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About

Moira Wright's teaching and research is informed by her work as a barrister in Birmingham where she is a tenant in a large, highly successful set. Her area of practice includes the range of private and public family law issues, particularly local authority care cases, and mental health law. She is a member of the Midlands Circuit and the Family Law Bar Association. She also works as a family law mediator. She has previous experience sitting on Child Support Appeal Tribunals and as a magistrate. She has advised the BMA Ethics Committee on surrogacy.

Feedback and office hours

In the first semester of 2014-2015, my Office and Feedback Hours will be:

- Fridays 10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. and
- Fridays 12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Students are welcome to see me during these hours without an appointment. If you need to see me outside these hours, please email me to arrange another time, or just knock on my door (although I can't guarantee that I'll be available)

Qualifications

- LLB (University of Wales, Aberystwyth)
- BCL (Oxford)
- Barrister at Law (Gray's Inn)

Biography

Moira Wright is a graduate of the University of Wales and received a BCL from the University of Oxford. She has variously taught contract, labour law, family law, and medicine ethics and law in the School, being course leader in both medical and family law for many years. She helped establish links between the Law School and Birmingham Medical School and the School of Nursing and served on the ethical and law training boards of both schools, as well as teaching their undergraduates. She is a Barrister and a practising family law mediator.

Teaching

- Law and Medicine
- Family Law
- Law of Contract
- Undergraduate dissertation module (module leader)

Postgraduate supervision

Moira is pleased to supervise postgraduate work which falls within her areas of interest, and particularly in all aspects of family law and dispute resolution and process, issues of capacity and the role of the Court of Protection.

Research

Her main research interests are in medical law and family law. She has a publishing record in the areas of family property, financial support (work supported by her experience sitting on Child Support Appeal Tribunals) and domestic violence. Other writing has focused on medical law issues and publications have explored issues of surrogacy and consent to and refusal of medical treatment, with particular reference to Aids and HIV. She has a particular research interest in the question of competency to make decisions, both of adults and children.

Other activities

Moira is the School plagiarism officer and welfare tutor for third year undergraduates

Publications

Articles:

- *Judges, Tenants and the Matrimonial Home,* (1978) 8 Fam Law 18
- *Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act: An Evaluation*, (1980) 132 NLJ 127
- *Financial Provision, A Reply to the Conservative Lawyers*, 1982 NLJ 208
- *Marriage, From Status to Contra*ct, (1984) 13 Anglo-American Law Review 17 – 31
- *Judicial Statistics Annual Report 1984*, 5 Crim Jus Quarterly 102
- *Surrogacy and Adoption, Problems and Possibilities*, (1986) 16 Fam Law 109
- *Ouster Orders and Housing: A Dilemma for the Courts*, (1989) NLJ 594
- *An Impossible Balancing Act: Thoughts of the LCWP No 113* (1989) NLJ 1488
- *Financial Provision, the Clean Break and the Search for Consistency*, (1991) 21 Fam Law) 76
- *Press, Children and Injunctions*, (1992) MLR 857
- *Medical Treatment and the Right to Refuse*, (1993) JSWFL 204
- *Disclosure of Documents in Children Cases*, (1993) 23 Fam Law 348
- *Testing for HIV and Consent: Law and Public Policy*, (1994) 1 Med Law Int 221-239
- *Healthcare Workers and HIV Screening; Pragmatism or Public Interest*, (1997) 19 JSWFL 17-33
- *Medical Research and Alzheimer's Disease: A Study of the Hazards of Conducting Research on the Incompetent Patient*, (1997) 2 Med Law Int 291-313
- *R v Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority ex parte Blood*, (1997) JSWFL 483
- *Confidentiality, Codes and Courts: An Examination of the Significance of Professional Guidelines on Medical Ethics in Determining the Legal Limits of Confidentiality*, (2000) 29 Anglo American Law Review 39-66

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