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Practice Overview

Kirsty Horsey is a Professor of Law at Kent Law School. She recently completed a secondment as a Senior Research Associate at the London Women's Clinic and London Egg Bank.

Kirsty's long-term research interest focuses on the laws regulating surrogacy. She has worked with external non-profit and charitable organisations to facilitate and encourage reform. One such collaborative project – the SurrogacyUK Working Group on Surrogacy Law Reform – led to the publication of two Research Reports on the state of the law governing surrogacy, together with recommendations for reform, in 2015 and 2018 (see publications list). Professor Horsey is also part of the secretariat for the All Party Parliamentary Group on Surrogacy.

Her research interests lie primarily in the regulation of surrogacy, other forms of assisted human reproduction and genetic technologies. She is particularly interested in where these areas overlap and intersect with issues in family law, especially the concept of legal parenthood. She also researches within the law of tort, in particular those obligations based on 'relationship', assumptions of responsibility and/or imbalances of power.

Publications

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