Edwards and Harry Nosworthy will be representing the Bar of England and Wales Cricket Club in the Lawyers' Cricket World Cup, which begins in Delhi on 12 October. The tournament lasts for 10 days and includes teams from India, Australia and the West Indies.
02/10/2013	Catherine Wood QC Chambers are very pleased to welcome Catherine Wood QC back after her sabbatical.
01/10/2013	Zoe Taylor Chambers are delighted to announce that Zoe Taylor has accepted an invitation to join chambers after successfully completing her pupillage
25/09/2013	Legal 500 2013 We are delighted to announce that we have a record number of barristers in this years Legal 500. 4PB are in the Top Tier for our Children work and we are in the second tier for Family Law (including divorce and ancillary relief).
25/09/2013	Legal 500 Highly Commended List We are delighted to announce that 4 Paper Buildings has made the highly commended list for the Inaugural Legal 500 Awards UK. We are highly commended as Family and Children Chambers of the year and Alex Verdan QC has been highly commended as Family and Childrens Silk of the Year.
24/09/2013	Nagalro Conference Jo delahunty QC will be chairing the Nagalro conference on 25th September. The conference, titled, IS IT ALL IN THE BRAIN? a critical examination of findings from neuroscience on influencing the future and the development of infants and young children at risk

12/09/2013	<p>Chambers 100 List</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Alex Verdan QC, Henry Setright QC, Charles Hale and Justine Johnston have all made the shortlist for the new UK Bar Chambers 100 guide.</p>
10/09/2013	<p>Jo Delahunty QC instructed on Hillsborough Inquest</p> <p>Chambers are pleased to announce that Jo Delahunty QC has been instructed on the Hillsborough inquest by Marcia Willis Stewart of Birnberg Peirce and Partners, who represents family members of 74 of the 96 victims.</p>
09/09/2013	<p>Alistair Perkins & Hassan Khan pleased to announce that their appeal to the Supreme Court In the matter of A (Children) (AP) was successful</p> <p>On appeal from the Court of Appeal (Civil Division) (England and Wales). Alistair and Hassan were instructed by Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE and Wendy Ramus of Dawson Cornwell Solicitors.</p>
03/09/2013	<p>President commends Christopher Hames for Pro Bono work</p> <p>The President delivered judgment in HM Solicitor-General –v-Jones on 21st August 2013. In dismissing the application to commit Mrs Jones who was represented pro bono by Christopher Hames of 4 PB the President said:</p>
02/09/2013	<p>Chambers & Partners Awards 2013</p> <p>Chambers is delighted that Jo Delahunty QC has been nominated for the Chambers and Partners 2013 Silk of the Year award and that 4PB has been nominated for the Chambers of the Year award.</p>
22/08/2013	<p>Maeve O'Rourke</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Maeve O'Rourke has won the Pro Bono Lawyer of the year in the Jordans Family Law Awards 2013</p>
14/08/2013	<p>Re A & L (Children) [2013]</p> <p>Andrew Powell represented the same sex applicants Re A & L (Children) [2013] EWHC 2328 (Fam) (instructed by Dawson Cornwell) before Mrs Justice Theis.</p> <p>The case concerned a same sex couple who sought parental orders where the surrogate was acting altruistically in California. The court took the view that in such circumstances it needed to adopt a more holistic approach in scrutinising the wider payments in the case, which also included payments made to the surrogacy agency.</p>
05/08/2013	<p>Alex Verdan QC, Jacqueline Renton and Michael Gration represent Children and Families Across Borders in the Supreme Court</p> <p>On Monday 24th July the UK Supreme Court heard the appeal in the matter of Re ZA [2012] EWCA Civ 1396. Children and Families Across Borders (of which Teertha Gupta QC is a trustee) intervened in the appeal, instructing Alex, Jacqueline and Michael (who appeared pro bono) through Simon Bruce and Josephine Fay of Farrer and Co LLP. A note of the arguments raised on behalf of the charity, together with the areas of discussion during the hearing, has been prepared and can be read here.</p>
01/08/2013	<p>Jordans Family Law Awards</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that 4PB has been shortlisted for the Family Chambers of the year. Also a record breaking six of our barristers have been shortlisted for awards across the all the eligible categories.</p>
31/07/2013	<p>Brian Jubb joins 4PB</p> <p>Chambers are delighted to announce that Brian Jubb previously of Renaissance Chambers has joined 4PB. Mr Jubb has a wealth of experience in all areas of family law.</p>

30/07/2013	<p>Court of Appeal Judgment in Redcar v B [2013]</p> <p>The Court of Appeal gave its reserved judgment today in Redcar v B [2013] EWCA 964. This is an important case dealing with the LA's liability to make financial payments to family carers under s 20 and 22 Children act 1989. Jonathan Cohen QC acted for the successful LA.</p>
29/07/2013	<p>Jo Delahunty QC intructed in Hillsborough Inquest</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC has been instructed by Birnberg's to act for a group of bereaved families in the Hillsborough Inquest.</p>
24/07/2013	<p>Christopher Hames</p> <p>Christopher Hames continued to represent Mrs Jennifer Jones pro bono before the President when she successfully resisted an attempt by the Solicitor-General to commit her to prison for contempt of court.</p>
24/07/2013	<p>Jane Probyn appointed as a Circuit Judge</p> <p>Chambers warmly congratulates Jane Probyn as she takes up her appointment as a Circuit Judge today. She has been assigned to the South Eastern Circuit, based at Brighton County Court and will be known as Her Honour Judge Probyn.</p>
16/07/2013	<p>DL v EL</p> <p>Five members of chambers have appeared in the recent Court of Appeal Case DL v EL (2013).</p>
16/07/2013	<p>Jacqueline Renton</p> <p>Congratulations to Jacqueline Renton who has been nominated for the Jordans Family Law Commentator of the Year Award. To vote, click here</p>
11/07/2013	<p>Oxfordshire Financial Remedies Seminar</p> <p>The 4PB money practitioners delivered a seminar at the Oxford Thames Four Pillars hotel last night. The seminar was chaired by Jonathan Cohen QC and talks were given by Stephen Lyon, Harry Gates and Kate Van Rol. To download a copy of the seminar notes click here</p>
26/06/2013	<p>Re B Webinar</p> <p>Alex Verdan QC and Elizabeth Woodcraft will be doing a webinar on the recent Re B case on Thursday 27th June between 1-3pm. To download the flyer click here</p>
13/06/2013	<p>Crisis Square Mile Run 2013</p> <p>Members of chambers participated in the annual Crisis Square Mile Run on Thursday 13th June to raise money to end homelessness.</p> <p>The running team comprised of Kenny Martin, Chris Hames, Charles Hale, Justin Ageros, Dorothea Gartland, Andrew Powell, Harry Nosworthy, Julia Townend, Zoe Taylor and Maeve O'Rourke.</p>
12/06/2013	<p>Supreme Court hands down landmark judgment in Re B</p> <p>The Supreme Court has delivered judgment in Re B [2013] UKSC 33 which has wide ranging implications for all public law children cases. Alex verdan QC represented the child in the case, leading Elizabeth Woodcraft and they were both assisted by Julia Townend. To read a short article about the case click here</p>
11/06/2013	<p>White Paper Conference</p> <p>Kate Branigan QC is chairing and speaking at the White paper Conference 'Children Law: Shaping New Cases into Highly Presuasive Advice for clients in London on 11th June. She is joined by Teertha Gupta QC who is speaking on Child Abduction and Rhiannon Lloyd who is speaking on Custody Disputes.</p>

10/06/2013	<p>London Resolution Seminar</p> <p>Alex Verdan QC and Sam King are speaking to the London Resolution this evening. Their talk is entitled “All that He/She Wants is Another Baby” Developments and current trends in alternative family disputes and surrogacy arrangements.</p>
06/06/2013	<p>4PB International Child Law Group legal aid response in the media</p> <p>The 4PB International Child Law Group’s response to the government’s consultation on legal aid was quoted by the BBC on 4th June, highlighting the concern about the impact on international disputes involving children. To read the response again click here</p>
05/06/2013	<p>FLBA Executive Summary to Moj ‘Transforming Legal Aid’ consultation</p> <p>The Family Law Bar Association has responded to the Ministry of Justice Consultation Paper ‘Transforming Legal Aid’. To view the executive summary click here. The FLBA expresses concern that the proposals will have a detrimental effect upon the most vulnerable people in society, particularly women and children, and will deny them legal representation in cases that have a fundamental impact upon their future lives. To see the full response, click here</p>
04/06/2013	<p>4PB members join legal aid ‘demonstration to save justice’</p> <p>Members of chambers offered their support by participating in a demonstration outside the Ministry of Justice protesting against the proposed cuts to legal aid on 4th June. Speakers at the demonstration included: Dinah Rose QC, Geoffrey Robertson QC, Michael Fordham QC, David Lammy MP and Jeremy Corbyn MP. To read the FLBA’s executive summary in response to the Ministry of Justice legal aid consultation, click here</p>
04/06/2013	<p>Alex Verdan QC</p> <p>Alex Verdan QC profiled in June Counsel Magazine. To read the article click here.</p>
01/06/2013	<p>Jane Probyn appointed as a Circuit Judge</p> <p>Chambers warmly congratulates Jane Probyn on her appointment to the Circuit Bench. The Queen has appointed Calista Jane Probyn to be a Circuit Judge on the advice of the Lord Chancellor, the Right Honourable Christopher Grayling MP. The Right Honourable The Lord Judge, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, has assigned her to the South Eastern Circuit, based at Brighton County Court with effect from Wednesday 24 July 2013.</p>
22/05/2013	<p>Legal Aid Response</p> <p>The 4PB International Child Law Team’s response to the recent consultation on proposed changes to legal aid concludes that the introduction of a residence test to eligibility for legal aid will risk causing serious harm to children and adults, will prevent access to justice in some of the most complex High Court cases and risks damage the standing of the UK in the international family law community. The response can be read in full here.</p>
15/05/2013	<p>London Legal Walk</p> <p>4PB took part in the 2013 London Legal Walk on Monday 20th May. To sponsor our team please click here</p>
26/04/2013	<p>Hassan Khan</p> <p>Hassan Khan been appointed as a legal assessor for the nursing and midwifery fitness to practice panel.</p>

22/04/2013	<p>Academy of European Law Workshop in Florence</p> <p>On 23rd April, David Williams QC is giving a presentation at the Academy of European Law Workshop in Florence. David will be talking about Preliminary References to the Court of Justice of the European Union to an audience of Italian, Austrian, Bulgarian, Croatian and Slovenian judges</p>
19/04/2013	<p>4PB Marathon Runners</p> <p>Good Luck to Kenny Martin, Jamie Byrne and Sharon Reeves who are all running in the London Marathon this Sunday on behalf of various childrens charities</p>
18/04/2013	<p>BSB Professional Conduct Committee Newsletter</p> <p>David Williams QC and Paul Hennessy hosted a visit to 4PB by a lay member of the PCC to give her some insight into the day to day working lives of barristers and clerks. Read her observations here</p>
17/04/2013	<p>Temple Womens Forum</p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC was on the panel at the Temple Women's Forum.</p>
02/04/2013	<p>Pupillage Applications</p> <p>We are now accepting pupillage applications for 2014. For further information and to download an application form click here. Closing date for applications is 11am on 30th April.</p>
27/03/2013	<p>David Williams</p> <p>Congratulations to David Williams who takes his Queens Counsel Appointment today</p>
27/02/2013	<p>Queens Counsel Announcement</p> <p>We are delighted to announce that David Williams has been approved as Queens Counsel. The silk ceremony will be held on Wednesday 27th March.</p>
25/02/2013	<p>Alex Verdan QC in the Supreme Court</p> <p>Alex Verdan QC is appearing in the Supreme Court today in the case of Re B. The issues are whether a child of two years of age should be permanently removed from her parents and placed for adoption. In that regard, whether the child was likely to suffer significant harm within the meaning of s.31(2)(a) of the Children Act 1989, and whether her permanent removal was a proportionate response to any such risk that she did face.</p>
19/02/2013	<p>Rachel Chisholm</p> <p>Rachel Chisholm will be co-presenting a paper on intractable private law disputes at the 6th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights in Sydney, Australia, in March. Rachel has been given a grant by the FLBA to attend the Congress.</p>
11/02/2013	<p>Andrew Powell</p> <p>Congratulations to Andrew Powell who has been awarded a 2013 Pegasus Scholarship. Andrew will be spending 3 months with a leading law firm in California specialising in surrogacy and reproductive law.</p>
07/02/2013	<p>White Paper Conference</p> <p>On Thursday 7th February 2013 Michael Sternberg QC MCI Arb. Chaired a national financial remedy day long conference entitled Family Law: Shaping New Cases into Highly Persuasive Advice for Clients at the Caledonian Club, Belgravia SW1, attended by 146 delegates and organised by The White Paper Conference Company. Amongst the 6 Silks who addressed the conference was Jonathan Cohen QC who spoke on Needs, Sharing and Entitlement in Income and Capital Awards.</p>

06/02/2013	<p>Irish Government inquiry finds ‘significant state involvement’ in Ireland’s Magdalene Laundries</p> <p>Maeve O’Rourke, who brought the Magdalene Laundries case to the UN Committee against Torture in 2011, had assisted the Justice for Magdalenes advocacy group in submitting 3,500 pages of evidence to the inquiry, including over 700 pages of testimony.</p>
04/02/2013	<p>High Court approves consent order achieved following rabbinical arbitration</p> <p>Marcus Scott-Manderson QC and Teertha Gupta QC represented the Mother and Henry Setright QC (leading Edward Deveruex) represented the Father in a landmark ruling handed down by the High Court last week. Mr Justice Baker acceded to the parents’ proposal to refer their family dispute to non-binding arbitration and subsequently endorsed the outcome of that process concerning both children and financial arrangements. A copy of the judgment can be found here</p>
01/02/2013	<p>Sam King</p> <p>Sam King represented one of the successful applicants in what is being described as a landmark ruling in respect of clarifying the rights of gay fathers. The applicant, who is not the legal parent to the child under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008, was granted leave to apply for contact by Baker J.</p>
23/01/2013	<p>Alex Verdan QC</p> <p>Alex Verdan QC has been called to the bar in the British Virgin Islands.</p>
07/01/2013	<p>Christopher Hames</p> <p>Christopher Hames has represented, pro bono, Mrs Jennifer Jones in the High Court and the Court of Appeal during her ongoing disputes concerning her 5 children. The case received widespread media coverage when Mrs Jones disappeared with 4 of the children following a summary return order to Spain under the Hague Convention and then a Tipstaff collection order. While 3 of the children are now in Spain with their father, 2 children were initially placed in local authority care but have now been returned to the care of their mother in Wales</p>
04/01/2013	<p>London Marathon</p> <p>Two members of our clerking team, Kenny Martin and Jamie Byrne, are running in the London Marathon this year to raise money for two different worthwhile childrens charities. To view their fundraising pages and donate please click on the links Kenny Martin’s fundraising page and Jamie Byrne’s fundraising page</p>
02/01/2013	<p>Mini-Pupillage Applications</p> <p>Applications for mini-pupillages in March and April 2013 are now being considered, the closing date is 31st January. For further information click here</p>