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Conference

COERCIVE AND CONTROLLING BEHAVIOUR UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Monday 9th March 2026
9:15am – 4:30 pm UK time

The Residence of the French Ambassador

11 Kensington Palace Gardens
London - W8 4QP

Followed by networking drinks at the Residence

All talks will be in English but questions in French are welcome.

To register your interest please visit this website before 20th February 2026:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/controlling-and-coercive-behaviour-under-the-microscope-tickets-1981089566222?aff=oddtctcreator>

Your interest will be passed to the French Residence for approval. You should get a response from us by 25th February at the latest.

There is no fee for this event. Those attending are encouraged to become members of the Franco-British Lawyers Society (special low rate for students and trainee solicitors)

For information, contact the FBLS Administrator at: fbls@outlook.com

PROGRAM

9:15 AM – WELCOME COFFEE

9:45 AM – INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS

Welcoming address by Her Excellency, Madame Helene Duchene, Ambassador of France to the United Kingdom, Lise Jaulin, Liaison judge in United Kingdom and Ireland in London and Floriane Laruelle, Vice-president of the FBLs in charge of the England and Wales section.

10:00 AM – DOCUMENTARY BROADCAST AND JOURNALIST ELLIE FLYNN’S FEEDBACK

Investigative journalist and broadcaster Ellie Flynn will share her experience of filming a documentary on CCB and interacting with our young generation on this issue.

11:15 AM – COFFEE BREAK

11:30 AM – ROUND TABLE ON THE PSYCHO-SOCIAL ASPECT OF CCB

Chaired by Amin Mansouri, Counsellor for Health, Labour and Social Affairs at the French Embassy

Intervenors:

- Anne De Montarlot – French speaking psychotherapist at the Dispensaire Français.
- Hannah Jones – English psychologist and domestic abuse expert witness
- Dr Tirion Havard – former social worker and Professor of Gender Abuse and Policy at London South Bank University
- Jeffrey G. Baker – Independent social worker

1:00 PM – LUNCH BREAK

2:00 PM – MANAGING CASES WITH A CCB ASPECT AS LAWYERS

Chaired by Colleen Hall, Solicitor in the family department at Kingsley Napley
Intervenors:

- Me Morgan Peltier – French Family *avocat*.
- Me Marie Hertereau – French criminal and family *avocat*.
- Rebecca Smart - English criminal solicitor.
- Tessa Bray - English family solicitor.

3:00 PM – COFFEE BREAK

3:15 PM – CCB, JURISPRUDENCE HISTORY AND THE JUDICIARY PERSPECTIVE

Intervenors:

- Gwenola Joly-Coz – first president of the Court of Appeal in Papeete.
- Rebecca Foulkes – Judge sitting at the Family Court in England and Wales.
- Sheriff Pino di Emidio – Judge sitting in the family Court in Scotland and director of Training at the Judicial Institute for Scotland

4:15 PM – CHANGING THE LEGISLATION ON CCB

Vincent Caure, Deputy of the French National Assembly (French MP) will share with us the progress made to change the legislation in France.

4:30 PM – CLOSING REMARKS

INTERVENERS

HE Hélène Duchêne



Ambassador of France to the United Kingdom.

After joining the French diplomatic service at the Quai d'Orsay in 1989, HE Hélène Duchêne rose quickly through the ranks via various EU postings to become France's Permanent Representative to NATO (2016–19). She is a Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur et de l'Ordre National du Mérite. She became the Ambassador of France to the United Kingdom on 12th October 2022.

Lise Jaulin



Liaison judge in United Kingdom and Ireland.

Lise Jaulin is a graduate in criminal law and international law of the universities of Poitiers (France) and Cambridge (UK). She has been a French prosecutor and judge since 2008.

Floriane Laruelle



Senior associate in the Children Department at Dawson Cornwell.

Floriane Laruelle is also the Vice President of the FBLs in charge of the England & Wales section. She is recognised as a “Recommended Lawyer” by The Legal 500 2026. She is a Resolution Accredited Specialist in Public Children Law and Domestic Abuse.

Ellie Flynn



Investigative journalist and broadcaster.

Ellie Flynn is known for hard-hitting documentaries on issues affecting young people in the UK. Her BBC Three debut, *Sex for Rent*, exposed exploitative landlords and led to changes in UK law. She later presented Channel 4's *Dispatches: Undercover – Sexual Harassment: The Truth*, which was highly commended at the British Journalism Awards and nominated for a Rose d'Or. In 2020, she investigated sexual abuse allegations for *DJ Mag* and continues to write for national and international publications, maintaining her commitment to uncovering critical social issues. In 2020 she presented a BBC 3 documentary on *Coercive Control*.

Amin Mansouri



Counsellor for Health, Labour and Social Policies at the French Embassy in the United Kingdom.

Before joining the Embassy in September 2023, Amin Mansouri worked as an Adviser to different branches of the French Government: at the Ministry of Health and Prevention (2022-2023); in the Prime Minister's cabinet (2020-2022); at the Ministry of Work (2020); to the Minister of State in charge of Pensions (2020); and at the National Assembly (2017-2020 and 2011-2014). Besides that, Amin Mansouri managed two charities operating in the Seine-Saint-Denis County of France, supporting and employing long-term unemployed individuals. He holds History, Geography and Urbanism degrees from Panthéon-Sorbonne and Paris-Nanterre universities, and a Master in Management from ESSEC business school.

Anne De Montarlot



French speaking psychotherapist at the *Dispensaire Français*.

Anne De Montarlot is an experienced psychotherapist who has been supporting adults and young adults in London since 2014. Her integrative, humanist approach combines deep, compassionate listening with powerful therapeutic tools and CBT techniques, helping victims of CCB to reconnect with confidence, self-knowledge, and emotional wellbeing.

Reader in Forensic Psychology and Mental Health at Queen Mary University of London and Chartered Forensic Psychologist.

Hannah Jones' research and practice focus on domestic abuse, coercive control, trauma, and personality pathology, particularly within the family justice system. She completed her Doctorate in Forensic Psychology at the University of Birmingham, where her research examined the links between domestic abuse, personality pathology, and parenting behaviour - work that underpins her specialist expertise in coercive control and vulnerability. Hannah has extensive experience as an expert witness in public and private law proceedings, assessing parents using trauma-informed and domestic abuse-informed approaches. She also provides training, supervision, and consultation to legal and mental health professionals, and contributes to the development of psychologically informed practice and policy in responses to coercive control.

Dr Hannah Jones



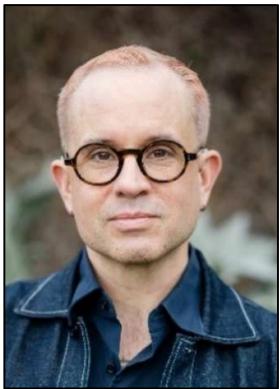
Former probation officer and professor of gender abuse and policy.

Tirion Havard's work has shaped national understanding of gender-based violence and coercive control. Her expertise is recognised across the UK, having collaborated directly with the Government on policy and research to strengthen protections for victims of abuse. Her doctoral research into coercive control has been widely shared, including through the Crime & Justice Research Group Seminar Series at LSBU, where she presented her findings on the use of mobile phones in coercive control. She is closely connected to the broader landscape of justice and advocacy, including the work of the Centre for Women's Justice and their influential report on how the criminal justice



system responds when victims of coercive control are themselves accused of offending—a perspective she is ideally placed to enrich.

Jeffrey G Baker



Independent Social Worker.

Jeffrey has 25 years' experience as a qualified social worker, including more than 10 years as a self-employed independent expert witness in the family court. They have filed reports and given evidence in every family court in greater London and many across the country; and they have extensive experience in cases involving domestic abuse/violences, substance misuse, mental health, and allegations of alienating behaviours – all areas in which identifying and assessing coercive and controlling behaviour is key. Their work has been positively evaluated in four reported court judgements. Previous roles have included management roles in Local Authorities, children's Guardian and family court advisor for Cafcass, and teaching on social work programmes at several universities.

Me Morghan Peltier



French Family avocat.

Originally from New Caledonia, Morghan Peltier joined the Paris-based law firm Véronique Chauveau & Associés in 2019, became a partner in 2022, and has been a partner at CM&A – CHAUVEAU MULON & ASSOCIES since 2023. She previously worked within the Ministry of Justice, in the departments of European Union law, private international law, and civil judicial cooperation. She practices exclusively in family law and private international family law, with a particular focus on cases involving domestic violence.

Me Marie Hertereau



French criminal and family avocat.

Marie Hertereau has developed a dedicated practice in family and criminal law and represents clients in a wide range of sensitive and complex matters, including criminal defense. Before starting as an independent practitioner, she worked as a legal expert on issues related to counterterrorism and crimes against humanity for the Prosecutor in charge before the Paris Court of Appeals, and for the United Nations (UN) within the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (Khmer Rouge leaders' trials). As a member of the Paris Bar, she is a member of a group of lawyers involved in emergency criminal defense, representing both perpetrators and victims, and specializes in the defense of children in danger. More recently, she joined a group of lawyers working on a pro bono basis to defend victims of domestic violence before the criminal courts and the family court judge. Her work is regularly cited in judicial decisions throughout France (Paris and the regions), illustrating the breadth of her experience in litigation.

Rebecca Smart



English criminal solicitor.

Rebecca Smart is a Senior Associate in Kingsley Napley's criminal litigation team. A highly skilled defence lawyer drawing on experience in medical negligence, military law, and high-profile activist cases, Rebecca brings rare insight into the personal and professional stakes her clients face.

Tessa Bray



English family solicitor.

Tessa Bray is a highly respected partner in SMB's Band 1 Family team. Tessa advises a broad range of clients on high-value financial settlements, often including multiple jurisdictions and complex trust and pension issues. Her practice also spans private law children disputes, applications to relocate children abroad, pre- and post-nuptial agreements, and matters involving unmarried couples. She has specific expertise in supporting clients in cases involving domestic violence, coercive and controlling behaviour, harassment and obtaining non-molestation injunctions/occupation orders. Tessa has a particular specialism in Anglo-French cases and heads up the Anglo-French team at SMB. She is a respected voice in the field, frequently publishing and speaking at family law events in both England and France. Tessa is also an experienced Resolution-trained mediator and sits on the FBLS Management Committee.

Colleen Hall



Senior Associate in the Family & Divorce team at Kingsley Napley LLP.

Colleen Hall studied Law and French at the University of Leeds, including a year studying at the Université de Nancy 2. She qualified as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales in 2017 after which she undertook a secondment at leading French family law firm, bwg associés. Colleen advises on all aspects of family law issues including divorce, dissolution, finances, child arrangements and pre and post nuptial agreements, particularly cases with cross-border issues (both France and elsewhere).

Gwenola Joly-Coz



First president of the Court of Appeal in Papeete.

A prominent magistrate and a leading figure in the fight against violence against women, Gwenola Joly-Coz has served as the first President of the Court of Appeal of Papeete since 2025, after having led several major courts in France. She has established herself as one of the most innovative voices in French justice regarding the understanding and handling of domestic violence. She was the first magistrate in France to publicly use the term "femicide" in 2019, marking a turning point in judicial language. Her commitment led her to transform the way courts address domestic violence by introducing key concepts such as coercive control, which she helped cement through five landmark rulings handed down on 31 January 2024. These decisions

revolutionised the judicial approach by contextualising offences within a broader pattern of coercion, enabling a more accurate understanding of the violence experienced by victims. She is a recognised expert in equality-focused public policies, she also oversaw the creation of specialised chambers dedicated to domestic violence and contributed to major innovations such as the anti-approach bracelet (restraining bracelet). In Papeete, she is pursuing an ambitious project: strengthening judicial efficiency while improving victim protection in a territory severely affected by intrafamilial violence. Through her courage, vision, and intellectual rigour, Gwenola Joly-Coz is now an essential reference figure in judicial policy and in the fight against sexist and sexual violence.

Judge sitting at the Family Court in England and Wales.

Rebecca Foulkes



Judge Foulkes is widely recognised as one of the most thoughtful and forward-looking voices in the Family Court on coercive and controlling behaviour (CCB). Throughout her judicial career, she has been at the forefront of efforts to ensure that the family justice system truly understands the dynamics, complexity, and devastating impact of coercive control on victims and children. Drawing on deep legal expertise and a profound sensitivity to the lived realities of survivors, Judge Foulkes has helped shape a more nuanced and trauma-informed approach within the courts. Her judgments place particular emphasis on contextualising patterns of behaviour rather than isolating incidents, allowing the court to see coercive control for what it is: a sustained campaign of domination, fear, and erosion of autonomy. Judge Foulkes also plays a key role in encouraging cultural change within the profession. Whether through judicial training, contributions to multi-agency discussions, or the tone she sets in her own courtroom, she champions an approach that is both victim-centred and evidence-driven, challenging outdated assumptions and promoting a more modern understanding of abuse. Respected for her compassion, meticulous analysis, and unwavering commitment to the protection of vulnerable individuals, Judge Rebecca Foulkes stands as a significant figure in the advancement of the family court's response to coercive and controlling behaviour.

Sheriff Pino di Emidio**Director of the Judicial Institute for Scotland.**

Sheriff Pino Di Emidio is a prominent Scottish judicial figure appointed as the Director of the Judicial Institute for Scotland on 1 April 2022, overseeing training for the judiciary. As part of that he trains judges about coercive control. He is a floating sheriff in the Tayside, Central, and Fife sheriffdom, having served since 2014, and also sits in the Upper Tribunal for Scotland. Formerly a solicitor (1981–1993) and an advocate (admitted 1994), he was Director of Training and Education at the Faculty of Advocates from 2005 to 2009. He has presided over complex cases, including a Fatal Accident Inquiry into the death of Sarah Jane Riley at HM Prison Perth in 2019.

Vincent Caure**French representative for the 3rd for French residents overseas.**

Vincent is a French politician of Renaissance. In the 2024 legislative election, he was elected member of the National Assembly for the 3rd constituency for citizens abroad (which includes *inter alia* UK). He previously worked as an advisor to Emmanuel Macron, Stéphane Séjourné and Jean-Baptiste Djebbari, and as chief of staff to Gilles Le Gendre and the Ensemble campaign team for the 2022 legislative election.
