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Divorce and Family Law

In terms of stressful life events, divorce undoubtedly figures in the top three.

At OLN, we pride ourselves on the ability to work with clients through such an emotional and financial upheaval and to minimise its adverse effect on the parties, the children and the finances.

Hong Kong raises specific issues requiring a great deal of skill and resourcefulness in matrimonial matters as international elements feature prominently here. Whether because the husband or wife hail from different countries or because their joint property and assets are held outside of Hong Kong, this international element has now become the norm. With offshore companies, overseas properties, conflicting laws, international custody issues and schooling, it is now more critical than ever for clients to feel that their lawyer is familiar with every aspect of their matrimonial situation.

At OLN we understand and focus on the challenges provided by this international element now present in most aspects of family law and concentrate on providing practical legal solutions to those challenges.

Matrimonial Disputes

OLN advises on many matrimonial disputes involving complex financial structures, in particular with relation to timing of various international matrimonial applications, the core issues of financial settlements and the tax implications in different jurisdictions, in particular the choice of country in which divorce proceedings can be filed.

Prenuptial and Post-Nuptial Agreements

We are increasingly consulted in respect of Prenuptial and Post-Nuptial Agreements involving substantial assets and can advise on the choice of jurisdiction and the applicable law most appropriate to facilitate the enforceability of such agreements.

Children

OLN advises on all aspects of children cases with particular experience of applications to remove children temporarily or permanently

from Hong Kong, preventing wrongful removal of children from Hong Kong and obtaining the return to Hong Kong of children who have been wrongfully removed.

OLN's highly regarded Divorce and Family Law practice is headed by Stephen Peaker and was set up when he joined the Firm in 2000. The Practice quickly expanded with the addition of Paul Firmin in 2002.

All of the Divorce and Family Law team are members of the Hong Kong Family Law Association (Stephen being a former Vice-President) and in accordance with the HKFLA's Code of Conduct are committed to a conciliatory and constructive approach, rather than a hostile or confrontational one. Stephen is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers ("IAFL"), an Associate Member of the UK Solicitors Family Law Association ("Resolution") and member of the Hong Kong Collaborative Practice Group ("HKCPG").

OLN's Divorce and Family Law practice has access to the top matrimonial lawyers worldwide through the IAFL and access to the top matrimonial

lawyers in the UK through Resolution. We have available the assistance of colleagues in the Firm's Commercial and Litigation Department and through our membership of Globalaw®, access to major law firms in most cities worldwide.

Members of the Matrimonial and Family Law practice have expertise and a wealth of experience in many areas touching on family law, including:

- Pre-Nuptial and Post-Nuptial Agreements
- Separation Agreements
- Cohabitation Agreements
- Parenting Agreements
- Divorce and Nullity and Judicial Separation
- Disputes involving children
- Removal and Child Abduction Cases
- Adoption
- Wardship
- Disputes between unmarried partners about children or money
- Financial Orders following divorce
- International Finance Cases
- Jurisdiction Disputes
- Trusts
- Tax and Immigration Issues consequent on divorce

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