

Jacqueline Renton

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Legal 500, 2024

Top Tier



Experience

Year of Call: 2007

Practice Areas

- International Children Law
- Private Children Law

Direct Access

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Awards



FAMILY JUNIOR



SHORTLISTED FOR:
FAMILY LAW JUNIOR BARRISTER
OF THE YEAR



SHORTLISTED
COMMENTATOR AWARD



SHORTLISTED
JUNIOR BARRISTER

Education

Private International Law Course, The Hague Academy of International Law, Den Haag 2007

Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law, 2007

Diploma in Law, City University, 2006

BA (Hons) Theology and Politics, University of Bristol, 2005

Queen Mother Scholarship, Middle Temple, 2006

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Profile

Jacqueline is a leading junior who specialises in the field of international children law.

For many years, she has been ranked in Band 1 in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500. She is also ranked in The Spear's 500 Directory. She has been shortlisted for a number of awards over the years, including 'Family Law Junior of the Year' at the Chambers UK Bar Awards and Jordans Family Law Awards

Jacqueline has appeared in a significant number of the most important decisions in this jurisdiction (and abroad) relating to the development of international children law. To date, she has appeared in 74 reported cases. Her cases often involve complex and novel points of law. Jacqueline's practice encompasses international child abduction (Hague and non-Hague), relocation, the recognition and enforcement of foreign orders, jurisdictional disputes, relocation, forced marriage and international contact disputes. Running alongside her international practice, she also has a substantial practice in complex private children law disputes.

Jacqueline appears regularly in the High Court. She also has a substantial appellate practice, having, to date, appeared in 16 appeals to the Court of Appeal and 6 appeals to the UK Supreme Court.

In addition to her domestic practice, Jacqueline has appeared before the Court of Justice of the European Union in *UD v XB* [2019] C-393/18 (PPU), where she made oral submissions to the court. She has also filed an amicus curiae brief in the first ever Hague Convention 1980 case to be heard in the United States Supreme Court: *Abbott v Abbott* [2009] (judgment in USSC 17th May 2010), as well as a further Hague Convention 1980 case before the United States Supreme Court: *Chafin v Chafin* (Case no. 11-1347).

Jacqueline is often against KCs. She has also had a number of leading briefs, both in the High Court and Court of Appeal.

Jacqueline is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers and a member of the International Family Justice Committee and the FLBA international sub-committee. She is the lead editor of the international section of 'Rayden and Jackson'. Jacqueline lectures in this jurisdiction and abroad, and has given expert evidence on three occasions in the House of Lords as to the impact of Brexit on European family law.

A full list of Jacqueline's reported cases can be accessed via the link at the top of the page.

Jacqueline often appears against more senior Barristers, including QCs. More recently, Jacqueline has started to accept leading briefs – she has had three leading briefs in the Court of Appeal (in relation to important legal issues in the field of international children law) and one leading brief in relation to a complex High Court wardship case.

Jacqueline's lectures in this jurisdiction and abroad, and has given expert evidence on three occasions in the House of Lords as to the impact of Brexit on European family law. She is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers, a member of the International Family Justice Committee and the FLBA international sub-committee. She is also an editor of Rayden & Jackson (the international children law section), and writes the 'International Children Law Update' for Family Law Week.

To date, Jacqueline has appeared in over 50 reported cases in this jurisdiction:

W v W [2010] 1 FLR 1342
Re H and L [2010] 1 FLR 1229
MA v DB [2011] 1 FLR 724
EF v MGS [2011] EWCH 3139 (Fam)
SJ & Anor v JJ & Anor [2011] EWHC 3450 (Fam)
Z (A Child) [2012] EWHC 139 (Fam)
A v T [2011] EWHC 3882 (Fam)
SJ v JJ [2012] EWHC 931 (Fam)
R v A [2013] EWHC 692 (Fam)
Re F (Relocation) [2012] EWCA Civ 1364

The matter of A (Children) (AP) [2013] UKSC 60
 C v D [2013] EWHC 2989
 ET v TZ [2013] EWHC 2621 (Fam)
 Re F (Abduction: Consent) [2014] EWHC 484 (Fam)
 Re N (A Minor) [2014] EWHC 749 (Fam)
 Re LC (Reunite: International Child Abduction Centre Intervening) [2014] UKSC 1
 Re LC (Habitual Residence: Grave Risk of Harm) [2015] 1 FLR 1019
 LC v RRL & Others [2014] EWFC 8
 Re R (A Child: Habitual Residence) (2014) [2014] EWCA Civ 1032
 MD v AA & Another [2014] EWHC 2756 (Fam)
 Re MM (A Child: Relocation) [2014] EWFC B176
 Re U-B (Abduction: Objections to Return) [2015] 2 FLR 1382 [2015]
 IB v MM [2015] EWHC 1502 (Fam)
 Re B [2015] EWHC 2047 (Fam)
 Re C (A Child) (2015) [2015] EWCA Civ 988
 AT v SS (2015) [2015] EWHC 2703 (Fam)
 Re F (Child's Objections) (2015) [2015] EWCA Civ 1022
 Re J (Jurisdiction: Abduction) [2015] UKSC 70
 Re D (A Child) (International Recognition) [2016] EWCA Civ 12
 Ciccone v Ritchie (No 1) [2016] EWHC 608 (Fam)
 Ciccone v Ritchie (No 2) [2016] EWHC 616 (Fam)
 In the matter of N (Children) [2016] UKSC 15
 K v K (Appeal: Excessive Costs) [2016] EWHC 2002 (Fam) [2016] 1 FLR 170
 Re H (A Child) [2016] EWCA Civ 988
 Re R (Internal Relocation: Appeal) [2016] EWCA Civ 1016
 Re Alcott [2016] EWHC 2413 (Fam)
 Re Alcott [2016] EWHC 2414 (Fam)
 Re H (A Child) [2016] EWCA Civ 988
 Re R (Final) [2016] EWCA Civ 1016
 Another v PD [2017] EWHC 1514 (Fam)
 F v M and A and Sec of State [2017] EWHC 949
 H v K [2017] EWHC 1141 (Fam)
 Re A (A Minor) (Fact Finding: Unrepresented Party) [2017] EWHC 1195 (Fam)
 FE v YE [2017] EWHC 2165 (Fam)
 In the matter of C (Children) [2018] UKSC 8
 AG and AB (Children) [2018] EWHC 381 (Fam)
 Re S (Abduction - Hague Convention or BIIa) [2018] EWCA Civ 1226
 RVH v TF (Non Hague Convention Refusal of Summary Return) [2018] EWHC 1680 (Fam)
 MC v AC [2018] EWHC 1470 (Fam)
 A & B v C [2018] EWHC 2048
 UD v XB [2019] C-393/18 (PPU)
 AB v CD & C [2019] EWHC 1695 (Fam)
 Re A (Children), Re (Rev 1) [2019] EWHC 2334 (Fam)
 Re NY (A Child) [2019] UKSC 49
 Re I-L (Children) (1996 Hague Child Protection Convention: Inherent Jurisdiction) [2019] EWCA Civ 1956
 Re K (Forced Marriage: Passport Order) [2020] EWCA Civ 190
 Re E (Children) [2020] EWCA Civ 1030
 Re B (A Child) (Abduction: Habitual Residence) [2020] EWCA Civ 1187

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Middle Temple
- Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

Directories

"A go-to barrister for anything complex."

"She is unflappable because she is confident in her own ability. She matches more experienced KCs in terms of her advocacy and knowledge."

"Jacqueline works tirelessly for clients and is meticulous in her preparation which enables her to master the detail. A strong and effective advocate."

Chambers and Partners, 2024

Band 1

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Legal 500, 2024

Top Tier

"Jacqueline Renton is at the top of her game; she's so knowledgeable on the law and good on her feet." "A go-to for difficult international cases, she really fights for her client, is very astute tactically and no-nonsense in her approach. The client feels that she's going to battle all the way and get them the outcome they want."

Chambers and Partners, 2023

Band 1

'Jacqueline has an encyclopedic knowledge of children abduction law. She is a passionate and highly intelligent advocate.'

Legal 500, 2023

Top Tier

"A lawyer with a first-rate mind who is tenacious and pays excellent attention to detail." "Her legal knowledge and grasp of the most technical international family law issues is unsurpassable." "Jacqueline is a tenacious barrister with almost unparalleled experience in the field of international children law. She displays utter determination when acting for her clients."

"Recent work: Represented the mother before the Court of Appeal in Re B, a case concerning the return of a child to France. Issues included habitual residence and whether a 'third state return' is legally permissible under the Hague Convention."

Chambers & Partners, 2022

Band 1

' One of the best junior children practitioners out there. '

Legal 500, 2022

Top Tier

Focuses her specialised children practice on sophisticated international issues centring on jurisdiction,

relocation and abduction. She is regarded as an expert in this area by sources, and has appeared before the CJEU on behalf of her clients.

Strengths: “An experienced and effective advocate with an encyclopedic knowledge of international children matters.” “A leading guru on child abduction and relocation, she takes her job very seriously.” “Undoubtedly one of the best juniors for leave to remove cases. She is fearless and you know it is going to be tough if she is on the other side, so it is always best to retain her first.”

Recent work: Represented Reunite International, a child abduction charity, in an appeal to the UK Supreme Court to order the return of a child back to its father in Israel.

Chambers & Partners, 2021

Band 1

‘A top level specialist in international children’s cases and other private law children’s cases of great difficulty. As well as a truly encyclopaedic knowledge of child abduction and other international children’s work, in which she has long and comprehensive experience – she is a practitioner of exceptional quality.’

Legal 500, 2021

Top Tier

Focuses her specialised children practice on sophisticated international issues centring on jurisdiction, relocation and abduction. She is regarded as an expert in this area by sources, and has appeared before the CJEU on behalf of her clients.

Strengths: “A complete powerhouse in court, her advocacy is excellent and she is a match for any QC. She is extremely tenacious and hard-working.” “She’s great with clients, fantastic as an advocate and she cuts through the issues to get straight to the point.”

Chambers & Partners 2020

Band 1

‘A confident and fierce advocate.’

Legal 500, 2020

Top Tier

Focuses her specialised children practice on sophisticated international issues centring on jurisdiction, relocation and abduction. She already has an impressive number of appellate notches on her belt including appearances in the UK Supreme Court.

Strengths: “A very hard-working, excellent and tenacious advocate. You would want her to fight your case every time.” “She’s exceptionally good and very assiduous about her work.”

Chambers & Partners 2019

Band 1

‘A tenacious and determined advocate.’

Legal 500, 2019

Focuses her specialised children practice on sophisticated international issues centring on jurisdiction, relocation and abduction. She already has an impressive number of appellate notches on her belt including appearances in the UK Supreme Court.

Strengths: “Jacqueline’s star is shining very brightly and she is in hot demand. Clients like her as she is firm in her advice and forceful in her advocacy. She will go on to even bigger and better things without a

doubt.”

Recent work: Led by David Williams QC on behalf of Madonna Ciccone in a high-profile Hague Convention issue.

Chambers & Partners 2018
Band 1

‘One of a number of specialist junior counsel in the field of child abduction.’

Legal 500, 2017

Focuses her specialised children practice on sophisticated conflicts centring on jurisdiction, relocation and abduction. She regularly appears in the High Court and the Supreme Court.

Strengths: “She is brilliant on children law and holds herself extremely well in court against much more senior barristers.”

Chambers & Partners 2017
Band 1

‘She is a pocket battleship, out-maneuvring and out-gunning opponents.’

The Legal 500, 2016

Widely regarded as one of the rising stars of private children work, she often handles cases with an international element. Her peers value the enthusiasm and maturity she brings to her practice.

Strengths: “Really hard-working, very bright and extremely knowledgeable. She’s got an aura of being a lot more senior than she is. She is going to be one of the big names in family law.”

Chambers & Partners 2016
Band 1

Has a specialised private law children practice dealing with cross-border disputes pertaining to international custody and abductions.

Expertise: “A ball of energy who is going to go far. She’s certainly doing work well above her call, and is one of the leading people on abduction outside of silk.” “Jacqueline’s appreciation and understanding of the complexities of child abduction cases ensure quick and client-focused outcomes.”

Recent work: Represented the mother in a wardship dispute concerning children who were wrongfully retained in Russia by their father.

Chambers & Partners 2015

Seen as a rising star in cross-jurisdiction children matters, and has been frequently sought after to handle cases relating to child abduction, relocation and international custody/access.

Expertise: “She has an excellent practice and is wise beyond her years of call.”

Chambers & Partners 2014

Cases

06/12/2023	Re T (Abduction: Protective Measures: Agreement to Return)	Teertha Gupta KC Paul Hepher Emma Spruce Jacqueline Renton Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWCA Civ 1415
19/10/2023	London Borough of Hackney v P & Ors	Henry Setright KC Jacqueline Renton Charlotte Baker Frankie Shama	[2023] EWCA Civ 1213
27/07/2023	Re H (A Child) (Recusal)	Mani Singh Basi Jacqueline Renton Nadia Campbell Brunton	[2023] EWCA Civ 860
27/07/2023	Re S (Children: Parentage and Jurisdiction)	Michael Gration KC Jacqueline Renton Nadia Campbell Brunton	[2023] EWCA Civ 897
05/07/2023	Z v Z	Mani Singh Basi Jacqueline Renton	[2023] EWHC 1673 (Fam)
08/03/2023	W v Z	Jacqueline Renton Michael Gration KC	[2023] EWHC 469 (Fam)
17/01/2023	R v T	Jacqueline Renton	[2022] EWHC 3362 (Fam)
19/08/2022	Re: X (Children)	Teertha Gupta KC Christopher Hames KC Jacqueline Renton Clarissa Wigoder	[2022] EWCA Civ 1167
10/05/2022	H v R & Anor (2022)	Charlotte Baker Jacqueline Renton	[2022] EWHC 1073 (Fam)
16/03/2021	AB v CD	Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton	[2021] EWHC 665 (Fam)
16/03/2021	AB v CD (Abduction; Undertakings)	Jacqueline Renton Mark Jarman KC	[2021] EWHC 665 (Fam) (16 March 2021)
15/03/2021	AA and BB [2021] EWFC 17	Teertha Gupta KC Jacqueline Renton	[2021] EWFC 17
05/03/2021	AB v CD	Michael Edwards Jacqueline Renton Sam King KC	[2021] EWFC 38
23/02/2021	A (A Child) (1980 Hague Convention: Set Aside)	Christopher Hames KC Indu Kumar Teertha Gupta KC Andrew Powell Jacqueline Renton	[2021] EWCA Civ 194

15/09/2020	B (A Child) (Abduction: Habitual Residence)	Christopher Hames KC Harry Langford Jacqueline Renton Charlotte Baker	B (A Child) (Abduction: Habitual Residence)
07/08/2020	E (Children) [2020] EWCA Civ 1030	Jacqueline Renton Charlotte Baker Mark Jarman KC Lucy Logan Green	E (Children) [2020] EWCA Civ 1030
21/02/2020	K (Forced Marriage: Passport Order)	Henry Setright KC Deirdre Fottrell KC Jacqueline Renton Jonathan Evans	[2020] EWCA Civ 190
21/02/2020	Re K (Forced Marriage: Passport Order)	Henry Setright KC Jacqueline Renton Jonathan Evans	[2020] EWCA Civ 190
15/11/2019	Re I-L (Children) (1996 Hague Child Protection Convention: Inherent Jurisdiction) [2019]	Sam King KC Jacqueline Renton	
15/11/2019	I-L (Children) (1996 Hague Child Protection Convention : Inherent Jurisdiction)	Deirdre Fottrell KC Sam King KC Jacqueline Renton	[2019] EWCA Civ 1956
30/10/2019	Re NY (A Child)	Henry Setright KC Mark Jarman KC Michael Gration KC Teertha Gupta KC Jacqueline Renton Christopher Hames KC Michael Edwards Charlotte Baker	[2019] UKSC 49
25/09/2019	A (Children), Re (Rev 1) (2019)	Teertha Gupta KC John Tughan KC Cliona Papazian Jacqueline Renton	[2019] EWHC 2334 (Fam)
02/07/2019	AB v CD & C (2019)	Alex Verdan KC Sam King KC Jacqueline Renton Michael Edwards	[2019] EWHC 1695 (Fam)
18/06/2019	Re NY (A Child) (2019)	Teertha Gupta KC Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton Michael Gration KC	[2019] EWCA Civ 1065
17/10/2018	UD v XB	Teertha Gupta KC Jacqueline Renton Christopher Hames KC Brian Jubb Michael Gration KC	C-393/18 PPU
30/07/2018	A & B v C (2018)	Jacqueline Renton	[2018] EWHC 2048

14/06/2018	RVH v TF (Non Hague Convention: Refusal of Summary Return)	Jacqueline Renton	[2018] EWHC 1680 (Fam)
25/05/2018	S (Abduction – Hague Convention Or BIIa) (2018)	Jacqueline Renton Charlotte Baker	[2018] EWCA Civ 1226
02/05/2018	MC v AC	Jacqueline Renton	[2018] EWHC 1470
28/02/2018	AG and AB (Children) (2018)	Jacqueline Renton	[2018] EWHC 381 (Fam)
14/02/2018	In the matter of C (Children) (2018)	Henry Setright KC Michael Gration KC Charles Hale KC Jacqueline Renton Michael Edwards Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC	[2018] UKSC 8
25/08/2017	FE v YE (2017)	Henry Setright KC Brian Jubb Jacqueline Renton	[2017] EWHC 2165 (Fam)
12/07/2017	Re C (Children) (2017)	Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton Henry Setright KC Michael Gration KC	[2017] EWCA Civ 980
19/05/2017	RE A (A Minor) (Fact Finding: Unrepresented Party) (2017)	Henry Setright KC Brian Jubb Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton	[2017] EWHC 1195 (Fam)
11/05/2017	H v K (Return Order) (2017)	Jacqueline Renton	[2017] EWHC 1141 (Fam)
26/04/2017	F v M and A and Sec of State (2017)	Henry Setright KC Brian Jubb Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton	[2017] EWHC 949 (Fam)
26/04/2017	F v M & Anor	Henry Setright KC Deirdre Fottrell KC Brian Jubb Jacqueline Renton	[2017] EWHC 949 (Fam)
07/04/2017	CS & Another v PD (2017)	Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton	[2017] EWHC 1514 (Fam)
20/10/2016	Re R (Final) (2016)	Private: David Williams QC Charles Hale KC Jacqueline Renton Matthew Persson	[2016] EWCA Civ 1016

11/10/2016	Re H (A Child) (2016)	Henry Setright KC Private: David Williams QC Brian Jubb Jacqueline Renton	[2016] EWCA Civ 988
29/09/2016	Re Alcott (2016)	Jacqueline Renton	[2016] EWHC 2414 (Fam)
27/09/2016	Re Alcott (2016)	Jacqueline Renton	[2016] EWHC 2413 (Fam)
29/07/2016	K v K	Jacqueline Renton	[2016] EWHC 2002 (Fam)
13/04/2016	In the matter of N (Children) [2016]	Henry Setright KC Michael Gration KC Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton Michael Edwards	[2016] UKSC 15
21/03/2016	Ciccone v Ritchie (No 2) [2016]	Alex Verdan KC Henry Setright KC Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton Michael Gration KC	Ciccone v Ritchie (No 2) [2016] EWHC 616 (Fam)
03/02/2016	Ciccone v Ritchie (No 1) [2016]	Henry Setright KC Private: David Williams QC Michael Gration KC Jacqueline Renton	[2016] EWHC 608 (Fam)
03/02/2016	D (A Child) (International Recognition) [2016]	Henry Setright KC Private: David Williams QC Michael Gration KC Jacqueline Renton	[2016] EWCA Civ 12
04/12/2015	In the matter of J (a child)	Henry Setright KC Teertha Gupta KC Private: David Williams QC Michael Gration KC Jacqueline Renton Michael Edwards	[2015] UKSC 70
16/11/2015	L (Grave risk of harm) (Children's objections) [2015]	Andrew Powell Jacqueline Renton	[2015] EWHC 3300 (Fam)
14/10/2015	Re F (Child's Objections) (2015)	Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton	[2015] EWCA Civ 1022
29/09/2015	AT v SS (2015)	Jacqueline Renton	[2015] EWHC 2703 (Fam)

13/08/2015	Re N (Children) (2015)	Jacqueline Renton	AC9601862
29/07/2015	Re C (A Child) (2015)	Jacqueline Renton	AC9101402
15/07/2015	J v (1) C (2) B (2015)	Jacqueline Renton	[2015] EWHC 2047
22/04/2015	IB v MM	Jacqueline Renton	[2015] EWHC 1502 (Fam)
01/04/2015	Re J (A Child) (1996 Hague Convention) (Morocco) (2015)	Henry Setright KC Teertha Gupta KC Jacqueline Renton	[2015] EWCA Civ 329
06/02/2015	Re U-B (A Child) (2015)	Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton	[2015] EWCA Civ 60
04/02/2015	Re MM (A Child: Relocation) [2014]	Jacqueline Renton	[2014] EWFC B176
31/07/2014	MD v (1) AA (2) DD (By his Children's Guardian) (2014)	Jacqueline Renton	[2014] EWHC 2756 (Fam)
22/07/2014	Re R (A Child: Habitual Residence) (2014)	Henry Setright KC Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton	[2014] EWCA Civ 1032
16/05/2014	LC v RRL & Others [2014]	Henry Setright KC Private: David Williams QC Christopher Hames KC Jacqueline Renton	[2014] EWFC 8
12/03/2014	Re N (A Minor) [2014]	Jacqueline Renton	[2014] EWHC 749 (Fam)
25/02/2014	Re F (Abduction: Consent) [2014]	Jacqueline Renton	[2014] EWHC 484 (Fam)
15/01/2014	Re LC (Children) (2014)	Henry Setright KC Teertha Gupta KC Private: David Williams QC Christopher Hames KC Jacqueline Renton	[2014] UKSC 1
30/09/2013	C v D [2013]	Jacqueline Renton	[2013] EWHC 2989 (Fam)
09/09/2013	In the matter of A (Children) (2013)	Alex Verdan KC Baroness Scotland KC Alistair G Perkins Private: Hassan Khan Michael Gration KC Jacqueline Renton Rachel Chisholm	[2013] UKSC 60
27/03/2013	R v A	Jacqueline Renton	[2013] EWHC 692 (Fam)

24/10/2012	Re F (Child) (2012)	Jacqueline Renton	[2012] EWCA Civ 1364; 2013] 1 FLR 645 : [2012] 3 FCR 443 : [2013] Fam Law 37 : (2012) 156(41) SJLB 31
02/03/2012	SJ v JJ [2012]	Jacqueline Renton	[2012] EWHC 931 (Fam)
02/02/2012	Z (A child) [2012]	Jacqueline Renton	[2012] EWHC 139 (Fam)
09/12/2011	A v T [2011]	Jacqueline Renton	[2011] EWHC 3882 (Fam)
18/11/2011	EF v MGS [2011]	Jacqueline Renton	[2011] EWHC 3139 (Fam)
16/11/2011	SJ and Another v JJ and Another [2011]	Jacqueline Renton	[2011] EWHC 3450 (Fam)
27/05/2010	MA v DB (2010)	Jacqueline Renton	[2011] 1 FLR 724 : [2010] Fam Law 1161
10/12/2009	W v W (2009)	Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton	[2010] 1 FLR 1342 : [2010] Fam Law 228 : (2010) 154(1) SJLB 28 : [2009] EWHC 3288 (Fam)