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4PB Members Instructed in the Landmark Case: LB of Hackney v P & Ors [2023] EWCA Civ 1213

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4 members of 4PB were instructed in the pivotal case of LB of Hackney v P & Ors [2023] EWCA Civ 1213.

The landmark judgment, which was handed down on 19 October 2023, authoritatively determined the relevant date for establishing jurisdiction under Art. 5 of the 1996 Hague Convention, an issue that has troubled the High Court since the UK left the EU.

It has also reached important conclusions about the jurisdiction to make public law orders in care proceedings, where a child is habitually resident elsewhere but present in E&W. This case is of significance for children's law disputes with an international element.

Henry Setright KC was instructed by Dawson Cornwell and appeared on behalf of the appellant. Jacqueline Renton, Charlotte Baker and Frankie Shama were instructed by Goodman Ray on behalf of the intervener IAFL: International Academy of Family Lawyers.

Read the full judgment here