

Biography Mr Nigel Lowe



Professor Nigel Lowe LLB (Sheffield), LLD (Cardiff). Barrister of the Inner Temple. He has been a Professor of Law at Cardiff Law School since 1991 and Head of School since 2010.

He is an expert on Family Law and is the co-author of the leading text *Lowe and Douglas 'Bromley's Family Law'* and is a specialist in Child Law and in particular, International Child Law (he is a co-author of *Lowe, Everall and Nicholls 'International Movement of Children'*). Together with Michael Nicholls, he has just finished a book on the *1996 Hague Convention on the Protection of Children*. He is a consultant to the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law and the Council of Europe. He is a member of the UK's International Family Law Committee and of the Executive Committee of the International Society of Family Law (being a sometime Vice President). He is a member of the Organising

Committee of the Commission on European Family Law and is an advisory board member of the US based International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children. He is a Dartington Research Fellow and was a former Chairman of the Legal Group of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering.

He has written extensively and has given numerous papers both nationally and internationally.

He is an editor of *Clarke Hall & Morrison on Children*, an editor of *Family Law Reports*, a consultant editor of *International Family Law* and he is a member of the editorial boards of *The Child and Family Law Quarterly* and *Fam RZ*.

Together with Victoria Stephens, he has completed (August 2012) a report *The Timing of 1980 Hague Abduction Convention Applications; the 2011 Findings* which was a project funded by the Nuffield Foundation. They also presented *A Statistical Analysis of Applications Made in 2008 Under the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction* at the 6th Special Commission to review the operation of the 1980 Convention held at The Hague in June 2011 (a report is available on The Hague web-site).

In 2009, he presented a report *A Study into the Rights and Legal Status of Children Being Brought up in Various Forms of Marital and Non-Marital Partnerships and Cohabitation* to the Council of Europe in Strasburg and subsequently became the legal consultant to the working party appointed to make recommendations to the Council following on from the report.

He is currently working on a long standing project with the European Commission on Family Law on Property Relations between Spouses.