

Harry Langford

Experience

Year of Call: 2014

Practice Areas

- Court of Protection - Vulnerable Adult
- Inquests and Inquiries
- International Children Law
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

Direct Access

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Education

University College London - LLM (Merit)

Nottingham Law School - Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent)

Nottingham Trent University - LLB (First Class Honours)

Profile

Harry joined Chambers in October 2019 following successful completion of his pupillage under the supervision of Michael Gration, Stephen Lyon and Chris Barnes. He now accepts instructions in all of Chambers' core practice areas and has appeared at all levels of the family courts up to and including the Court of Appeal.

Before joining Chambers, Harry worked at the Court of Appeal of England and Wales as the judicial assistant to Lady Justice Black DBE (as she then was) and Lord Justice Moylan, the immediate past and current Head of International Family Justice. Harry also worked as a case management lawyer in the Civil Appeals Office, providing assistance to the specialist family Lords and Lady Justices of Appeal.

Harry was shortlisted for "Family Law Young Barrister of the Year" in the 2020 Family Law Awards.

International

Harry appears in the High Court in child abduction matters pursuant to both the 1980 Hague Convention and the Inherent Jurisdiction. He also regularly appears for parents in cases before the Family Court concerning the international relocation of families.

Harry recently appeared in the Court of Appeal (Moylan, Baker and Phillips LJ) in the case of *Re B* [2020] EWCA Civ 1187, [2020] 4 WLR 149 concerning third state returns under the 1980 Hague Convention.

Public Law

Harry acts for parents, Guardians and local authorities within care proceedings.



He appeared as junior counsel (led by Alison Grief QC) for the local authority in *Re H (A Child) (Parental Responsibility: Vaccination)* [2020] EWCA Civ 664, [2020] 3 WLR 1049. The Court of Appeal (McCombe, King, and Peter Jackson LJ) considered the principles to be applied where a dispute arises between a local authority and parents as to whether a child subject to a care order should be vaccinated.

He also appeared as junior counsel for the Applicant local authority in *London Borough of Tower Hamlets v Mother & Ors* [2020] EWHC 832 (Fam), [2020] 3 FCR 490. The case involved the novel use of the High Court's inherent jurisdiction to restrain the publication and dissemination of confidential information that had been inadvertently disclosed within adoption proceedings.

Private Law

Harry is regularly instructed in complex private law cases, including those relating to relocation, domestic violence, and coercive control. He also acts for both applicants and respondents in non-molestation and occupation order proceedings.

Matrimonial Proceedings

Harry acted pro bono as junior counsel for the First Intervener (led by Charles Hale QC) in the case of *HM Attorney General v Akhter* [2020] EWCA Civ 122, [2020] 2 WLR 1183 (Sir Terence Etherton MR, King and Moylan LJ) concerning the novel interpretation of the Marriage Act 1949 through the prism of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Public Inquiries

In his public inquiry practice, Harry is instructed by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets who act as a Core Participant in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse's investigation into institutional responses to the sexual exploitation of children by organised networks.

Other experience

During his studies, Harry undertook a traineeship in the Office of the President of the European Court of Human Rights. Harry has also worked in politics as a Parliamentary Assistant for a Birmingham MP, and as a volunteer on President Obama's 2012 re-election campaign in the key swing state of Ohio.

Memberships

Lincoln's Inn
Family Law Bar Association
Child Abduction Lawyers Association

Cases

17/01/2024	XZR (Abduction: Hague Convention (Lithuania)), Re	Harry Langford Olivia Gaunt	[2024] EWHC 64 (Fam)
16/01/2024	B v N (No. 2) (Art 7 and Transfer of Jurisdiction)	Cliona Papazian Lucy Logan Green Teertha Gupta KC Harry Langford	[2024] EWHC 17 (Fam)

06/12/2023	C v M (A Child) (Abduction: Representation of Child Party)	Ruth Kirby KC Adele Cameron-Douglas Miriam Best Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi Christopher Hames KC Indu Kumar Charlotte Baker Deirdre Fottrell KC Henry Setright KC Harry Langford	[2023] EWCA Civ 1449
15/09/2023	D (A Child), Re (Abduction: Child's Objections: Representation of Child Party)	Michael Gration KC Michael Edwards Deirdre Fottrell KC Henry Setright KC Harry Langford	EWCA Civ 1047 (14 September 2023)
14/09/2023	Re D (A Child) (Abduction: Child's Objections: Representation of Child Party)	Henry Setright KC Deirdre Fottrell KC Michael Gration KC Michael Edwards Harry Langford	[2023] EWCA Civ 1047
18/05/2023	Re KM (A Child)(Welfare)	Henry Setright KC Sam King KC Greg Davies Harry Langford	[2023] EWFC 313
29/09/2022	Re L (Return Order: Set Aside)	Harry Langford	[2022] EWHC 3564 (Fam)
02/02/2022	Re KM (A Child) (Jurisdiction: Habitual Residence)	Henry Setright KC Ruth Kirby KC Harry Langford	[2022] EWFC 132
05/07/2021	K & Ors v K	Henry Setright KC Harry Langford	[2021] EWHC 1846 (Fam)
26/03/2021	AB v CD	Ceri White Andrew Powell Alison Grief KC Rebecca Foulkes Harry Langford	[2021] EWHC 741 (Fam)
18/12/2020	A Local Authority v A Mother & Ors (2020)	Andrew Powell Chris Barnes Harry Langford	[2020] EWHC 3496 (Fam)
15/09/2020	B (A Child) (Abduction: Habitual Residence)	Christopher Hames KC Harry Langford Jacqueline Renton Charlotte Baker	B (A Child) (Abduction: Habitual Residence)

22/05/2020	Re H (A Child) (Parental Responsibility: Vaccination) (2020)	Alison Grief KC Rob Littlewood Chris Barnes Harry Langford	[2020] EWCA Civ 664
07/04/2020	London Borough of Tower Hamlets v Mother & Ors (2020)	Rob Littlewood Chris Barnes Harry Langford	[2020] EWHC 832 (Fam)
03/04/2020	Prospective adopters v LB Tower Hamlets (2020)	Rob Littlewood Chris Barnes Harry Langford	[2020] EWFC 26
01/04/2020	Re T (A Child)	Alison Grief KC Chris Barnes Harry Langford Rob Littlewood	[2020] EWHC 220 (Fam)
23/01/2020	Re T (A Child) (2020)	Rob Littlewood Chris Barnes Harry Langford	[2020] EWFC 4