



Seminar/Webinar

at 5.00pm - 6.30pm on Tuesday 25 November
at Crown Office Row Chambers 119 Church Street, Brighton BN1 1UD
followed by a Reception

Article 15: Determining in which country to hold care proceedings

How does a UK court considering care proceedings involving EU Nationals decide which European country is best placed to determine care proceedings and what case management steps are necessary if a case is to be transferred.

An increasing number of parents and children who are nationals of other European Union member states now habitually reside in the UK. When a Local Authority issues care proceedings in respect of such families, how should the Local Authority approach the care application and how should the other parties respond? Which country in the EU is best placed to hear the care proceedings and how are the children's best interests determined?

This seminar will consider recent authority on the application of Article 15 - which factors are relevant and, significantly, which are not relevant. Procedural expectations such as involvement of Embassy officials, international co-operation, the significant institutions and how case management of transfer to the court of another Member State is dealt with.

Speakers

Nigel Taylor is experienced at representing Local Authority clients as well as parents and children. His practice in this area includes non-accidental injury, injuries to babies including SBS, allegations of sexual abuse and fabricated illness (FII). He also has experience of care proceedings which have an international dimension including Brussels IIR and Hague Convention. He was recently involved in Article 15 proceedings in respect of Czech Republic nationals now reported as *Re A & B (Children:Brussels II Revised ; Article 15) [2014] EWHC 3516 (Fam)*

Richard Ager acts regularly for Local Authorities, parents and children in care and related proceedings. He has particular interest in cases that have a foreign element and has conducted cases in which children have been placed abroad both in the EU and elsewhere as well as in recovery cases under the Hague Convention

The Seminar has been registered for 1.5 CPDs and will cost £15 per person.

The WEBINAR is Free of charge (contact Michelle Quirke for joining instructions).

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