

Mark Jarman KC

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Chambers & Partners 2025

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Legal 500, 2025



Experience

Year of Call: 1989

Year of Silk: 2023

Practice Areas

- International Children Law
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

Dispute Resolution

- Collaborative Law

Direct Access

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Education

LLB (Hons)

Languages

French

Profile

Mark is a dedicated family advocate whose practice encompasses all aspects of family law. His easy approach, robust advocacy and user friendly demeanour make him a popular choice with solicitors.

Children

Mark regularly represents local authorities, parents and guardians in public law proceedings across all tiers of Court. Such cases involve non accidental injury including 'baby shaking' cases, infant death, sexual and physical abuse as well as neglect cases. In private law cases, Mark represents parents in relation to residence applications, including shared residence, contact and specific issue.

International Movement of Children

Mark regularly appears in the High Court representing parents in cases of Child Abduction, (both Hague and non Hague cases), Inherent Jurisdiction, Wardship, Brussels II and International Relocation of Children.

Divorce

Within the breakdown of marriage, Mark represents husbands and wives in ancillary relief cases, including "big money" cases, financial provision for children and CSA appeals. Increasingly Mark is instructed in cases where the court's jurisdiction is questioned and the issue of "Forum Conveniens" has to be determined. Additionally Mark has appeared in the Care Standards Tribunal in an appeal against the incorporation of a social worker on the POCA list.

Interests

Mark's interests include sailing, skiing and squash.

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Inner Temple
Affiliate Member of Resolution

Directories

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"He attacks the most complex of cases with ease."

"An unflappable and considered advocate who gives sound and strategic advice."

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"Super pragmatic and doesn't take silly points. Very focused on the right issues, he knows where the strengths of his cases lie and he exploits those strengths to the max. He is clever, strategic and forceful."

Chambers and Partners, 2024

'Mark is straightforward to deal with, gives thoughtful and considered advice that has been strategically very sound and is an excellent advocate. He does not shy away from addressing difficult issues but can present them to the court in a way that makes it clear the solution he puts forward is the obvious route for the judge to follow. He has an excellent legal brain and an exceptional knowledge of international matters. His preparation and organisation are meticulous.'

Legal 500, 2024

"Mark Jarman is a very strong advocate, who mixes fierce cross-examination with clear explanations for

clients, inspiring their confidence throughout.”

“Mark offers an exceptional level of knowledge, commitment and expertise.”

Chambers and Partners, 2023

‘Mark has a very calm and knowledgeable presence both in and outside court. He is helpful, responsive and strategic in his approach.’

Legal 500, 2023

“A real grafter who presents clear arguments and is frequently before the High Court on international children matters.” “He commands the respect of the court and is realistic in his approach. Mark advances his client’s case in cross-examination in a way that makes it sound easy.” “He sets realistic expectations but remains sympathetic to his clients. He gets to the bottom of all the issues in a case.”

Chambers & Partners, 2022

‘ Highly experienced in children work, very personable with clients, solicitors wouldn’t hesitate to instruct him. ’

Legal 500, 2022

A cross-jurisdictional specialist who represents notable individuals in private children disputes. He mainly acts in cases concerning international and internal relocation, abduction and enforcement orders. He has experience of dealing with Hague and non-Hague jurisdictions.

Strengths: “Mark is capable of drawing out the salient points in cross-examination, and his advocacy is more precise and direct than that of others.” “He maintains his gravitas while being empathetic.” “A phenomenal cross-examiner who is completely straightforward in his approach.”

Recent work: Acted in the High Court appearing on behalf of a father who sought the return of his child to Israel under the 1980 Hague Convention.

Chambers & Partners, 2021

‘Possessed of a sharp and quick intellect and the ability to write and speak with incisive effectiveness. He is the ultimate class act, smooth, polished and authoritative and he is a devastatingly efficient cross-examiner.’

Legal 500, 2021

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Strengths: “Mark Jarman is a master of advocacy in a High Court setting, whose preparation is exemplary. You always know you are in safe hands.” “Mark is a formidable advocate who is impressive in court and very reassuring with clients. When you’ve got really nasty cases, he gives you that extra dimension.”

Recent work: Acted in Salama, a child abduction case arising out of the retention of a child in Egypt following a family holiday in 2011.

Chambers & Partners 2020

‘A fearless advocate, a safe pair of hands; his written and oral advocacy is exceptional, down to earth and robust.’

Legal 500, 2020

A cross-jurisdictional specialist who represents notable individuals in private children disputes. He mainly acts in cases concerning relocation, abduction and enforcement orders, among other international issues. He has experience of dealing with Hague and non-Hague jurisdictions.

Strengths: "He has exceptional judgement, and gets straight to the heart of what one is trying to achieve. He is tremendously tough in court, and works very well under exceptional pressure."

Recent work: Intervened on behalf of a legal charity into a Supreme Court appeal. The issue in question was anticipatory breach in retention cases.

Chambers & Partners 2019

'Strong and persuasive.'

Legal 500, 2019

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Strengths: "He is a very experienced, robust and measured advocate who is more than a match for anyone at the Children's Bar. He is comfortable in international disputes and knows how to deal with wealthy parents."

Recent work: Represented a mother estranged from her child for four years following its removal to Egypt after a family holiday.

Chambers & Partners 2018

'Approachable, helpful and very good with clients.'

Legal 500, 2017

A cross-jurisdictional specialist who represents notable individuals in private children disputes. He mainly acts in cases concerning relocation, abduction and enforcement orders.

Strengths: "He is highly intelligent, calm, persuasive and very good with clients."

Chambers & Partners 2017

'His advocacy is superb.'

The Legal 500, 2016

An experienced practitioner who deals with cross-border children issues. These include child abduction and relocation matters.

Strengths: "He has huge experience and is strong in court." "He is very knowledgeable and highly personable."

Chambers & Partners 2016

'He is tenacious and has excellent judgement; he delivers every single time.'

The Legal 500, 2015

An experienced advocate in both private and public law proceedings, whose practice has a particular focus on cases relating to the international movement of children. He regularly handles leave to remove matters in both Hague and non-Hague jurisdictions.

Expertise: "An unsung hero who is very self-effacing and just gets on with his work. Good in a crisis, he's very experienced and a safe pair of hands."

Chambers & Partners 2015

Mark Jarman – ‘Very good for abduction proceedings.’
 Recommended as a Leading Junior in the area of Child Law
The Legal 500, 2014

A new entrant in the rankings this year, who is noted for his handling of high-profile cases concerning abduction and the international movement of children.

Expertise: “He knows the law and will put together good arguments at really short notice.”

Recent work: Recently appealed in the Court of Appeal in Re: J, a Hague abduction case.
Chambers & Partners 2013

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The Legal 500, 2013

Cases

29/08/2024	Omay Ali Elhag Elkndo v Elnoaman Gassam Elsyed (Committal: Sentence)	Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 2230 (Fam)
22/08/2024	Omay Ali Elhag Elkndo v Elnoaman Gassam Elsyed & Ors (Committal: Findings)	Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 2204 (Fam)
31/07/2024	A v M & Ors	Teertha Gupta KC Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC Indu Kumar Mani Singh Basi Ralph Marnham Frankie Shama Alexandra Halliday	[2024] EWHC 2020 (Fam)
31/07/2024	A v M & Ors	Teertha Gupta KC Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC Indu Kumar Mani Singh Basi Ralph Marnham Frankie Shama Alexandra Halliday	[2024] EWHC 2020 (Fam)
28/06/2024	London Borough of Haringey v T (1996 Hague Convention Art 7)	Henry Setright KC Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC Charlotte Georges Clarissa Wigoder	[2024] EWFC 151
28/06/2024	Re HR (Parallel Child Abduction and Asylum Proceedings)	Mark Jarman KC Indu Kumar	[2024] EWHC 1626

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	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
25/08/2023	Re B (A Child) (Consent; Acquiescence, Intolerability)	Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 2162
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)
16/06/2023	A, Re (Parental Responsibility)	Mark Jarman KC Chris Barnes	[2023] EWCA Civ 689
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)
15/02/2022	MZ v FZ & Ors	Mark Jarman KC Chris Barnes	[2022] EWHC 295 (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 Gration KC Barbara Mills KC Joy Brereton KC Emma Spruce	[2021] EWCA Civ 448
16/03/2021	AB v CD (Abduction; Undertakings)	Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2021] EWHC 665 (Fam)
11/08/2020	B (A Child) (Abduction: Article 13(b))	Teertha Gupta KC Mark Jarman KC Michael Gration KC	[2020] EWCA Civ 1057
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
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
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
17/04/2019	TY v HY (Return Order) (Rev 1)	Mark Jarman KC	[2019] EWHC 1310 (Fam)
27/03/2019	RJ v Tigipko	Michael Gration KC Sam King KC Ruth Kirby KC Mark Jarman KC	[2019] EWHC 448 (Fam)
18/03/2019	CS v SBH & Ors (Appeal FPR 16.5: Sufficiency of Child's Understanding)	Mark Jarman KC	[2019] EWHC 634 (Fam)

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
26/02/2019	Button v Salama & Anor	Mark Jarman KC	[2019] EWHC 363 (Fam)
13/02/2019	Re E (Abduction Article 13B Deferred Return Order)	Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC Michael Edwards	[2019] EWHC 256 (Fam)
20/12/2018	C (Children) (Abduction: Article 13 (b))	Mark Jarman KC	[2018] EWCA Civ 2834
18/12/2018	PG v PR (Hague Child Abduction Convention: Physical Chastisement & Homophobic Abuse)	Mark Jarman KC Miriam Best	[2018] EWFC 85
18/10/2018	G v E	Mark Jarman KC Charlotte Baker	[2018] EWHC 2980 (Fam)
16/10/2018	Re A (A Child)	Mark Jarman KC Jonathan Rustin	[2018] EWCA Civ 2240
12/06/2018	MK and RP (Hague Child Abduction Convention)	Mark Jarman KC Cliona Papazian	[2018] EWHC 1475 (Fam)
28/02/2018	Re I (Children)	Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC Michael Edwards	[2018] EWCA Civ 580
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
30/01/2018	GM v KZ (No 2)	Mark Jarman KC	[2018] EWFC 6
07/04/2017	CS & Another v PD	Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2017] EWHC 1514 (Fam)
13/11/2015	AR v AS	Mark Jarman KC Dorothea Gartland KC	[2015] EWHC 3440 (Fam)
19/06/2015	Re S & T (Children)	Robin Barda Mark Jarman KC	[2015] EWHC 1753 (Fam)
13/04/2015	K (A Child)	Henry Setright KC Mark Jarman KC	[2015] EWCA 352
13/03/2015	Re K (A Child)	Henry Setright KC Mark Jarman KC	[2015] EWCA Civ 352
14/01/2015	S v G (Relocation to Russia)	Mark Jarman KC	[2015] EWFC 4 (Fam)

26/11/2014	SP (Father) v EB (Mother) & Anor (Rev 1)	Teertha Gupta KC Mark Jarman KC	[2014] EWHC 3964 (Fam)
16/10/2014	AA v TT (2014)	Mark Jarman KC Michael Gration KC	[2014] EWHC 3488 (Fam)
22/07/2014	Re R (A Child: Habitual Residence) (2014)	Henry Setright KC Mark Jarman KC Jacqueline Renton KC	[2014] EWCA Civ 1032
15/07/2014	Re K (A Child) [2014]	Mark Jarman KC	[2014] EWCA Civ 905
01/05/2014	Re KP (A Child) (2014)	Teertha Gupta KC Private: David Williams QC Mark Jarman KC Michael Edwards	[2014] EWCA Civ 554
03/04/2014	MB v GK [2014] -contempt - sentencing	Mark Jarman KC	[2014] EWHC 1122
27/03/2014	Re B (A Child) (1980 Hague Convention Proceedings) (2014)	Mark Jarman KC	[2014] EWCA Civ 375
14/03/2014	MB v GK [2014]	Charles Hale KC Mark Jarman KC	[2014] EWHC 963 (Fam)
31/01/2014	Harrow v Afzal [2014]	Mark Jarman KC Paul Hephher	[2014] EWHC 303 (Fam)
31/01/2014	Harrow v Afzal [2014] (sentencing remarks)	Mark Jarman KC Joy Brereton KC Private: Oliver Jones	[2014] EWHC 303 (Fam)
22/01/2014	Re SJ (A Child) (Habitual Residence: Application to Set Aside) [2014]	Mark Jarman KC	[2014] EWHC 58 (Fam)
10/10/2013	Button v Salama [2013]	Mark Jarman KC	[2013] EWHC 2972 (Fam)
10/10/2013	Button v Salama [2013]	Mark Jarman KC	[2013] EWHC 2974 (Fam)
17/09/2013	Re M (A Child) (2013)	Mark Jarman KC	[2013] EWCA Civ 1131
02/12/2011	AJ (Appellant) v JJ (First Respondent) & (1) KK (2) JAJ (3) JUJ (By Their Solicitor NH) (Interveners) (2011)	Private: David Williams QC Mark Jarman KC Michael Gration KC	[2011] EWCA Civ 1448
10/10/2011	Re H-K (Children) (2011)	Henry Setright KC Private: Marcus Scott-Manderson QC Private: David Williams QC Mark Jarman KC	[2011] EWCA Civ 1100
14/07/2011	Re C (Children) (2011)	Mark Jarman KC Michael Edwards	[2011] EWCA Civ 1230

21/12/2010	M v M (2010)	Mark Jarman KC	[2010] EWHC 3350 (Fam)
09/02/2010	Re A (Children) (2010)	Mark Jarman KC	[2010] 2 FLR 577; [2010] EWCA Civ 208
04/12/2009	M v B (2009)	Mark Jarman KC Cliona Papazian	[2009] EWHC 3477 (Fam)
23/09/2009	X County Council v B (2009)	Mark Jarman KC	[2010] 1 FLR 1197; [2009] EWHC 2635 (Fam)
11/02/2009	Re H (Abduction) [2009]	Teertha Gupta KC Mark Jarman KC Ruth Kirby KC	[2009] 2 FLR 1513; [2009] EWHC 1735 (Fam)
10/12/2008	Re S (Care: Jurisdiction) (2008)	Private: Marcus Scott-Manderson QC Teertha Gupta KC Mark Jarman KC	[2008] EWHC 3013 (Fam); (2009) 2 FLR 550
14/11/2008	S v Slough Borough Council & Ors (2008)	Alex Verdan KC Henry Setright KC Private: Marcus Scott-Manderson QC Teertha Gupta KC Mark Jarman KC	[2008] EWHC 3013 (Fam)
04/04/2007	W v F (2007)	Mark Jarman KC	[2007] EWHC 779 (Fam)
21/12/2006	R v S (2006)	Mark Jarman KC	[2006] EWHC 3374 (Fam)
09/06/2005	Arthurworrey v Secretary of State for Education and Skills	Mark Jarman KC	[2004] 268 PC
16/10/2000	Re S (A Child) (2000)	Mark Jarman KC	(2001) 1 FLR 302
16/10/2000	Re R (Adoption: Father's Involvement)	Mark Jarman KC	[2001] 1 FLR 302