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HILARY LENNOX

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Hilary Lennox is a barrister called to the Bar in Ireland in 2008, Northern Ireland in 2013 and England & Wales in 2013. In addition, she has worked in a law firm in New York and the Innocence Project in Wisconsin.

Hilary specialises in international human rights and family law. Hilary is instructed to bring cases on behalf of individuals before the European Court of Human Rights most recently against Ireland. She speaks French, Spanish and Irish.

Hilary is a highly experienced family practitioner across three jurisdictions. She covers all areas of family law.

In Ireland Hilary has conducted over 250 family law divorces. Hilary regularly delivers CPD lectures to Barristers and Solicitors' firms and speaks at various conferences and seminars internationally. She delivered a family law course over 3 months to Shearman & Sterling LLP, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Reed Smith, Ropes & Gray LLP, Travers Smith and Gibson Dunn.

Hilary accepts direct public access instructions in suitable cases.

Child Abduction

She is regularly instructed in international child abduction, child relocation and international jurisdictional issues (habitual residence) before the High Court most recently involving Syria, Libya, South Africa, India, Tanzania and Australia.

Selected Cases

Manchester City Council v D [2021] EWHC 1191 (Fam)

IJVS

RCJ – Forced Marriage application return order, FMPO and FGMPO (Instructed by Met Police)

2018 SH v DS

(Child abduction Ireland) representing mother

2018 MU v NR

Child abduction Ireland

IJVKP - RCJ

Forced Marriage application Somalia

ZM v MB

Contempt of court proceedings – (Irish Clients Financial Remedy Enforcement).

TB v EZ

RCJ – Family Division (Libya, Child abduction, Contempt of Court, (attracted a lot of media attention))

WB v JDL

RCJ (Child abduction, South Africa)

NHD v ND

(Child abduction, India) represented father. Children were allowed to stay in India with father.

VHJ v ASS

International relocation Tanzania)

SA v RA

Family Finance

Hilary acts for a wide range of matrimonial financial clients in particular high net-worth as well as modest clients with complex financial arrangements. Some cases involve large property portfolios in several countries including USA, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Turkey, Portugal and India. She receives instructions and lectures in Schedule 1 Children Act maintenance applications for unmarried parents

Selected Cases

HPR v PRR

Assets in India

W v W

Final hearing assets in Ireland

AT v RT

Final hearing

MJM v JM

Final hearing representing member of Nigerian government with assets in Nigeria

Children Law (Private)

She receives instructions and lectures in Schedule 1 Children Act maintenance applications for unmarried parents.

Selected Cases

JE v LE

relocation to Sweden

TP v CN

appointment of guardian

SES v SS

Final hearing

Children Law (Public)

Hilary represents local authorities and provides advice involving care and placement proceedings, Article 15 Brussels II revised transfers of international families most recently in the Czech Republic, Germany, Poland and Ireland. She represents parents, guardians, intervenors and the Met Police involving children who have suffered long term neglect and sexual abuse.

Selected Cases

NCC v RS & CS

Acute Life Threatening Episode (ALTE) representing father

LBKC v RR & NR

Non Accidental Injury representing mother (instructed by Dawson Cornwell)

Kent CC v SA & Ors

(Acting for LA) seeking to locate children in Czech Republic, seeking port alerts on UK Borders and instruction of CFAB.

Luton BC V AF & Ors

RCJ – (ISIS case, Syria, Instructed by Bindmans LLP)

LBTH v (Acting for LA)

S.20 secure accommodation in Scotland

Kent CC V K & Ors

S.9 JUDGE (GERMANY) seeking to place children in Germany

International Human Rights Law

Hilary has an in depth knowledge of human rights abuses in many countries. In her capacity as a Human Rights lawyer in Ireland Hilary represented clients in complex and extensive litigation relating to victims of child abuse in Irish Reformatory and Industrial Schools operated by the Catholic Church. She conducted cases before the High Court in Ireland representing men who were abused as children in the Institutions.

Most recently she was involved in the investigation and victim reporting of 500 women survivors resident in the Magdalen Laundries. She personally dealt with 20 women whom received compensation in the sum of €100,000 euros each. She is currently instructed in two cases where day pupils were subjected to child abuse in state schools and are now suing the Irish government.

On the broader international front Hilary has worked in a law firm in New York and also with the Innocence Project in Wisconsin.

Hilary was selected by the Bar Council of Ireland out of 80 applicants to work with the [Innocence Project, USA](#) led by Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld. The Innocence Project is a non-profit legal organisation that is committed to exonerating wrongly convicted people primarily but not exclusively through the use of post conviction DNA testing. She worked on several cases including drafting a direct appeal to the State of Wisconsin Court of Appeals District IV and drafting post conviction motions in murder and arson cases.

Court of Protection

Hilary successfully represented the family of a client (22) in the Court of Protection. He was seriously injured and left in a permanent vegetative state arising from an accident on a Russian Oligarch's yacht in the Mediterranean. His family as well as solicitors were court appointed deputies in both financial and property affairs and personal welfare. She is also involved in the ongoing international personal injury claim. [Media here](#).

Qualifications

- 2013 The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- 2013 The Bar of Northern Ireland
- 2010 Diploma Finance Law, Law Society of Ireland.
- 2008 Barrister at Law Degree, The Honourable Society of Kings Inns.
- 2003 LLB Law Degree, The University of Wales.

- 2000 Psychology, Politics & Spanish, University College Dublin.

Professional associations

- Bar Human Rights Committee
- Chatham House
- Extradition Lawyers Association
- Family Bar Association
- International Bar Association Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)
- Liberty

Professional activities

Teaching 6 International Law firms in London family law in collaboration with University House for their family law and domestic violence clinic.

The firms include Skaddens, Gibson Dunne, Cleary Gottlieb, Travers Smith, Reed Smith and Ropes and Gray.

Regularly arrange seminars for chambers or conduct webinars for solicitors on recent family law issues including Weightmans/Yresolution in Manchester and Nockhold Solicitors in London.

Outside Interests

- Ski Instructor (BASI)
- Plays tennis for both the UK and Irish Bar

Publications

- Article “Rape as a Tool of War” Solicitors Journal, July 2017
- Lecture YResnational, Weightmans Manchester “Maintenance Unmarried parents” June 2017
- Article, The Times, “Victims of Rape in Conflict Zones should not be stigmatised” June 2017

- Webinar “New Divorce bill”, February 2017
- Seminar Target Jobs Law National Pupillage Fair. October 2016
- Radio Interview – The Brief – Legal Affairs Show – Near FM 90.3FM – February 2014. Andrew Robinson BL and Patrick Leonard BL. on the European Court of Human Rights’ Irish landmark case of Louise O’Keeffe.
- Article – The Bar Review (Roundhall) Journal of the Bar of Ireland – Volume 18 – Issue 6 – December 2012. “The Innocence Project Summer 2012”.
- Article – The Irish Times – 26th November 2012. “When the Law is a matter of Life and Death” This was an interview by Pamela Newenham journalist of the Irish Times to discuss myself and 2 other barristers’ experiences with the different Innocence Projects in the USA.
- Radio Interview – The Spin – Spin FM 103.8FM Radio – November 2012. “Lunchtime show with Jonathan and Clare” Radio on DNA evidence in criminal trials.
- Article – The Law Society of Ireland Gazette – Cover Story November 2012 edition. “Shaken Baby Syndrome Science or Myth?” The American Criminal Justice System has been using forensic science and techniques to successfully convict people, which has never been scientifically validated. Is Shaken Baby Syndrome a science or myth based on the triad of symptoms alone?
- Radio interview – The Brief – Legal Affairs Show – Near FM 90.3FM – 29th November 2012. “The Brief with Andrew Robinson BL and Patrick Leonard BL” Radio DNA applications in US Courts.
- Article – The Law Society of Ireland Gazette – July 2011 edition. “Breaking up is hard to do” On 1st January 2011, the clock began to tick for cohabiting couples in Ireland to acquire rights from one another as a result of the commencement of the Civil Partnership and Cohabitants Act 2010.
- Article – The Family Law Journal – Trinity edition 2011. “Grandparents’ Rights in Ireland” This article focuses upon the legal issues surrounding grandparents rights in Ireland.