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1. Books

Kilkelly, U. (2016). *The Child and the European Convention on Human Rights*. London/ New York: Routledge.

2. Editorial books

Cantwell, N. (2017). Are ‘Best Interests’ a Pillar or a Problem for Implementing the Human Rights of Children? U: T. Liefwaard; J. Sloth-Nielsen (ed.). *The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Taking Stock after 25 Years and Looking Ahead* (pp. 61-72). Boston/Leiden: Brill Nijhoff.

3. Articles

Kilkelly, U. (2010). Protecting children’s rights under the ECHR: the role of positive obligations. *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly*, 61(3), 245-261.

4. Legal sources

Family Law Act, Official Gazette, no. 103/15, 98/19, 47/20, 49/23, 156/23.

The Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Official Gazette – International Agreements, no. 18/97, 6/99, 14/02, 13/03, 9/05, 1/06, 2/10, 13/17.

5. Case law

Judgment of the Municipal Court in Osijek, no. 4 P Ob-33/2022-26 of 22 December 2022

X. v. Croatia, ECtHR, application no. 11223/04, judgment of 17 July 2008.

6. Web pages

Shared Parental Care and Guardianship for Minors. URL: <https://mrosp.gov.hr/highlights-7158/your-europe/social-policy/shared-parental-care-and-guardianship-for-minors/12150> (accessed: 25 July 2023).

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