

## News

19/03/2019	<p><b>Christopher Hames QC</b> Christopher Hames QC writes for <a href="#">The Times</a>. 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><b>Freedom of the City of London</b> 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><b>Chris Barnes</b> Chris Barnes and Mitali Zakaria Partner at ITN Solicitors consider the case of Re Q for Family Law Week. To read the full article <a href="#">click here</a></p>
07/03/2019	<p><b>Politics and the Legal Profession</b> Jo Delahunty QC continues her lecture series at Gresham College tonight with a lecture on <a href="#">Politics and the Legal Profession</a>.</p>
07/03/2019	<p><b>Michael Sternberg QC recognised for Interfaith work</b> 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><b>Brilliant Minds Conference</b> Jo Delahunty QC will be speaking at the <a href="#">Brilliant Minds Conference</a> 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><b>Witness Training at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health</b> 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><b>Circuit Judge Appointment: Oliver Jones</b> 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><b>Jo Delahunty QC</b> Jo Delahunty QC was interviewed on Friday for <a href="#">‘The World Tonight’</a> on BBC Radio 4. She discussed the significance and importance of the Bar Councils Judicial Bullying Guidance.</p>

18/02/2019	<p><b>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</b> 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><b>Children Act has stood the test of time</b> Jo Delahunty writes for <a href="#">The Brief</a> in today's Times. The insightful article looks at how the Children Act has stood the test of time.</p>
28/01/2019	<p><b>No-deal Brexit would cut children adrift</b> Teertha Gupta QC comments in <a href="#">The Times</a> about the implications on International Children Law in the event of a No-deal Brexit.</p>
21/01/2019	<p><b>Julia Townend</b> Julia Townend will be discussing the Draft Domestic Abuse Bill on <a href="#">BBC Radio London</a> today at 5:20pm.</p>
21/01/2019	<p><b>FLBA Representatives</b> Congratulations to Barbara Mills and Harry Gates who have been elected as the FLBA representatives on the Bar Council.</p>
08/01/2019	<p><b>Why a 'no fault' divorce would help warring couples</b> Kate Van Rol discusses the introduction of the new 'no fault' divorce and why it could change the landscape for couples who split in <a href="#">YourMoney.com</a>.</p>
03/01/2019	<p><b>Legal 500 - Awards 2019</b> 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><b>Kate Van Rol</b> <a href="#">Kate Van Rol</a> writes an article for <a href="#">The Times</a>.</p>
05/12/2018	<p><b>Legal 500 - 2019 Awards Shortlist</b> 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"> <li>• Family Set of the Year</li> <li>• Clerking Team of the Year</li> <li>• Teertha Gupta QC - Family Silk of the Year</li> <li>• Charles Hale QC - Family Silk of the Year</li> <li>• Joy Brereton - Family Junior of the Year</li> <li>• Michael Gratton - Family Junior of the Year</li> </ul> <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><b>Sexual Harassment at the Bar Lecture</b> 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><b>Christopher Hames QC</b> 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><b>Executive Committee of the ALC</b>          Congratulations to Baljinder Bath who has been nominated to the executive committee of the ALC.</p>
14/11/2018	<p><b>Andrew Powell</b>          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><b>Chambers &amp; Partners 2019</b>          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><b>Legal 500 2019</b>          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><b>Chambers &amp; Partners Awards</b>          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 &amp; Partners Bar Awards last night.</p>
25/10/2018	<p><b>The growing phenomenon in the court system: litigants in person.</b>  <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><b>British &amp; Spanish Law Association Conference</b>          Michael Edwards has been invited to speak at the British &amp; Spanish Law Association annual conference in Seville today. Michael will be speaking about International Child Law.</p>
18/10/2018	<p><b>The Court of Justice of the European Union</b>          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><b>Step Journal</b>  <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><b>Civil Partnerships</b>  <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><b>Fiona Munro</b></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><b>New Tenants</b></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	<p><b>White Paper Conference</b></p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC is speaking at today's White Paper Conference 'Public Children: Shaping New Law into Solution Focused Answers for Your Clients.'</p>
01/10/2018	<p><b>Ethics In and Out of the Court Room</b></p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC continues her lecture series at Gresham College on Thursday 4th October at 6pm. The title of her lecture is '<u>Ethics In and Out of the Court Room</u>'.</p>
27/09/2018	<p><b>International Children Law Update</b></p> <p>Jacqueline Renton and Charlotte Baker review the latest key decisions in international children law.</p>
26/09/2018	<p><b>Legal Assistant Position</b></p> <p>We are currently recruiting for a new Legal Assistant. The closing date is 9th October 2018. Full details about the role and how to apply can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
10/09/2018	<p><b>The 5 worst things you can say during divorce negotiations</b></p> <p>Sam Woodham writes an article for Female First Magazine on "<a href="#">The 5 worst things you can say during divorce negotiations</a>"</p>
10/09/2018	<p><b>Kate Van Rol</b></p> <p>We are delighted to welcome Kate Van Rol back to chambers on the 5th November after her maternity leave.</p>
07/09/2018	<p><b>Court of Justice of the European Union</b></p> <p>Teertha Gupta QC, Jacqueline Renton, Chris Hames QC, Brian Jubb and Michael Gratton 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.</p>
06/09/2018	<p><b>Kate Van Rol</b></p> <p>We are delighted that Kate Van Rol will be returning to practice on 5th November after her maternity leave.</p>
05/09/2018	<p><b>Alex Verdan QC</b></p> <p>Congratulations to Alex Verdan QC who has been shortlisted by Chambers &amp; Partners for the Family QC of the Year at the 2018 Chambers Bar Awards</p>
03/09/2018	<p><b>Family Law Awards</b></p> <p>We are delighted to announce that four of our barristers have been shortlisted for the prestigious Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alex Verdan QC and Jo Delahunty QC - Family QC of the Year</li> <li>• Sally Bradley - Family Junior of the Year</li> <li>• Charlotte Baker - Young Family Barrister of the Year</li> </ul>
06/08/2018	<p><b>Baljinder Bath</b></p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Baljinder Bath has joined 4PB today.</p>

01/08/2018	<b>Christopher Hames QC and Alistair Perkins</b> Christopher Hames QC and Alistair Perkins represented the successful appellant in setting aside a worldwide travel ban.
23/07/2018	<b>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</b> Cyrus Larizadeh QC has been elected a Bencher of Inner Temple.
20/07/2018	<b>Charles Hale QC</b> ' <u>Supreme Court has not put an end to indefinite maintenance.</u> ' Charles Hale QC writes an article for The Times.
19/07/2018	<b>Charles Hale QC</b> Charles Hale QC comments for <u>The Times</u> on 'Mills v Mills'
05/07/2018	<b>Do divorces always have to be stressful?</b> Nicholas Fairbank writes for <u>Spears Magazine</u> about the more palatable alternatives to the hostile litigations couples often face in divorce.
28/06/2018	<b>White Paper Conference</b> Christopher Hames QC is speaking at the <u>White Paper Conference</u> 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?'
28/06/2018	<b>[2018] UKSC 32</b> 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 <u>The Daily Express</u>
19/06/2018	<b>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</b> 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.
15/06/2018	<b>Sam Woodham</b> Samantha Woodham is quoted in an article for the Financial Times today on ' <u>Ten things you ought to know about getting divorced.</u> '
15/06/2018	<b>Charles Hale QC</b> ' <u>Deception, Forgery and Lies - Hiding Assets In A Divorce.</u> ' Charles Hale QC writes an article for Wealth Briefing.
14/06/2018	<b>Charles Hale QC</b> Charles Hale QC has written an article for The Times on ' <u>Mills v Mills: when should spousal support come to an end?</u> '
06/06/2018	<b>Charles Hale QC</b> Charles Hale QC comments for the <u>MailOnline</u> regarding 'Mills v Mills'.
06/06/2018	<b>Nick Fairbank</b> Nick Fairbank has written an article on ' <u>Bankruptcy and divorce: What next for Boris Becker's assets?</u> ' for the International Advisor.

04/06/2018	<p><b>Charlotte Baker</b> Charlotte Baker is speaking tonight on '<u>International Relocation: Practicalities and Presentation</u>' at the YRes seminar in Manchester.</p>
24/05/2018	<p><b>The modern family?</b> Stephen Lyon considers the online divorce process in an article written for The Barrister. To view the article click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
23/05/2018	<p><b>The Divorce Surgery</b> 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><b>Behind the Gown</b> 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 <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
22/05/2018	<p><b>Jacqueline Renton</b> 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><b>Sam Woodham</b> 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><b>Stephen Lyon</b> Stephen Lyon, is quoted in the The Times today in respect of the Owens case in the Supreme Court. "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><b>Charles Hale QC</b> 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><b>Andrew Powell</b> 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><b>Christopher Hames QC and Jacqueline Renton</b> 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><b>John Tughan QC and Rebecca Foulkes</b> 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><b>Recorder Appointment</b></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><b>Temple Women's Forum</b></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><b>IAFL Conference</b></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><b>Alex Verdan QC and Michael Edwards</b></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><b>Re S:</b></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><b>Samantha King QC</b></p> <p>Congratulations to Samantha King QC who takes her Silk appointment today.</p>
14/02/2018	<p><b>Re C 2018 UKSC 8</b></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><b>Supreme Court</b></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><b>One Hundred Years of Women's Suffrage: Where to Next?</b></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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>

31/01/2018	<p><b>Jo Delahunty QC</b> Jo Delahunty QC will be speaking at Gresham College on Thursday 1st February on “Vulnerable Clients and the Family Justice System.” For more information <a href="#">click here</a></p>
31/01/2018	<p><b>Nicola Wallace 2nd February 2018</b> 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><b>Re AB</b> 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 <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
09/01/2018	<p><b>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</b> 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><b>Special Advocate</b> Congratulations to Michael Edwards on his appointment by the Attorney General as a Special Advocate.</p>
21/12/2017	<p><b>Queen’s Counsel Appointment</b> 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><b>Re M (A Child) 2017</b> Catherine Wood QC was successful in the Court of Appeal yesterday in the case of <a href="#">Re M (Child)</a>.</p>
04/12/2017	<p><b>Legal 500 Awards</b> Congratulations to Teertha Gupta QC who is the winner of Legal 500 Family Silk of the Year Award.</p>
30/11/2017	<p><b>Family Law Awards 2017</b> 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"> <li>• 4PB – Family Chambers of the Year</li> <li>• Henry Setright QC – International Lawyer of the Year</li> <li>• Indu Kumar – Young Family Barrister</li> <li>• Mr Hon Justice Williams – won Family QC of the year</li> </ul>
27/11/2017	<p><b>Legal 500 Awards</b> We are delighted to be shortlisted for five different Legal 500 2018 UK awards. The shortlists is as follows: 4PB – Family Set of the Year. Jo Delahunty QC and Teertha Gupta QC – Family Silk of the Year Dorothea Gartland – Family Junior if the Year Michael Reeves – Senior Clerk of the Year</p>
16/11/2017	<p><b>2017 Child Representation Conference</b> Jo Delahunty QC will be speaking via video link live from Gresham College at the <a href="#">2017 Child Representation Conference</a> on the 18th November.</p>



15/11/2017	<p><b>Regulating Surrogacy/Problems and Potential Solutions</b></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><b>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</b></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><b>Cleo Perry</b></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><b>Wellbeing Certificate of Recognition</b></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><b>Chambers &amp; Partners 2018</b></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 &amp; Partners Directory.</p>
27/10/2017	<p><b>Chambers and Partners - Family set of the year</b></p> <p>We are delighted to have won Family Set of the Year at the Chambers &amp; Partners Bar Awards 2017.</p>
12/10/2017	<p><b>Sam Woodham &amp; Sophie Connors</b></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><b>Legal 500, 2017</b></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><b>Supreme Court</b></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 Gratton 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><b>Gresham College Lecture</b></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><b>New Tenants</b></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><b>David Williams QC</b></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><b>Chambers &amp; Partners Bar Awards 2017</b></p> <p>We are delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted for four Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4PB – Family Set of the Year</li> <li>• David Williams QC – Family Silk of the Year</li> <li>• Jacqueline Renton – Family Junior of the Year</li> <li>• Client Service Set of the Year</li> </ul>
04/09/2017	<p><b>Family Law Awards</b></p> <p>We are delighted to announce we have been nominated for five awards this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Law Chambers of the Year</li> <li>• David Williams QC – Family Law QC of the Year</li> <li>• Jacqueline Renton – Family Law Junior Barrister of the Year</li> <li>• Indu Kumar – Family Law Young Barrister of the Year</li> <li>• Henry Setright QC – International Family Lawyer of the Year</li> </ul>
25/08/2017	<p><b>Jonathan Cohen QC</b></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><b>Lord Justice Jackson</b></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><b>Legal Assistant Vacancy</b></p> <p>We are currently recruiting for a new legal assistant. The closing date is 11th August. For full details please <a href="#">click here</a></p>
12/07/2017	<p><b>C (Children) [2017]</b></p> <p>David Williams QC, Henry Setright QC, Jacqueline Renton and Michael Gratton appeared in re C. The case determined that anticipatory retention is a legal concept in Hague Convention 1980 proceedings.</p>
08/06/2017	<p><b>Nicola Wallace</b></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><b>4PB Family Conference</b></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 <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
24/05/2017	<p><b>Liverpool Law Society</b></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><b>Hassan Khan</b></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><b>Faith Dispute Mediation</b></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><b>Gresham Lecture</b></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><b>Impact of Brexit on Family Law</b></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><b>Witness Training</b></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>
06/03/2017	<p><b>Duncan Maxwell-Stewart</b></p> <p>We are delighted to welcome <u>Duncan Maxwell-Stewart</u>, who has joined chambers as an associate tenant today. Duncan is a specialist family finance and property barrister with a practice focussed upon the financial consequences of relationship breakdown (whether marriage or cohabitation).</p>
28/02/2017	<p><b>Guilty until proven innocent?</b></p> <p>Professor Jo Delahunty QC will be giving a lecture at Gresham College on Thursday 2nd March. Read <a href="#">more</a></p>
14/02/2017	<p><b>Legal Assistant</b></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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>
02/02/2017	<p><b>Nicola Wallace</b></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><b>Teertha Gupta QC</b></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><b>Lawyers in Europe Conference</b></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><b>Egeneonu v Egeneonu</b>  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><b>Child Arbitration</b>  Alex Verdan QC carried out the first 4PB Arbitration concerning a child welfare issue today.</p>
20/12/2016	<p><b>HHJ Simon</b>  Congratulations to Michael Simon who was made a circuit Judge today. HHJ Simon will sit at Blackfriars Crown Court.</p>
15/12/2016	<p><b>Cyrus Larizadeh QC</b>  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	<p><b>David Williams QC and Jacqueline Renton</b>  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</p>
24/11/2016	<p><b>Chris Barnes</b>  We are delighted to announce that Chris Barnes won the Family Junior of the Year at the Family Law Awards.</p>
22/11/2016	<p><b>Gresham College Lecture</b>  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 <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
17/11/2016	<p><b>Irwin Mitchell training day</b>  A team from 4PB are presenting an in-house training session to 40+ family lawyers. With role plays, led discussions and Q &amp; A's we will explore the problems legal problems confronting the international family when things go wrong.</p>
09/11/2016	<p><b>Michael Simon</b>  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.</p>
07/11/2016	<p><b>Joanne Porter</b>  We are delighted to announce that <a href="#">Joanne Porter</a> 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.</p>
02/11/2016	<p><b>Chambers &amp; Partners 2017</b>  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.</p>
25/10/2016	<p><b>Legal 500</b>  We are delighted to announce that we have won the Legal 500 Family Set of the Year 2017.</p>

24/10/2016	<p><b>Joy Brereton</b>          Congratulations to Joy Brereton who has been elected to the FLBA committee.</p>
20/10/2016	<p><b>Legal Assistant Position</b>          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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
19/10/2016	<p><b>The Legal 500 Awards</b>          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.</p>
14/10/2016	<p><b>Mediation Awareness Week</b>          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.</p>
14/10/2016	<p><b>Launch of ADR-ODR International</b>          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.</p>
01/10/2016	<p><b>Jonathan Rustin &amp; Pippa Sanger</b>          We are delighted to announce that <a href="#">Jonathan Rustin</a> and <a href="#">Pippa Sanger</a> have accepted our invitation to join chambers following the successful completion of their <a href="#">pupillage</a>.</p>
19/09/2016	<p><b>Chambers UK Bar Awards 2016</b>          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.</p>
14/09/2016	<p><b>Legal 500</b>          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.</p>
12/09/2016	<p><b>Refurbishment</b>          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.</p>
05/09/2016	<p><b>Jordans Family Law Awards</b>          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.</p>
13/07/2016	<p><b>Three new arbitrators</b>          We are delighted to announce that three of our silks <a href="#">Alex Verdun QC</a>, <a href="#">Catherine Wood QC</a> and <a href="#">Charles Hale QC</a> are amongst the first to qualify as arbitrators to do children cases.</p>
08/07/2016	<p><b>Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Awards</b>          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.</p>

05/07/2016	<p><b>Court of Appeal</b> 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.</p>
29/06/2016	<p><b>Hassan Khan</b> We are delighted to announce that Hassan Khan has been appointed as Junior Counsel to the Crown Panel B.</p>
29/06/2016	<p><b>Nicola Wallace</b> We are pleased to congratulate Nicola Wallace on successfully completing the Advanced Mediation Course: Mediating Complex Disputes, at Harvard Law School, Cambridge MA.</p>
10/06/2016	<p><b>Lady Justice Eleanor King</b> 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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>
09/06/2016	<p><b>Simon Gore Family Law Conference</b> 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><b>Crisis Run</b> 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, <a href="#">click here</a></p>
07/06/2016	<p><b>International Children Law Update</b> Jacqueline Renton has written the latest International Children Law Update for <a href="#">Family Law Week</a>.</p>
19/05/2016	<p><b>Hertfordshire Resolution Group</b> 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><b>Jo Delahunty QC appointed to 1597 Law Professorship</b> We are delighted to announce that Gresham College, London's oldest Higher Education Institution, has appointed of <a href="#">Jo Delahunty QC</a> as Professor of Law.</p>
17/05/2016	<p><b>London Legal Walk 2016</b> 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 <a href="#">donate here</a></p>
05/05/2016	<p><b>David Williams QC</b> 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><b>Hillsborough Inquest concludes 96 fans were unlawfully killed</b> 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><b>Henry Setright QC and Michael Gration represent successful appellant in Re N (Children) [2016] UKSC 15</b></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><b>Robertson v Robertson [2016]</b></p> <p><u>Jonathan Cohen QC</u> and <u>Judith Murray</u> appeared for the husband in the widely reported very large financial remedy case for the founder of ASOS, to be found at <u>[2016] EWHC 613 (Fam)</u></p>
21/03/2016	<p><b>Podcasts for Family Law Week</b></p> <p>Family Law Week have published two recent podcasts by members of 4PB.</p>
29/02/2016	<p><b>Barbara Mills</b></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><b>Cyrus Larizadeh</b></p> <p>Congratulations to Cyrus Larizadeh QC who takes his Silk appointment today.</p>
10/02/2016	<p><b>Witness Testimony in Sexual Cases: Evidential, Investigative and Scientific Perspectives</b></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><b>Re B - Supreme Court Decision</b></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> &amp; <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><b>Conference Facilities</b></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><b>Michael Edwards</b></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><b>Queens Counsel</b></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><b>Recorder Appointments</b></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><b>Supreme Court - The matter of B (A Child)</b></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><b>Jacqueline Renton</b></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><b>Baroness Patricia Scotland QC</b></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	<p><b>Radicalisation: Safeguarding and the Family Courts Conference</b></p> <p>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.</p>
06/11/2015	<p><b>Jonathan Cohen QC</b></p> <p>Jonathan Cohen QC was called to the Bar of Gibraltar today before appearing in Court there.</p>
29/10/2015	<p><b>Chambers &amp; Partners 2016</b></p> <p>We are delighted to announce record numbers of our barristers being ranked in the latest Chambers &amp; Partners Guide. We are the only chambers ranked in band 1 for children and our family finance team are ranked in band 2.</p>
21/10/2015	<p><b>International Family Law Conference</b></p> <p>Teertha Gupta QC is speaking at the Jordans International Family Law Conference today.</p>
19/10/2015	<p><b>Radicalisation &amp; the Family Courts</b></p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC and Chris Barnes have been asked to speak at the forthcoming conference being held on 13th November.</p>
19/10/2015	<p><b>International Children Law Update: October 2015</b></p> <p>The latest International Child Law Update by <a href="#">Jacqueline Renton</a> is available to read on <a href="#">Family Law Week</a></p>
15/10/2015	<p><b>Court of Justice of the European Union</b></p> <p>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 <a href="#">read here</a></p>
08/10/2015	<p><b>Sam King</b></p> <p>Congratulations to <a href="#">Sam King</a> winner of the Jordans Family Junior Barrister of the Year.</p>
08/10/2015	<p><b>IBA Conference 7th October</b></p> <p>Alex Verdán QC is speaking at the International Bar Association Conference in Vienna on 7th October. He will be speaking about International Surrogacy</p>

06/10/2015	<p><b>Michael Gratton</b>          Congratulations to <a href="#">Michael Gratton</a> who has been nominated for the Chambers &amp; Partners Family Junior Barrister of the Year. The awards ceremony will take place on 27th October at Old Billingsgate.</p>
02/10/2015	<p><b>Privacy in Financial Remedies Proceedings</b>  <a href="#">David Bedingfield</a> has written an article about Privacy in Financial Remedies Proceedings, it can read on the <a href="#">Family Law Week</a> website</p>
02/10/2015	<p><b>Re Q (A Child) (2015)</b>  <a href="#">Sally Bradley</a> represented the Guardian in the recently reported case Re Q (A Child) [2015] EWCA Civ 991. To read the case summary <a href="#">click here</a></p>
01/10/2015	<p><b>Indu Kumar</b>          We are delighted to announce that <a href="#">Indu Kumar</a> has accepted our invitation to join chambers following the successful completion of her pupillage.</p>
30/09/2015	<p><b>International Issues in Family Law</b>          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 Ila'.</p>
23/09/2015	<p><b>Legal 500 2015 Awards</b>          We are delighted to once again be shortlisted for the Family &amp; Children Set of the Year at the Legal 500 Awards.</p>
16/09/2015	<p><b>Court of Protection Update (September 2015)</b>          The latest Court of Protection update written by <a href="#">Sally Bradley</a> &amp; <a href="#">Julia Townend</a> is available to read on the <a href="#">Family Law Week website</a></p>
14/09/2015	<p><b>Barbara Mills</b>          Congratulations to Barbara Mills who has been nominated for the 2015 <a href="#">Bar Pro Bono Award</a></p>
14/09/2015	<p><b>Declaration of parentage cases</b>  <a href="#">Dorothea Gartland</a> &amp; <a href="#">Andrew Powell</a> represented two of the fertility clinics in a recent case before the President of the Family Division.</p>
09/09/2015	<p><b>Ruth Kirby &amp; Michael Edwards</b>          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><b>Jo Delahunty QC</b>          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><b>RY &amp; Southend Borough Council</b>  <a href="#">John Tugan QC</a> &amp; <a href="#">Sally Bradley</a> 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><b>London Borough of Tower Hamlets and B</b>  <a href="#">Chris Barnes</a> 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><b>M (A Child)</b> John Tughan QC and Rebecca Foulkes represented the Mother in the recently reported case M (A Child).</p>
29/07/2015	<p><b>Children: Private Law Update (July 2015)</b> The latest Children: Private Law Update by <a href="#">Alex Verdan QC</a> is available to read on the <a href="#">Family Law Week Website</a></p>
24/07/2015	<p><b>Jordan's Family Law Award Nominations</b> 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><b>Jacqueline Renton</b> <a href="#">Jacqueline Renton</a> has recently successfully represented a mother in Hague Convention 1980.</p>
15/07/2015	<p><b>Re K (1980 Hague Convention) (Lithuania) (2015)</b> David Williams QC, Christopher Hames QC and Hassan Khan all appeared in the recently reported case <a href="#">Re K (1980 Hague Convention) (Lithuania) (2015)</a></p>
09/07/2015	<p><b>International Law Group Newsletter</b> The latest International law newsletter is now available to <a href="#">download</a>.</p>
08/07/2015	<p><b>Derby City Council v SK &amp; Ors</b> Henry Setright QC &amp; Marcus Scott-Manderson QC appeared in the recently reported case <a href="#">Derby City Council v SK &amp; Ors 2015 EWFC 57</a></p>
08/07/2015	<p><b>Jane Rayson</b> <a href="#">Jane Rayson</a> successfully defends Council in the Administrative Court. A Judicial review regarding support for a looked after child. The judgement can be read <a href="#">here</a></p>
29/06/2015	<p><b>Re S &amp; T (Children) (2015)</b> <a href="#">Robin Barda</a> and <a href="#">Mark Jarman</a> appeared in the recently reported case <a href="#">Re S &amp; T (Children) [2015] EWHC 1753 (Fam)</a></p>
29/06/2015	<p><b>Surrogacy Article</b> <a href="#">Andrew Powell</a>'s latest Surrogacy update is now available to read on the <a href="#">Family Law Week</a> website</p>
26/06/2015	<p><b>X (Discharge of Care Order)</b> <a href="#">Chris Barnes</a> represented the Mother in <a href="#">X (Discharge of Care Order)</a></p>
26/06/2015	<p><b>Re A (A Child) 2015</b> <a href="#">Sally Bradley</a> successfully represented the Local Authority in the recently reported case, <a href="#">Re A (A Child) 2015</a>.</p>
26/06/2015	<p><b>Teertha Gupta</b> 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><b>FRU Complexity Certificate &amp; Guidance</b> 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><b>Re H (Children) [2015] EWCA Civ 583</b> <a href="#">Kate Branigan QC</a> and <a href="#">Chris Barnes</a> successfully appeared in the Court of Appeal in the case <a href="#">Re H (Children) [2015] EWCA Civ 583</a></p>

10/06/2015	<p><b>The Interrelationship between Family &amp; Immigration Law</b> 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><b>Surrogacy Article</b> <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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>
08/06/2015	<p><b>Chris Barnes</b> 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><b>Keep Calm and Read B-S</b> <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 <a href="#">Family Law Week</a> website.</p>
28/05/2015	<p><b>Children: Public Law Update (May 2015)</b> The latest Public Law Update by <u>John Tughan QC</u> is available to read on the <a href="#">Family Law Week</a> website</p>
22/05/2015	<p><b>Dorothea Gartland</b> 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><b>RE BK-S [2015] EWCA 442</b> <u>Jonathan Cohen QC</u> appeared for a successful party in <a href="#">RE BK-S [2015] EWCA 442</a> - Lawtel 8 May 2015.</p>
07/05/2015	<p><b>IAML Cabinet D</b> 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><b>Life at the Family Bar</b> <u>David Bedingfield</u> has a new blog about two recent Court of Appeal cases. To read his blog <a href="#">click here</a></p>
29/04/2015	<p><b>Children: Private Law Update (April 2015)</b> The latest Children Private Law update written by <u>Alex Verdun QC</u> is now available to read on <a href="#">Family Law Week</a></p>
28/04/2015	<p><b>European Court of Human Rights</b> <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><b>London Marathon</b> Paul Hennessy &amp; 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><b>K (A Child) [2015] EWCA 352</b> <u>Henry Setright QC</u> and <u>Mark Jarman</u> appeared in the recently reported case <a href="#">K (A Child) [2015] EWCA 352</a>.</p>

16/04/2015	<p><b>Resolution Conference</b> We are delighted to be attending the Resolution Conference this weekend in Brighton.</p>
15/04/2015	<p><b>White Paper Conference</b> Michael Sternberg QC MCI Arb chaired today's White Paper Conference and Christopher Hames QC spoken on Compensation.</p>
10/04/2015	<p><b>Spears</b> Congratulations to Teertha Gupta QC who is recommended as a Top Family Lawyer by Spears Magazine.</p>
07/04/2015	<p><b>Re J (A Child) (1996 Hague Convention) (Morocco) (2015)</b> 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><b>Pupillage Applications</b> We are now accepting pupillage applications for 2016. To find out more and download an application form <a href="#">click here</a></p>
27/03/2015	<p><b>Transfers of Proceedings under Article 15 Brussels II Revised in a Public Law Context</b> <u>Oliver Jones</u>, &amp; 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. To read the Family law Week article <a href="#">click here</a></p>
27/03/2015	<p><b>UKSC decision in Re S</b> UKSC decision in Re S handed down on 25.3.15 on costs in appellate family cases. <u>Cyrus Larizadeh</u> and <u>Dorothea Gartland</u> both appeared for the Intervenor Access to Justice Foundation. To read the full judgement <a href="#">click here</a></p>
17/03/2015	<p><b>Unlocking the Funds for Justice - Pro Bono Costs</b> 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. To read the full article <a href="#">click here</a></p>
16/03/2015	<p><b>NAGALRO Conference</b> 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><b>Re K (A Child) (2015)</b> <u>James Shaw</u> appears in the Court of Appeal for the Local Authority in <u>Re K (A Child) 2015</u></p>
10/03/2015	<p><b>Lawyers, Social Workers and the Proportionality Test</b> In his latest article for Family Law Week, <u>David Bedingfield</u> considers the President's judgment in A (A Child) [2015] EWFC 11 and the lessons to be derived by practitioners. To read the full article <a href="#">click here</a></p>
10/03/2015	<p><b>Zoe Taylor</b> We are delighted to announce that <u>Zoe Taylor</u> has returned to practice after her maternity leave.</p>



09/03/2015	<p><b>B v B [2015]</b>  <u>Charles Hale QC</u> 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. <a href="#">Read more</a>.</p>
09/03/2015	<p><b>Re R (A Child - Relocation) [2015]</b>  <u>Barbara Mills</u> represents the successful respondent in Re R (A Child - Relocation) [2015] EWHC 456 (Fam). <a href="#">Read more</a></p>
04/03/2015	<p><b>International Legal and Professional Development Grant Programme</b>          Congratulations to <u>Andrew Powell</u> 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><b>Children: Public Law Update (March 2015)</b>          The latest Children Public Law Update written by John Tughan QC is now available to read on <a href="#">Family Law Week</a>.</p>
03/03/2015	<p><b>Nicola Wallace</b>  <u>Nicola Wallace</u> has been awarded Distinction in her MSc Art Law &amp; 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><b>Z-O'C (Children) [2014]</b>          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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>
26/02/2015	<p><b>Surrogacy Law Update (February 2015)</b>          The latest Surrogacy Law update written by <u>Andrew Powell</u> is now available to read on <a href="#">Family Law Week</a></p>
24/02/2015	<p><b>International Children Law Update: February 2015</b>          The latest Family Law Week, International Children Law update written by <u>Jacqueline Renton</u> is now available to <a href="#">read</a>.</p>
23/02/2015	<p><b>AB v TB (Temporary Removal to Jordan) [2014]</b>  <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><b>Resolution Talk</b>          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><b>4PB finance team recent reported cases</b>          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><b>Three New Silks</b>          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><b>1996 Hague Convention case in the Court of Appeal</b>  <u>Henry Setright QC</u> (for the respondent mother), and <u>Teertha Gupta QC</u> &amp; <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><b>Supreme Court</b>  <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 <a href="#">here</a>. Live coverage can be viewed on the <a href="#">Supreme Court website</a>.</p>
27/01/2015	<p><b>Re M (2015)</b>  Christopher Hames, Dorothea Gartland &amp; Ruth Kirby all appeared for the successful appellants in Re M 2015 [EWCA] Civ 206.</p>
19/01/2015	<p><b>International Child Law Group Newsletter</b>  The 3rd Edition of the International Child Law Group's Newsletter is available to download <a href="#">here</a></p>
14/01/2015	<p><b>Three New Silks approved</b>  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><b>Surrogacy law reform dinner</b>  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><b>Hassan Khan - 4 Rising Stars Under 40</b>  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 &amp; Interlaw Diversity Forum.</p>
17/11/2014	<p><b>Private Law Children Seminar</b>  The annual 4PB Private Law Children seminar is on Thursday 27th November. The seminar is on "The voice of the child"  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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>
31/10/2014	<p><b>Chambers and Partners 2015 Directory</b>  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><b>Tough Mudder</b>  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 <a href="#">Just Giving Page</a></p>
17/10/2014	<p><b>Telephone System</b>  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 <a href="mailto:clerks@4pb.com">clerks@4pb.com</a>. Or call the one of the following mobile numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 07798 601469</li> <li>• 07810 482828</li> <li>• 07810 482929</li> </ul>
08/10/2014	<p><b>The Legal 500 Awards</b>  We are delighted to announce that we are the winners of the Legal 500 Family &amp; Children Set of the Year.</p>

02/10/2014	<p><b>Chambers and Partners Awards 2014</b></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><b>The Legal 500 UK 2014 Awards</b></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><b>Court of Justice of the European Union judgment on Prorogation. 1 October 2014</b></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><b>A Tale of Two Cities: Where Shall we Divorce Dear?</b></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 <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
08/09/2014	<p><b>Pegasus Scholarship</b></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: <a href="http://balkanbrief.wordpress.com/">http://balkanbrief.wordpress.com/</a> They left at the weekend.</p>
01/09/2014	<p><b>First Private Law Children Early Neutral Evaluation</b></p> <p>Alex Verdan QC and Harry Nosworthy represent a father in the first private law children early neutral evaluation. For more information <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
20/08/2014	<p><b>Chambers and Partners Awards 2014 Nominations</b></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><b>Re G (a child) (contact: long term foster care) [2014] EWCA Civ 1173</b></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><b>Sports Law</b></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><b>Sophie Connors</b></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><b>Jacqueline Renton</b></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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>
23/07/2014	<p><b>Jordan's Family Law Awards</b></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><b>Response to European Commission consultation on BIIR</b></p> <p>The 4PB International Child Law Group has submitted a response to the European Commission consultation on BIIR. You can read it <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
22/07/2014	<p><b>Samantha Woodham</b></p> <p>We are delighted to announce that Samantha Woodham will be returning to 4PB after her period of maternity leave on 15th September.</p>
18/07/2014	<p><b>4 Paper Contractual Terms &amp; Conditions</b></p> <p>We have reviewed an amended our Contractual Terms and Conditions. To view the new Terms please <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
17/07/2014	<p><b>World Cup Sweepstake</b></p> <p>Congratulations to Justin Ageros who won the 4PB World Cup Sweepstake</p>
30/06/2014	<p><b>Francesca Dowse</b></p> <p>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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
09/05/2014	<p><b>London Legal Walk</b></p> <p>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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>
06/05/2014	<p><b>International Children Seminar</b></p> <p>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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
01/05/2014	<p><b>Mini Pupillages</b></p> <p>Applications for a mini pupillage in the summer open today, more details <a href="#">here</a></p>
28/04/2014	<p><b>Greg Davies</b></p> <p>We are delighted to announce that <a href="#">Greg Davies</a> has joined 4PB. Greg practices primarily in all areas of family law relating to child protection. Greg was previously at 4 Brick Court.</p>
15/04/2014	<p><b>International Children &amp; Family Relocation Lawyers Linked-In group</b></p> <p>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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>

14/04/2014	<p><b>Charles Hale QC</b>          Congratulations to Charles Hale who took his silk appointment on Monday 14th January.</p>
11/04/2014	<p><b>Michael Reeves</b>          Congratulations to Michael Reeves who ran the London Marathon on Sunday to raise money for Meningitis Now. To visit his fundraising page, please <a href="#">click here</a></p>
11/04/2014	<p><b>Court of Justice of the European Union</b>          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<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>
01/04/2014	<p><b>Pupillage Applications</b>          We are now accepting pupillage applications for 2015. For further information and to download an application form <a href="#">click here</a> .          The closing date for applications is at 11am on Wednesday 30th April 2014.</p>
01/04/2014	<p><b>Dermot Main Thompson</b>          We are delighted to announce that <a href="#">Dermot Main Thompson</a> 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.</p>
31/03/2014	<p><b>Andrew Powell</b>          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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>
26/03/2014	<p><b>Jonathan Evans</b>          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><b>Financial Remedies Seminar</b>          The annual 4PB half day Financial Remedies Seminar will take place on 1st May, at the Crowne Plaze London - The City. For further information <a href="#">click here</a></p>
10/03/2014	<p><b>Rubin v Rubin [2014] EWHC 611 (Fam)</b>          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><b>The White Paper Conference</b>          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><b>Queens Counsel Appointment</b>          We are delighted to announce that Charles Hale has been approved as Queens Counsel. The ceremony will take place on 14th April.</p>

11/02/2014	<p><b>Andrew Powell</b> Andrew Powell's latest <a href="#">blog</a> 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><b>International Family Law Newsletter</b> The International Family Law Newsletter is available to download <a href="#">here</a></p>
30/01/2014	<p><b>Phone Problems</b> We are currently experiencing some problems with our telephone lines. If you need to contact us please use 0207 583 0816 or email <a href="mailto:clerks@4pb.com">clerks@4pb.com</a>. Engineers are working to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.</p>
24/01/2014	<p><b>Care Proceedings involving EU Nationals</b> The President gave judgment on 14<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="#">Blog</a>. The judgment is can be read by clicking <a href="#">here</a></p>
15/01/2014	<p><b>In the matter of L-C</b> 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><b>Andrew Powell</b> 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 <a href="#">click here</a></p>
10/12/2013	<p><b>Chambers 100 List</b> Congratulations to Charles Hale &amp; Justine Johnston who have both made the Chambers 100 List. 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><b>Cyrus Larizadeh</b> 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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
22/11/2013	<p><b>Jacqueline Renton</b> 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><b>In the matter of LC (Children) in the Supreme Court</b> Henry Setright QC, Teertha Gupta QC, David Williams QC, Christopher Hames, Michael Gration &amp; Jacqueline Renton were involved in the Supreme Court case of In the matter of LC (Children) on 11<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Young v Young</b></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><b>Chambers &amp; Partners 2014</b></p> <p>We are delighted to announce that we have a record 29 barristers recommended in this year's 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><b>Private Law Children's Seminar</b></p> <p>The 4 Paper Buildings Private Law Children's Seminar will be on Thursday 21st November. The seminar topic is Addiction &amp; 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 &amp; Founder) Charter Harley Street. For more information &amp; to book your place click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
24/10/2013	<p><b>Thames Valley Law Society</b></p> <p>On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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	<p><b>International Family Law Conference</b></p> <p>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.</p>
10/10/2013	<p><b>Christopher Hames</b></p> <p>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.</p>
09/10/2013	<p><b>Family Law Awards</b></p> <p>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.</p>
08/10/2013	<p><b>Evening Seminar</b></p> <p>Alex Verdan QC, Teertha Gupta QC, Michael Gratton and Jacqueline Renton will be speaking at Farrer &amp; 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 <i>Re A</i> [2013] UKSC 60 Habitual Residence - Where on earth are we? It has the makings of a lively debate.</p>
07/10/2013	<p><b>Lawyers' Cricket World Cup</b></p> <p>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.</p>

02/10/2013	<b>Catherine Wood QC</b> Chambers are very pleased to welcome Catherine Wood QC back after her sabbatical.
01/10/2013	<b>Zoe Taylor</b> Chambers are delighted to announce that Zoe Taylor has accepted an invitation to join chambers after successfully completing her pupillage
25/09/2013	<b>Legal 500 2013</b> 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	<b>Legal 500 Highly Commended List</b> 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	<b>Nagalro Conference</b> 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	<b>Chambers 100 List</b> 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.
10/09/2013	<b>Jo Delahunty QC instructed on Hillsborough Inquest</b> 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.
09/09/2013	<b>Alistair Perkins &amp; Hassan Khan pleased to announce that their appeal to the Supreme Court In the matter of A (Children) (AP) was successful</b> 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.
03/09/2013	<b>President commends Christopher Hames for Pro Bono work</b> 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:
02/09/2013	<b>Chambers &amp; Partners Awards 2013</b> 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.
22/08/2013	<b>Maeve O'Rourke</b> 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

14/08/2013	<p><b>Re A &amp; L (Children) [2013]</b>  Andrew Powell represented the same sex applicants Re A &amp; L (Children) [2013] EWHC 2328 (Fam) (instructed by Dawson Cornwell) before Mrs Justice Theis. 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><b>Alex Verdan QC, Jacqueline Renton and Michael Gratton represent Children and Families Across Borders in the Supreme Court</b>  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 <a href="#">read here</a>.</p>
01/08/2013	<p><b>Jordans Family Law Awards</b>  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><b>Brian Jubb joins 4PB</b>  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><b>Court of Appeal Judgment in Redcar v B [2013]</b>  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><b>Jo Delahunty QC intructed in Hillsborough Inquest</b>  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><b>Christopher Hames</b>  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><b>Jane Probyn appointed as a Circuit Judge</b>  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><b>DL v EL</b>  Five members of chambers have appeared in the recent Court of Appeal Case DL v EL (2013).</p>
16/07/2013	<p><b>Jacqueline Renton</b>  Congratulations to Jacqueline Renton who has been nominated for the Jordans Family Law Commentator of the Year Award. To vote, click <a href="#">here</a></p>

11/07/2013	<p><b>Oxfordshire Financial Remedies Seminar</b></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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
26/06/2013	<p><b>Re B Webinar</b></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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
13/06/2013	<p><b>Crisis Square Mile Run 2013</b></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><b>Supreme Court hands down landmark judgment in Re B</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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
11/06/2013	<p><b>White Paper Conference</b></p> <p>Kate Branigan QC is chairing and speaking at the White paper Conference 'Children Law: Shaping New Cases into Highly Persuasive 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><b>London Resolution Seminar</b></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><b>4PB International Child Law Group legal aid response in the media</b></p> <p>The 4PB International Child Law Group's response to the government's consultation on legal aid was quoted by the BBC on 4<sup>th</sup> June, highlighting the concern about the impact on international disputes involving children. To read the response again <a href="#">click here</a></p>
05/06/2013	<p><b>FLBA Executive Summary to Moj 'Transforming Legal Aid' consultation</b></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 <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
04/06/2013	<p><b>4PB members join legal aid 'demonstration to save justice'</b></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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
04/06/2013	<p><b>Alex Verdan QC</b></p> <p>Alex Verdan QC profiled in June Counsel Magazine. To read the article click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

01/06/2013	<p><b>Jane Probyn appointed as a Circuit Judge</b></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.</p> <p>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><b>Legal Aid Response</b></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 <a href="#">full here</a>.</p>
15/05/2013	<p><b>London Legal Walk</b></p> <p>4PB took part in the 2013 London Legal Walk on Monday 20th May. To sponsor our team please click <a href="#">here</a></p>
26/04/2013	<p><b>Hassan Khan</b></p> <p>Hassan Khan been appointed as a legal assessor for the nursing and midwifery fitness to practice panel.</p>
22/04/2013	<p><b>Academy of European Law Workshop in Florence</b></p> <p>On 23<sup>rd</sup> 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><b>4PB Marathon Runners</b></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><b>BSB Professional Conduct Committee Newsletter</b></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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
17/04/2013	<p><b>Temple Womens Forum</b></p> <p>Jo Delahunty QC was on the panel at the Temple Women's Forum.</p>
02/04/2013	<p><b>Pupillage Applications</b></p> <p>We are now accepting pupillage applications for 2014. For further information and to download an application form <a href="#">click here</a>. Closing date for applications is 11am on 30th April.</p>
27/03/2013	<p><b>David Williams</b></p> <p>Congratulations to David Williams who takes his Queens Counsel Appointment today</p>
27/02/2013	<p><b>Queens Counsel Announcement</b></p> <p>We are delighted to announce that David Williams has been approved as Queens Counsel.</p> <p>The silk ceremony will be held on Wednesday 27th March.</p>

25/02/2013	<p><b>Alex Verdan QC in the Supreme Court</b></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><b>Rachel Chisholm</b></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><b>Andrew Powell</b></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><b>White Paper Conference</b></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><b>Irish Government inquiry finds 'significant state involvement' in Ireland's Magdalene Laundries</b></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><b>High Court approves consent order achieved following rabbinical arbitration</b></p> <p>Marcus Scott-Manderson QC and Teertha Gupta QC represented the Mother and Henry Setright QC (leading Edward Devereux) 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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
01/02/2013	<p><b>Sam King</b></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>
29/01/2013	<p><b>Standard Contractual Terms</b></p> <p>As of 31st January 2013 Chambers will be adopting the Bar Council's Standard Contractual Terms. To view these terms <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
23/01/2013	<p><b>Alex Verdan QC</b></p> <p>Alex Verdan QC has been called to the bar in the British Virgin Islands.</p>



07/01/2013	<b>Christopher Hames</b> 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
04/01/2013	<b>London Marathon</b> 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 <a href="#">Kenny Martin's fundraising page</a> and <a href="#">Jamie Byrne's fundraising page</a>
02/01/2013	<b>Mini-Pupillage Applications</b> Applications for mini-pupillages in March and April 2013 are now being considered, the closing date is 31st January. For further information click <a href="#">here</a>