



## Marina Wheeler QC

Call: 1987 QC: 2016

Marina Wheeler QC specialises in Administrative and Public Law and family law cases with a cross-border or national security angle.

Before starting work at the Bar, she obtained a Master's Degree in EC law from Brussels University and practised there, specialising in competition, trade and environment law. As a junior appointed to the Attorney General's 'B', then 'A' Panel, she undertook large volumes of work for Central Government Departments and Agencies, including the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Justice and Home Office, predominantly involving prisons, mental health, armed conflict, and radicalisation, as well as employment work. Her local government work has involved child protection and adult social care, usually with a privacy or human rights element. She has also frequently worked for the NHS in employment disputes and the reconfiguration of hospital services, involving the adequacy of consultation, alleged breaches of legitimate expectation and the Public Sector Equality Duty.

In 2011 Marina qualified as a mediator and is a part-time teacher of the mediation and alternative dispute resolution course at Regents University, London.

## Public Law

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### Selected Cases

- **Re C (A Child) (no 2) (Application for Public Interest Immunity) [2017] EWHC 692 (Fam):** Disclosure in care proceedings where the child's father had been denied passport on national security grounds;

alternative means to protect child.

- **Brighton & Hove City Council v VM & Others [2016] (unreported)**: Determination of the habitual residence of a Russian child and appropriate jurisdiction to consider long-term care, applying Brussels II and Hague Convention.

## Appointments

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- Attorney General's Panels of Counsel, first 'B' then 'A' Panel (2004 – 2016).

## Memberships

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- ALBA
- Advisory Board of the Common Law Centre, Renmin University, Beijing
- Bar European Group
- HRLA

## Publications

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- "Cavalier with the Constitution", UK Human Rights Blog, February 2016
- "Straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel: the Convention, the Charter and Mrs May", UK Human Rights Blog, May 2016
- "Counter-terrorism overseas: Adebolajo report makes uncomfortable reading for MI6", UK Human Rights Blog, November 2016.