



St Ives Chambers Newsletter

Winter 2018



Welcome to the Winter Newsletter from St Ives Chambers

In this edition we have included a review of the year, details of the APPG on surrogacy attended by Elizabeth Isaacs QC and Adem Muzaffer, Sarah Fahy returning from maternity leave and Jayne Mullen from sabbatical in January, new training materials available online, details of where to find the latest edition of the Child Care Newsletter and details of recent recommendations in Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners.

From all of us St Ives Chambers, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2019.

A year of growth—new members

In 2018 we welcomed eight new members and two door tenants, celebrated the appointments of existing members, continued to achieve recognition across the legal community and campaigned for amendments to legislation.

New members include Samantha Powis and Simon Burch joining a robust Criminal group alongside new door tenant Ben Douglas-Jones QC. Martin Langston and Priya Tromas are a welcome addition to a prospering Civil group; Basharat Hussain, Alyssa Howard, Rebecca Cross and Natalie Cross joining an established and busy Family group, and Nicholas Allen QC joining the Family Finance group as a door tenant. Eleanor Lake accepted tenancy having successfully completed her pupillage.



Awards

Current holders of two of the most prestigious legal awards – the ‘Legal 500 Silk of the Year (regions)’ and ‘Birmingham Law Society’s Barrister of the Year’ both from St Ives Chambers. Late last year, Elizabeth Isaacs QCs was awarded the ‘Legal 500 Silk of the Year (regions)’. Just a few weeks later, Head of Chambers, Jeremy Weston QC was awarded ‘Barrister of the Year’ by the Birmingham Law Society.

Judicial Appointments

Members of chambers continue to hold various judicial appointments including Deputy High Court Judges, Recorders of the Crown and County Court, Deputy District Judges and five IFLA accredited Arbitrators. This year, four more members were appointed as Recorders - Head of Chambers, Jeremy Weston QC, Andrew Day, Timothy Bowe and Matthew Maynard are all now sitting as Recorders in the Family Court. They were amongst 133 new Recorders appointed nationwide from 2,425 applicants.





High Profile Cases

Members of St Ives are passionate about the law and they have an excellent reputation within the legal community. This is reflected in the high profile cases in which members have been involved: Peter Cooper secured an acquittal for Daniel Szule in an attempted murder trial, Michael Singleton and Marcus Harry appeared in a gang injunction involving 18 defendants.

Justin Jarmola appeared in a recent Drones case, described by the police as “a landmark case: It’s the biggest drone drug smuggling racket into prisons ever seen in the UK”. In October, he appeared before the Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Flaux in the Court of Appeal regarding a breached injunction.

Tony Watkin represented a local authority in successful appeal involving an important point of construction of the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

Two silks, two silk door tenants and 11 juniors have appeared in one of the largest ongoing fact finding hearings ever heard in the Family Division before MacDonald J.

Out and about in the community

In February of this year, Kevin Saunders and Aadhithya Anbahan were afforded the opportunity to work alongside the African Prisons Project and the Ugandan Prison Service, in conjunction with Birmingham Law Society.

Our work outside of the legal system was rewarded in July, when Thomas Telford School presented us with their Employer of the Year award. We have worked with Thomas Telford School for three consecutive years preparing students on a weekly basis over several months for a Mock Trial competition which took the school to regional and national finals. Our members have provided sessions for their Ethical Debating Society and helped to prepare students for their recent win at the University of Wolverhampton’s Mooting competition.



Throughout the year Aadhithya Anbahan has worked with The Bar Council as a Social Mobility Advocate in the #iamthebar initiative. For more details click [here](#).

Looking after our members and employees

In May, we held our health and well-being week which included a team taking part in the Midlands Legal Walk, members and staff taking part in office yoga and an introduction to art therapy.

In July, we played cricket against the Warwickshire Law Society and lost by just four runs (we look forward to the rematch in 2019).



Jayne Mullen returns from sabbatical January 2019

We are looking forward to welcoming Family Finance specialist Jayne Mullen back on 7th January 2019 when she returns from her sabbatical travelling the world.

To view Jayne's profile, click [here](#).

For more information and availability, please contact Practice Manager Ross Hands.



Sarah Fahy—returning from maternity leave



We are delighted that [Sarah Fahy](#) will be returning from maternity leave in January 2019. Sarah will continue to specialise in Public Law Children and Private Law Children.

Sarah regularly appears at all stages of both public and private law proceedings at all levels within the Family Court. Sarah's tutelage in family law was under Jeremy Weston QC and as a result, Sarah has a passion for representing particularly vulnerable parties within proceedings. Sarah is also known for her ability to relate to her clients whilst always getting swiftly to the crux of the issue in any case.

Please contact the Family Clerks to discuss Sarah's availability.

Continuing Competence - New legal training materials on the website

As part of our support to our clients CPD commitments and continuing competence, we have uploaded a number of training materials from seminars and events that took place in 2018.

To access the material, visitors can click on the link ([here](#)), upload their details and download some of the presentations and/or notes from the following seminars:

21st March 2018 - Family Finance seminars 'Representing Children and Appeals'

9th May 2018 – Family Finance seminars 'Challenging Section 7 reports and Fact Finding Hearings'

5th July 2018 - Junior Property Litigation seminar

18th September 2018 – Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery seminar

28th September 2018 – Annual Housing Conference: Details of two presentations

12th October 2018 – Child Care Conference: Details of two presentations including our guest speaker Dr Anand Sagger, MB MD FRCP, Consultant in Clinical Genetics on 'Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes: The Modern Hydra'.

Please follow us on Twitter (@StIvesChambers) or keep an eye on our website for information about future uploads.

AAPG Surrogacy evidence session in the Houses of Parliament

Elizabeth Isaacs QC and Adem Muzaffer attend an All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Surrogacy evidence session in the Houses of parliament

On 13th November 2018, [Elizabeth Isaacs QC](#) and [Adem Muzaffer](#) were invited to attend an evidence session of All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on surrogacy at the Houses of Parliament. The stated purpose of the APPG is:

- to fully review UK surrogacy law;
- to encourage and promote debate on the issues involved;
- to facilitate further research into how surrogacy is conducted;
- to bring the law into line with modern social realities; and,
- to encourage domestic surrogacy in the first instance.

The session was one of four organised by the APPG in order to provide an opportunity for lawyers and other professionals who specialise in surrogacy to give their views on how the law should be reformed.

It is intended that these evidence sessions inform the APPG's report to the Law Commission, which is undertaking a project on surrogacy as part of its 13th Programme of Law Reform.

A variety of issues were covered during the course of the session, including the status of surrogacy agreements, parental orders and the point at which they should be available, and the extent of the court's involvement in cases proceeding by way of consent.

Elizabeth and Adem have significant experience in cases arising out of surrogacy arrangements, both domestic and international. In 2016, they were instructed by NGA Law in the ground breaking case of *Re Z (A Child: No 2) [2016] EWHC 1191 (Fam)*, in which the President of the Family Division made a declaration of incompatibility in respect of the provisions of the section 54 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 that prevent a single applicant for a parental order. As a consequence, a remedial order is currently making its way through Parliament, and it is hoped that the law will be changed in early 2019.

Keep an eye on our website and Twitter feed ([@StIvesFamily](#)) for further updates.



2019/20 Pupillage Applications

Pupillage at St Ives is a challenging but ultimately highly rewarding experience. We have high professional standards and expect much from those who join us in their First and Second Six.

Applications for Pupillage at St Ives Chambers are now open and will close on Thursday 7th February 2019. To read more and for details on how to apply, click [here](#).

Recognition from our clients

We were delighted to see the number of members recommended in Chambers UK and Legal 500 continue to increase this year and would like to thank our clients for supporting us. To view the recommendations, please visit our website.



Latest edition of the child care newsletter is now available on our website

The recent edition of the Family Law Group Update is now available, please click [here](#).

In this edition, our Members have written articles including:

- Section 20 - Use and Abuse ([Tom Harrill](#))
- Special Guardianship Orders - More Judicial Guidance ([Tracy Lakin](#))
- Has the 26-week time limit eliminated purposeful delay? ([Eleanor Marsh](#))
- Trimega Test Results - An Update ([Rebecca Cross](#))

If you would like to receive a copy of the next Child Care Update, please email marketing@stiveschambers.co.uk and we will add you to the email list.

We hope you find it interesting.



Legal updates and articles

Landlords must independently intend to complete redevelopment in order to oppose tenancy renewal by Michelle Caney. To read more click [here](#).

Recent cases that offer guidance on judicial review in the criminal sector by Harry Marriott. To read more click [here](#).