

Matthew Hellens

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Practice Overview

Having been called in 1992, Matthew spent six years at the Bar before re-qualifying as a solicitor. After seven years in a high street practice as an employee and then a partner, he returned to the Bar in 2006. Having experience of both limbs of the profession, he is able to see and understand the needs of his client both as a solicitor, who would see them on a day-to-day basis (particularly when his court role has ceased) and as a barrister does when focussing on the particular issues at hand.

Matthew is qualified to accept instructions under the Bar Council Public Access scheme.

Matthew was also appointed as a Recorder in September 2019.

Reported Cases

Re M (Removal from Jurisdiction: Adjourment) [2010] EWCA Civ 888

Father wishing to take child to non-Hague Convention Country for holiday. Court should approach matter on basis expert evidence is required: if it were not, Court should explain why normal practice not followed.

Degree/University

MA Law (Clare College, Cambridge)

Scholarships/Awards/Prizes

Tancred Scholar, Lincoln's Inn

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Areas of Practice

Public Children Law

Outside Interests

If the Bar were not my work, technology would probably be my career rather than a hobby.