



Rob George

Call: 2013

Rob is a leading expert on international family law, particularly in relation to relocation disputes, child abduction, jurisdiction, and international and domestic surrogacy cases. He has published numerous books and papers on these subjects, and been involved with many of the leading cases in related areas.

Rob undertakes hearings at all levels of the Family Court and in the High Court, as well as appeals to the High Court, Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. He brings a calm and thoughtful manner to his advocacy, developing complex arguments in an intelligible manner, and always going the extra mile with client care.

Alongside his practice at Harcourt Chambers, Rob holds the position of Associate Professor of Family Law at University College London, teaching family law and children's rights, as well as conducting research into the family justice system. Rob's internationally acknowledged academic expertise in family law issues allows him to bring real depth to his advice and advocacy work.

International Children Law

Rob is a highly regarded expert on international children law, with most of his practice involving an international element. His knowledge and experience in this area includes Hague and non-Hague child abduction, jurisdictional disputes, and international enforcement of orders. His practice in international children law often takes Rob to the Court of Appeal and to the Supreme Court, and his expertise is recognised by his long-time membership of the International Family Justice Committee.

Rob has a particular specialism in relocation disputes, both international and internal. Having written his doctorate and two further books on relocation disputes, Rob is an undisputed expert in this area. He often represents parents in relocation cases at all levels of the Family Court, and is experienced in bringing and defending appeals. Rob also does frequent

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advice work on relocation, prior to final hearings and for appeals.

Notable International Children Law cases

- **Re NY (A Child) [2019] UKSC 49, [2019] 3 WLR 962, [2020] 1 All ER 923**
- **Re F (Abduction: Sexual Abuse: Summary Return) [2019] EWHC 3791 (Fam)**
- **C v G [2017] EWHC 762 (Fam)**
- **Re N (Adoption: Jurisdiction) [2016] UKSC 15, [2017] AC 167, [2017] 1 All ER 527**
- **Re J (A Child) (1996 Hague Convention) [2015] UKSC 70, [2016] AC 1291, [2016] 4 All ER 1048**
- **BB v CC (Residence Order) [2018] EWFC B78**
- **Re L (Relocation: Second Appeal) [2017] EWCA Civ 2121, [2018] 4 WLR 141, [2018] 2 FLR 608**
- **S v S (Relocation) [2017] EWHC 2345 (Fam), [2018] 1 FLR 825**
- **Re C (Internal Relocation) [2015] EWCA Civ 1305, [2016] Fam 253, [2017] 1 FLR 103**

Private Law Children

Rob undertakes a full range of private law children cases, including residence, contact, education and medical disputes, and has particular expertise in unusual and complex matters. Rob has experience in surrogacy law and cases about parentage and parental responsibility, as well as more niche and sensitive issues such as disputes about withdrawal of medical treatment and the disposal of a child's body after death.

Notable Private Law Children cases

- **Re E (A Child: Burial Arrangements) [2019] EWHC 3639 (Fam)**
- **Re G (Declaration of Parentage: Removal of Person Identified as Mother from Birth Certificate) [2018] EWHC 3360 (Fam)**
- **Re B & C (Change of Name: Parental Responsibility: Evidence) [2017] EWHC 3250 (Fam), [2018] 4 WLR 19, [2018] 1 FLR 1471**
- **Re JS (Disposal of Body) [2016] EWHC 2859 (Fam), [2017] 4 WLR 1)**

Direct Access

Rob is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public in appropriate cases, and welcomes enquiries about such matters at all stages of proceedings, including appeals.

Appointments

- International Family Justice Committee
- Associate Professor of Family Law, University College London

Publications

- The Routledge Handbook of Family Law and Policy (Routledge, 2nd edition, 2020)
- Family Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (OUP, 4th edition, 2019)
- Blackstone's Statutes on Family Law (OUP, editor from 2019 onwards)
- Relocation: A Practical Guide (Jordans, 2nd edition, 2016)
- Relocation Disputes: Law and Practice in England and New Zealand (Hart, 2014)
- Ideas and Debates in Family Law (Hart, 2012)

Memberships

- FLBA
- Socio-Legal Studies Association

Education

- The College of Law, London (2013)
- DPhil, Family Law, Lincoln College, Oxford (2010)
- MSc Social Policy, Trinity College, Oxford (2006)
- BA Jurisprudence, Trinity College, Oxford (2005)

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Prizes

- International Family Lawyer of the Year 2018 (shortlisted)

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