

Charlotte Baker

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Legal 500, 2025

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Experience

Year of Call: 2014

Practice Areas

- Inquests and Inquiries
- International Children Law
- Modern Families
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

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ENGLAND & WALES

Education

University of St Andrews, MA (Hons) English Literature
The University of Law (Chester), Graduate Diploma in Law
Kaplan Law School, Bar Professional Training Course

Profile

Charlotte specialises in complex children disputes. Her expertise includes international cases in the High Court (including child abduction, FGM, forced marriage and surrogacy), and those cases which involve the most serious allegations of domestic and sexual abuse, and controlling and coercive behaviour. She has extensive experience of advising and appearing in internal and international relocation cases, especially those with tricky factual backgrounds.

She is recognised as a leading junior in both Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500 where she is commended for her strategic approach, meticulous preparation and formidable advocacy.

Since becoming a tenant at 4PB in 2017, Charlotte has been instructed in some of the key appellate cases instrumental in shaping children law, both in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. She has acted for a number of charities and NGOs as interveners in such matters and is always happy to discuss similar opportunities as they arise. In addition to her work in the Family Court, she was instructed in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse and has a keen interest in matters which feature an overlap between the Family Court and other areas of law.

Charlotte is part of the Child Abduction Lawyers Association Committee and is a member of the Centre for Women's Justice legal reference panel. She accepts instructions on a direct access basis where appropriate.

International children law

Charlotte has been described in the Legal 500 as *"An exemplary junior with an outstanding knowledge of international matters. Charlotte is a go-to barrister for advice in relation to relocation matters and cross-border disputes"*. She has appeared in some of the leading cases on international children law, including the following cases in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court:

- London Borough of Hackney v P & Ors [2023] EWCA Civ 1453
- C v M (A Child) (Abduction: Representation of Child Party) [2023] EWCA Civ 1449
- Re R (A Child: Asylum And 1980 Hague Convention Application) [2022] EWCA Civ 188
- G v G [2021] UKSC 9
- Re B (A Child) (Abduction: Habitual Residence) [2020] EWCA Civ 1187
- Re E (Bia: Recognition And Enforcement) [2020] EWCA Civ 1030
- Re S (A Child) [2020] EWCA Civ 923
- In the Matter of NY (A Child) [2019] UKSC 49
- Re G-E (Children) (Hague Convention 1980: Repudiatory Retention & Habitual Residence) [2019] EWCA Civ 283
- Re S (Abduction - Hague Convention or BIIa) [2018] EWCA Civ 1226

Charlotte maintains a busy practice in the High Court focussing on child abduction cases and international child protection matters, including cases which feature allegations of FGM, forced marriage and honour-based violence. Some of her recent appearances in the High Court, representing parents and children, include the following:

- T v V & Anor [2022] EWHC 3692 (Fam)
- P v O [2023] EWHC 2128 (Fam)
- Re D & Anor [2023] EWHC 2129 (Fam)
- C v M & Anor (No 1 Hague Abduction: Application for Re-hearing) [2023] EWHC 1482 (Fam)
- C v M & Anor [2023] EWHC 1182 (Fam)
- Re P (Inherent Jurisdiction Return: Return Order: Welfare Analysis) [2023] EWHC 225 (Fam)
- Re P (Inherent Jurisdiction Return: Allegations of Female Genital Mutilation and Domestic Abuse: Fact Finding) [2022] EWHC 1722 (Fam)

- ES v DS [2022] EWHC 3397 (Fam)
- H v R & Anor [2022] EWHC 1073 (Fam)
- NP v DP (Hague Convention; Abducting Parent Refusing to Return) [2021] EWHC 3626 (Fam)
- VR v YD & Anor [2021] EWHC 2642 (Fam)
- Re E (A Child) (Mediation Privilege) [2020] EWHC 3379 (Fam)
- Re M (A Child: Hague Convention) [2020] EWHC 3340 (Fam)
- WX v YZ & Anor [2020] EWHC 1782 (Fam)
- Re AB v EM (Jurisdiction Foreign Custody Order) [2020] EWHC 549 (Fam)

Private children law

Charlotte is frequently instructed in cases where there are serious allegations of domestic abuse, sexual abuse and controlling and coercive behaviour. She appeared in the leading Court of Appeal case on coercive control: *Re H-N and Others (Children) (Domestic Abuse: Finding of fact hearings) [2021] EWCA Civ 448*. She is always pleased to be instructed at an early stage of the litigation and to advise on strategy, in particular with regards to evidential issues.

In addition to her domestic abuse practice, she is well versed in representing applicants and respondents in internal and international relocation cases, including to non-1980 Hague Convention countries where she is able to draw from her international child abduction practice. Charlotte has delivered seminars on preparing such applications (and defending them) to solicitors' firms.

Charlotte understands that private law children disputes are acutely stressful for those involved in them and is well recognised in the legal directories for her client care skills. She is as comfortable representing high net worth clients as she is those in receipt of legal aid.

In addition to *Re H-N*, she has appeared in the following private children law cases in the Court of Appeal:

- Re G (Children) (Supervised Contact) [2023] EWCA Civ 1453
- Re B (A Child) [2022] EWCA Civ 1439
- Re A, B and C (Children: Nesting Arrangement) [2022] EWCA Civ 68
- Griffiths v Tickle & Ors [2021] EWCA Civ 1882

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
 Association of Lawyers for Children
 Child Abduction Lawyers Association
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Directories

"Passionate and completely on top of the case law. Her great skill set and superior client service relax all around her."

"Charlotte Baker is such a promising young talent and really takes a sophisticated approach to her work."

"Charlotte Baker exhibits brilliant attention to detail and provides superb client care."

Chambers and Partners, 2025

'Charlotte is a phenomenal advocate, incredibly hardworking and meticulous in her preparation.'

Legal 500, 2025

'Charlotte is a tenacious and formidable advocate while possessing the skills to understand and empathise with her clients. She has a phenomenal knowledge of the law. Her advice and input into a

case are always invaluable. As an advocate, she is fearless. She is always well-prepared and strategic in her approach, her cross-examination is meticulous, and she leaves no stone unturned.'

Legal 500, 2024

"Extremely intelligent and takes a forensic approach to cases. Her advocacy skills are excellent and her submissions are very impressive."

"Charlotte is a force of nature. Clients feel that she stands up for their interests and she is tenacious in getting a successful outcome for them. She doesn't sugar-coat issues for clients and they know where they stand with her: what you see is what you get."

"She's very thorough and her paperwork is just as good as her advocacy."

Chambers and Partners, 2024

"Charlotte Baker is a capable children's junior whom clients warm to as she's very approachable. She's both good at the paperwork and on her feet in court."

"Charlotte's client care is very strong. She's on top of everything and always keeps the solicitor updated."

Chambers and Partners, 2023

'Charlotte is a master of detail and picks up relevant points very quickly. She is very supportive of those instructing her in preparing any case.'

Legal 500, 2023

Family law barrister gaining recognition for her children law practice. She is praised for advising on modern family matters including surrogacy, and is notable for her work on wardship cases. She also concentrates her practice on cross-border abduction and leave to remove disputes.

Strengths: "Sympathetic but proactive in advising on how to move cases forward. She is full of sensible, pragmatic advice." "Charlotte is empathetic, reassuring, responsive and someone who has the clients' best interests at the forefront of her mind." "Charlotte Baker is kind, understanding and able to calm client nerves."

Recent work: Represented Bristol City Council in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

Chambers & Partners, 2022

'An exemplary junior with an outstanding knowledge of international matters. Charlotte is a go-to barrister for advice in relation to relocation matters and cross-border disputes.'

Legal 500, 2022

Top Tier

Rising Star

'Is simply fantastic; a very skilled advocate, immaculately prepared and totally client-focused.'

Legal 500, 2021

Top Tier

Rising Star

Cases

15/12/2023	T v V & Anor	Charlotte Baker Mani Singh Basi	[2022] EWHC 3692 (Fam)
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15/12/2023	P v O	Charlotte Baker	[2023] EWHC 2128 (Fam)
15/12/2023	Re D & Anor	Charlotte Baker	[2023] EWHC 2129 (Fam)
15/12/2023	London Borough of Hackney v P & Ors	Charlotte Baker	[2023] EWCA Civ 1213
07/12/2023	G (Children) (Supervised Contact) Re	Ruth Kirby KC Charlotte Baker Alex Verdan KC Frankie Shama	[2023] EWCA Civ 1453
06/12/2023	C v M (A Child) (Abduction: Representation of Child Party)	Ruth Kirby KC Adele Cameron-Douglas Miriam Best Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi Christopher Hames KC Indu Kumar Charlotte Baker Deirdre Fottrell KC Henry Setright KC Harry Langford	[2023] EWCA Civ 1449
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	C v M & Anor (No 1 Hague Abduction: Application for Re-hearing)	Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi Adele Cameron-Douglas Christopher Hames KC Charlotte Baker Teertha Gupta KC	[2023] EWHC 1482 (Fam)
18/05/2023	C v M & Anor	Ruth Kirby KC Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi Charlotte Baker Adele Cameron-Douglas	[2023] EWHC 1182 (Fam)
21/02/2023	Re C ('Parental Alienation'; Instruction of Expert)	Barbara Mills KC Charles Hale KC Joy Brereton KC Chris Barnes Charlotte Baker Frankie Shama	[2023] EWHC 345 (Fam)
20/02/2023	Re P (Inherent Jurisdiction Return: Return Order: Welfare Analysis)	Christopher Hames KC Charlotte Baker Michael Edwards	[2023] EWHC 225 (Fam)

20/02/2023	Re P (Inherent Jurisdiction Return: Allegations of Female Genital Mutilation and Domestic Abuse: Fact Finding)	Christopher Hames KC Charlotte Baker Michael Edwards	[2022] EWHC 1722 (Fam)
20/12/2022	ES v DS	Charlotte Baker Cliona Papazian	[2022] EWHC 3397 (Fam)
02/11/2022	Re B (A Child)	Chris Barnes Charlotte Baker	[2022] EWCA Civ 1439
27/07/2022	Re P (Inherent Jurisdiction Return: Allegations of Female Genital Mutilation and Domestic Abuse: Fact Finding)	Christopher Hames KC Michael Edwards Charlotte Baker	[2022] EWHC 1722 (Fam)
10/05/2022	H v R & Anor	Charlotte Baker Jacqueline Renton KC	[2022] EWHC 1073 (Fam)
02/03/2022	R (A Child : Asylum And 1980 Hague Convention Application) (Rev1)	Cliona Papazian Ralph Marnham Christopher Hames KC Charlotte Baker	[2022] EWCA Civ 188
23/02/2022	Re A, B and C (Children: Nesting Arrangement)	Catherine Wood KC, MCI Arb Charlotte Baker	[2022] EWCA Civ 68
18/02/2022	R (A Child : Asylum And 1980 Hague Convention Application) (Rev1)	Christopher Hames KC Charlotte Baker	[2022] EWCA Civ 188
03/02/2022	A, B and C (Children: Nesting Arrangement)	Charlotte Baker Catherine Wood KC, MCI Arb	[2022] EWCA Civ 68
10/12/2021	Griffiths v Tickle & Ors	Deirdre Fottrell KC Chris Barnes Charlotte Baker	[2021] EWCA Civ 1882
17/11/2021	NP v DP (Hague Convention; abducting parent refusing to return)	Christopher Hames KC Charlotte Baker	[2021] EWHC 3626 (Fam)
29/09/2021	VR v YD & Anor	Charlotte Baker Christopher Hames KC	[2021] EWHC 2642 (Fam)
30/07/2021	Griffiths v Tickle & Ors	Chris Barnes Charlotte Baker	[2021] EWHC 3365 (Fam)

30/03/2021	Re H-N and Others (Children) (Domestic Abuse: Finding of fact hearings)	Christopher Hames KC Charlotte Baker Jo Delahunty KC Chris Barnes Charles Hale KC Adele Cameron-Douglas Rebecca Foulkes Miriam Best Teertha Gupta KC Matthew Persson Clarissa Wigoder Mark Jarman KC Michael Gratton KC Barbara Mills KC Joy Brereton KC Emma Spruce	[2021] EWCA Civ 448
26/01/2021	E (A Child) (Mediation Privilege), Re (Rev 1)	Charlotte Baker	[2020] EWHC 3379 (Fam)
07/12/2020	M (A Child: Hague Convention)	Charlotte Baker Henry Setright KC	[2020] EWHC 3340 (Fam)
16/09/2020	G (A Child: Child Abduction)	Henry Setright KC Michael Gratton KC Sam King KC Charlotte Baker	[2020] EWCA Civ 1185
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 (Bii: Recognition And Enforcement) (Rev 1)	Jacqueline Renton KC Charlotte Baker Mark Jarman KC Lucy Logan Green	E (Children) [2020] EWCA Civ 1030
17/07/2020	S (A Child)	Charlotte Baker Henry Setright KC	[2020] EWCA Civ 923
29/06/2020	WX v YZ & Anor	Charlotte Baker Henry Setright KC	[2020] EWHC 1782 (Fam)
12/03/2020	Re AB v EM (Jurisdiction Foreign Custody Order)	Charlotte Baker	[2020] EWHC 549 (Fam)
20/12/2019	C (A Child) (Special Guardianship Order)	Charlotte Baker Sam King KC	[2019] EWCA Civ 2281

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
01/03/2019	Re G-E (Children) (Hague Convention 1980: Repudiatory Retention & Habitual Residence)	Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC Charlotte Baker	[2019] EWCA Civ 283
18/10/2018	G v E	Mark Jarman KC Charlotte Baker	[2018] EWHC 2980 (Fam)
25/05/2018	S (Abduction - Hague Convention Or BIIa)	Jacqueline Renton KC Charlotte Baker	[2018] EWCA Civ 1226
18/05/2018	Essex County Council v P	Cyrus Larizadeh KC Charlotte Baker	[2018] EWHC 1211 (Fam)
19/09/2017	Egeneonu v Egeneonu	Private: Hassan Khan Charlotte Baker	[2017] EWHC 2336 (Fam)