

## Jacqueline Renton KC

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**Chambers and Partners, 2025**

### Experience

Year of Call: 2007

Year of Silk: 2025

### Practice Areas

- International Children Law
- Modern Families
- Private Children Law

### Direct Access

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### Awards





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Family Law  
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OF THE YEAR



Family Law  
Awards 2013

SHORTLISTED  
COMMENTATOR AWARD



Family Law  
Awards 2012

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 specialises in the field of international children law. Running alongside her international practice, she also has a substantial practice in complex / high conflict private children law disputes.

For many years, Jacqueline 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.

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. Her cases often involve complex and novel points of law, and she has played an important role in the development of this area of jurisprudence for many years. To date, she has appeared in 77 reported cases.

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 where she made oral submissions in the case of UD v XB [2019] C-393/18 (PPU), and has filed two amicus curiae briefs before the US Supreme Court.

Jacqueline has represented a number of celebrities over the years, as well as numerous UHNW / HNW clients. She also remains fully committed to publicly funded and pro bono work.

Jacqueline is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers and a member of the International Family Justice 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 in the House of Lords as to the impact of Brexit on European family law.

## International Children Law

Jacqueline has been a leading Barrister in the field of international children law for many years. Her 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.

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

## Private Children Law

Jacqueline has been a leading Barrister in the field of private children law for many years. She has a substantial practice in private children law disputes. She is often instructed in relocation (external and internal) cases, and complex / high conflict child arrangement disputes. Her cases invariably involve allegations of domestic abuse and alienating behaviours.

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## Publications/Training

Lead editor of the international section of 'Rayden and Jackson'.

## Memberships

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

## Directories

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### **Chambers & Partners, 2025**

#### **Band 1**

'Jacqueline is a natural in court. She thinks quickly on her feet and is excellent at strategising.'

### **Legal 500, 2025**

"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**

'Jacqueline is a phenomenal and extraordinary barrister. She is hugely supportive of clients and strives to achieve the best outcomes for them. She has excellent judgement, and invariably her call on the case is

where it lands.'

**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**

## **Cases**

16/12/2024	P (A Child) (Abduction: Child’s Objections)	Christopher Hames KC Jacqueline Renton KC Jonathan Evans	[2024] EWCA Civ 1569
01/07/2024	M v F	Jacqueline Renton KC Harry Langford	[2024] EWHC 1689 (Fam)
19/03/2024	R v M (Hague Convention; Withdrawal of Application and Art. 16 (Parental Responsibility))	Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC Michael Gration KC Jacqueline Renton KC Mani Singh Basi Frankie Shama	[2024] EWHC 720 (Fam)
06/12/2023	Re T (Abduction: Protective Measures: Agreement to Return)	Teertha Gupta KC Paul Hephher Emma Spruce Jacqueline Renton KC Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWCA Civ 1415
19/10/2023	London Borough of Hackney v P & Ors	Henry Setright KC Jacqueline Renton KC Charlotte Baker Frankie Shama	[2023] EWCA Civ 1213
27/07/2023	Re H (A Child) (Recusal)	Mani Singh Basi Jacqueline Renton KC Nadia Campbell Brunton	[2023] EWCA Civ 860
27/07/2023	Re S (Children: Parentage and Jurisdiction)	Michael Gration KC Jacqueline Renton KC Nadia Campbell Brunton	[2023] EWCA Civ 897
24/07/2023	H (A Child) (Recusal), Re	Jacqueline Renton KC Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWCA Civ 860
05/07/2023	Z v Z	Mani Singh Basi Jacqueline Renton KC	[2023] EWHC 1673 (Fam)

08/03/2023	W v Z	Jacqueline Renton KC Michael Gration KC	[2023] EWHC 469 (Fam)
17/01/2023	R v T	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2022] EWHC 3362 (Fam)
19/08/2022	Re: X (Children)	Teertha Gupta KC Christopher Hames KC Jacqueline Renton KC Clarissa Wigoder	[2022] EWCA Civ 1167
10/05/2022	H v R & Anor	Charlotte Baker Jacqueline Renton KC	[2022] EWHC 1073 (Fam)
24/08/2021	X (Children) (Article 61 BIIa)	Teertha Gupta KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2021] EWCA Civ 1305
16/03/2021	AB v CD (Abduction; Undertakings)	Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2021] EWHC 665 (Fam)
15/03/2021	AA and BB (Rev 1)	Teertha Gupta KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2021] EWFC 17
05/03/2021	AB v CD	Michael Edwards Jacqueline Renton KC 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 KC	[2021] EWCA Civ 194
15/09/2020	B (A Child) (Abduction: Habitual Residence)	Christopher Hames KC Harry Langford Jacqueline Renton KC Charlotte Baker	B (A Child) (Abduction: Habitual Residence)
07/08/2020	E (BIIa: Recognition And Enforcement) (Rev 1)	Jacqueline Renton KC 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 KC Jonathan Evans	[2020] EWCA Civ 190
15/11/2019	Re I-L (Children) (1996 Hague Child Protection Convention: Inherent Jurisdiction)	Sam King KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[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 KC Christopher Hames KC Michael Edwards Charlotte Baker	[2019] UKSC 49
25/09/2019	A (Children), Re (Rev 1)	Teertha Gupta KC John Tughan KC Cliona Papazian Jacqueline Renton KC	[2019] EWHC 2334 (Fam)
02/07/2019	AB v CD (No 1)	Alex Verdan KC Sam King KC Jacqueline Renton KC Michael Edwards	[2019] EWHC 1695 (Fam)
18/06/2019	NY (A Child : 1980 Hague Abduction Convention : Inherent Jurisdiction)	Teertha Gupta KC Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton KC Michael Gration KC	[2019] EWCA Civ 1065
17/10/2018	UD v XB	Teertha Gupta KC Jacqueline Renton KC Christopher Hames KC Brian Jubb Michael Gration KC	[2018] C-393/18 PPU
30/07/2018	A & B v C (Rev 1)	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2018] EWHC 2048
14/06/2018	RVH v TF Non Hague Convention Refusal of Summary Return)	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2018] EWHC 1680 (Fam)
25/05/2018	S (Abduction - Hague Convention Or BIIa)	Jacqueline Renton KC Charlotte Baker	[2018] EWCA Civ 1226
02/05/2018	MC v AC	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2018] EWHC 1470
28/02/2018	AG and AB (Children)	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2018] EWHC 381 (Fam)
14/02/2018	In the matter of C (Children)	Henry Setright KC Michael Gration KC Charles Hale KC Jacqueline Renton KC Michael Edwards Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC	[2018] UKSC 8
25/08/2017	FE v YE	Henry Setright KC Brian Jubb Jacqueline Renton KC	[2017] EWHC 2165 (Fam)

12/07/2017	Re C (Children)	Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton KC Henry Setright KC Michael Gration KC	[2017] EWCA Civ 980
19/05/2017	RE A (A Minor) (Fact Finding: Unrepresented Party)	Henry Setright KC Brian Jubb Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2017] EWHC 1195 (Fam)
11/05/2017	H v K (Return Order)	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2017] EWHC 1141 (Fam)
26/04/2017	F v M & Anor	Henry Setright KC Brian Jubb Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2017] EWHC 949 (Fam)
07/04/2017	CS & Another v PD	Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2017] EWHC 1514 (Fam)
20/10/2016	Re R (A Child)	Private: David Williams QC Charles Hale KC Jacqueline Renton KC Matthew Persson	[2016] EWCA Civ 1016
11/10/2016	Re H (A Child)	Henry Setright KC Private: David Williams QC Brian Jubb Jacqueline Renton KC	[2016] EWCA Civ 988
29/09/2016	Alcott (No. 2)	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2016] EWHC 2414 (Fam)
29/07/2016	K v K	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2016] EWHC 2002 (Fam)
13/04/2016	In the matter of N (Children)	Henry Setright KC Michael Gration KC Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton KC Michael Edwards	[2016] UKSC 15
21/03/2016	Ciccone v Ritchie (No 2)	Alex Verdan KC Henry Setright KC Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton KC Michael Gration KC	[2016] EWHC 616 (Fam)
03/02/2016	Ciccone v Ritchie (No 1)	Henry Setright KC Private: David Williams QC Michael Gration KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2016] EWHC 608 (Fam)

03/02/2016	D (A Child) (International Recognition)	Henry Setright KC Private: David Williams QC Michael Gration KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[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 KC Michael Edwards	[2015] UKSC 70
16/11/2015	L (Grave risk of harm) (Children's objections)	Andrew Powell Jacqueline Renton KC	[2015] EWHC 3300 (Fam)
14/10/2015	F (Child's Objections) (was Re N on appeal)	Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2015] EWCA Civ 1022
29/09/2015	AT v SS	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2015] EWHC 2703 (Fam)
13/08/2015	F (Child's Objections) (was Re N on appeal)	Jacqueline Renton KC	AC9601862
15/07/2015	Re B	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2015] EWHC 2047
22/04/2015	IB v MM	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2015] EWHC 1502 (Fam)
01/04/2015	Re J (A Child) (1996 Hague Convention) (Morocco)	Henry Setright KC Teertha Gupta KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2015] EWCA Civ 329
06/02/2015	Re U-B (A Child)	Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2015] EWCA Civ 60
04/02/2015	Re MM (A Child: Relocation)	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2014] EWFC B176
31/07/2014	MD v (1) AA (2) DD (By his Children's Guardian) (2014)	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2014] EWHC 2756 (Fam)
22/07/2014	Re R (A Child: Habitual Residence) (2014)	Henry Setright KC Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2014] EWCA Civ 1032
16/05/2014	LC v RRL & Others [2014]	Henry Setright KC Private: David Williams QC Christopher Hames KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2014] EWFC 8
12/03/2014	Re N (A Minor) [2014]	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2014] EWHC 749 (Fam)
25/02/2014	Re F (Abduction: Consent) [2014]	Jacqueline Renton KC	[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 KC	[2014] UKSC 1
30/09/2013	C v D [2013]	Jacqueline Renton KC	[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 KC Rachel Chisholm	[2013] UKSC 60
27/03/2013	R v A	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2013] EWHC 692 (Fam)
24/10/2012	Re F (Child) (2012)	Jacqueline Renton KC	[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 KC	[2012] EWHC 931 (Fam)
02/02/2012	Z (A child) [2012]	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2012] EWHC 139 (Fam)
09/12/2011	A v T [2011]	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2011] EWHC 3882 (Fam)
18/11/2011	EF v MGS [2011]	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2011] EWHC 3139 (Fam)
16/11/2011	SJ and Another v JJ and Another [2011]	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2011] EWHC 3450 (Fam)
27/05/2010	MA v DB (2010)	Jacqueline Renton KC	[2011] 1 FLR 724 : [2010] Fam Law 1161
10/12/2009	W v W (2009)	Private: David Williams QC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2010] 1 FLR 1342 : [2010] Fam Law 228 : (2010) 154(1) SJLB 28 : [2009] EWHC 3288 (Fam)