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## Beverly Roberts – Barrister

Called 1998

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### Practice Profile

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#### Family Law

Her Family practice encompasses International Movement of Children, Finance and Divorce, Care, Residence and Contact, and Children Act in particular. She has extensive knowledge and interest in the rights of children in the context of legal proceedings and in the wider society.

Her expertise includes both Private and Public Law, acting for parents, or the Guardian, International Movement of Children, Child Abduction, Serious Physical and Sexual Abuse of Children and Women, Children with an extensive history of Emotional Abuse and Neglect, Incest, Child Pornography, cases involving the Downloading of Child Pornography, and Adoption

In relation to Ancillary Relief matters, she has an excellent grasp of Finances within Divorce, and tracing Hidden Assets.

#### Criminal Law

Her criminal practice encompasses both Defence and Prosecution work. Her expertise includes Gang Rape, Sexual Assault, Downloading of Child Pornography, the Importation, Possession and Supply of Drugs, Armed Robbery, Serious Assault, Money Laundering, (Cell site analysis, Facial Mapping, Hand writing analysis), and Housing and Council Tax Benefit Fraud.

## General

She has also represented clients at the Immigration Appeals Tribunal, the Employment Tribunal, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, in Personal Injury Claims, and in Building Disputes.

## Professional memberships

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Family Bar Association  
Criminal Bar Association  
South Eastern Circuit

## Notable cases

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Vanriel and Williams [2010]: Rape, Contact  
Gon and Eriau [2010]: Brussels II revised  
R v Asonye [2010]: Drug importation, money laundering  
R v McNeaney [2009]: s.18  
R v Dixon and Horne [2009]: Threats to Kill; s.20  
R v Steven Cobbler [2007]: Rape  
London Borough of Hillingdon and Paul Passmore [2007]: Benefits fraud for the LBH.  
Leading case: Times Law Report 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 and/or Lawtel  
Maria B [2006]: Child abduction, Slovakia  
W and W [2006]: The Hague Convention and Brussels 11  
Re: CL [2006]: Jurisdiction and Residence, New Zealand  
Surrey County Council and LJ [2006]: Care case.  
R v Philip Niles and others [2006]: Gang rape  
R v Franco Cohen [2006]: Rape  
R v Ndebele [2006]: Rape  
London Borough of Wandsworth and JO [2004]: Visiting rights for serving prisoner and his baby  
London Borough of Merton and A [2004]: Child custody and systematic abuse  
Shanmaganathan and SW Magistrates [2004]: Judicial review  
R v Eyarinho and another [2004]: Gang Rape  
Tony Roworth and Welbeck: [2003]: Unfair dismissal and rights to sick pay  
Leo Carapiet and Belfast Local Authority [2001]: Unfair dismissal, retirement age

## Training

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Teachers Advanced Advocacy and gives Advocacy and Family Law Lecturers at Middle Temple to both students and young practitioners

## **Professional Courses**

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Human Rights Act 1998; Vulnerable Witnesses; Forensic Accounting; Sexual Offences Act 2003; Expert Witness; International Criminal Courts; Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; Criminal Justice Act 2003; Criminal Procedure Rules; Serious Sexual Course 2007

## **Awards**

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1996: **Ede and Ravenscroft Award:** ICSL  
1996: **Middle Temple Scholarship:** ICSL  
1984: **Student of the year Scholarship:** School of Architecture  
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## **Career History (non-legal)**

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1982-94: **ARCHITECT**  
Leslie Jones, London and HLM Architects and the  
GTD Partnership, Richmond, Surrey; Witthun and Maree  
Architects, South Africa and Stauch Vorster Architects, South  
Africa

## **Interests**

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Golf, tennis, scuba diving, skiing (water and snow), horse riding, travel, classical music, opera, theatre, the arts, wild life and nature.

## **Languages**

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Afrikaans (Fluent, both reading and writing)