

## 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: Adjournment) [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  
Cohabitansts' disputes.

### Outside Interests

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