



# Hannah Rought-Brooks

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## Areas of Practice

**Family, Housing, Community Care and International Law.**

Hannah practices in all areas of child law, public and private, and domestic violence injunctions. She has experience at all levels, often in cases involving allegations of serious physical abuse, including sexual abuse or where issues of mental health problems or substance abuse are involved. Her practice also includes public law challenges to local authority decisions concerning children post Care Order on issues such as accommodation and fostering allowances.

She is committed to bringing a human rights approach to her work and has an LLM in International Human Rights Law and is a Visiting Fellow in the Law Department of South Bank University. She is a member of the Toops International Law Team and has represented NGOs before the United Nations Treaty Bodies, including the UN Human Rights Committee and the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

Her housing work focuses on appeals under section 204 of the Housing Act 1996 and Judicial Reviews of matters falling outside that section.



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## Notable Cases

- **Re A & E (2008)** Representation of profoundly deaf parent in complex care case involving sexual abuse.
- **R (on the application of Bilverstone) v Oxford City Council (2003) All ER (D) 170**
- **St Ermins Property Co Ltd v Draper [2004] EWHC 697**

## Publications

***Palestinian Women: Caught in the Cross Fire between Occupation and Patriarchy***, Hannah Rought-Brooks, Soraida Hussein, Salwa Duaibis, Feminist Formations, Vol.22. No.3, pp.124-145, Autumn 2010 (The John Hopkins University Press).

***Life Behind the Wall: Women's Voices from the Seam Zone and***

***Forced Evictions: Assessing the Impact on Palestinian Women in East Jerusalem*** November 2010, (WCLAC)

***Voices of Palestinian Women: A 2009 report on Israel's human rights violations against Palestinian women***, (WCLAC), January 2010.

***Conditions of Detention in Turkey: Blocking Admission to the EU***  
By Professor Bill Bowring, John Hobson, Hannah Rought-Brooks and Ville Punto, February 2009 (Haldane publication)

***No Fairy Tale***, Roof Magazine, March/April 2008

***Do children in care have rights?***, Socialist Lawyer, April 2008, 49

***The Domestic Violence Handbook***, Rights of Women (2006), Consultant Legal Editor

***The Gurkhas: The Forgotten Veterans***, By Ian Macdonald QC, Hannah Rought-Brooks and Rebekah Wilson. (2005) ISBN 99946-57-81-X

## Speaking Events and Training, Seminars

Visiting Fellow at South Bank University, lecturing in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law.

Seminar on Professional Ethics at the College of Law, Store Street.

Trainer on International Human Rights Law and women's rights, particularly CEDAW for Palestinian lawyers, women's activists and NGOs in the West Bank and Gaza for NGOs and INGOs including WCLAC, COHRE, Norwegian Refugee Council and the Bar Human Rights Committee.

Project Manager for Avocats Sans Frontiers (ASF) project on Enforcing Housing Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), March 2010 – Present

Guest Lecturer at Al Quds University, Jerusalem on International Human Rights and Women's Rights, November 2009 – December 2010

## Memberships and Societies

Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers  
Family Law Bar Association  
Association of Lawyers for Children  
Bar Human Rights Committee  
Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights

## Other Relevant Information

Between October 2008 and January 2011, Hannah worked for the Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC) in Ramallah as their International Research and Advocacy Co-ordinator. During this time, she worked alongside local lawyers to draft reports including alternative reports on women's rights for the UN Treaty Bodies as well as conducting legal advocacy at the UN. She has previously spent time in the OPT in 2004 and in 2007 for the Bar Human Rights Committee.

She also works closely with the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE) on training programs and report writing, particularly focusing on women and housing rights and with Avocats Sans Frontiers (ASF) on training and report writing including most recently managing a project on Housing Rights in the OPT.

**Languages**

French (conversational)

Arabic (conversational)