

## **Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE**

### **Partner.**

Anne-Marie was admitted in 1985 and joined Dawson Cornwell in January 1998 as head of the Children Department.

Anne-Marie specialises in matters relating to children and in particular international custody disputes, child abduction and international adoption. She also acts for the victims of forced marriages and Honour Crimes.

Anne-Marie is accredited by the Solicitors Family Law Association as a specialist family lawyer with particular specialisms in child abduction and children law. She was awarded the inaugural UNICEF Child Rights Lawyer award in 1999 and received an OBE for her services to international child abduction and adoption in the 2002 Queen's New Year's Honours List .

Anne-Marie is Chair of Reunite: International Child Abduction Centre. She is a member of numerous associations and committees including the International Society of Family Law, the International Bar Association, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Working Group on the Cross Border Movement for Children, The International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, The Home Office Working Group on Forced Marriages and The Commonwealth Working Group on AIDS.

She is a regular speaker and lecturer both within the United Kingdom and abroad and has made numerous television appearances. She is a previous consultant editor of "Children Law and Practice" by Hershman and McFarlane published by Family Law and an international correspondent for "International Family Law" published by Jordans. She is joint author of the text book "International Parental Child Abduction".

Anne-Marie is consistently named as one of the leading family lawyers in London in both Chambers and The Legal 500.

She is a member of the Central Authority Panel of Hague Lawyers.

Anne-Marie Chair to the Trustees of Reunite International Child Abduction.

Anne-Marie has spent time in Pakistan and was a member of the committee which met to formulate the Anglo/Pakistan Protocol and its follow ups.

Anne-Marie has represented clients in the leading Child Abduction/Custody cases relating to Islamic states in the jurisdiction of England and Wales, including *Al Habtoor v. Fotheringham* [2001] 1 FLR 951 and *Re.J (Child Returned Abroad: Convention Rights)* 16.6.05 [2005] 2 FLR 802 a recent decision in this field.

Anne-Marie is Chair of the Family Law Committee of the International Bar Association.

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