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About OLN

Life does not have to be complicated. We provide an individual perspective to ensure the most efficient and customised solutions for you, those close to you and your business. We pride ourselves on having a practical approach as well as an innovative and commercially-minded outlook, stemming from over three decades of experience in the private client and corporate commercial fields, and our expertise in dispute resolution and the business world.

OLN is a highly regarded Hong Kong-based law firm, whose commitment to professional excellence has been the cornerstone of the firm since its creation in 1987. With many years of experience practising in Hong Kong, our diverse global employees, who embody the firm's East-West culture, are able to deliver an integrated suite of legal and business solutions.

We currently have some 45 lawyers, admitted to one or more jurisdictions, including Hong Kong, France, the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and Canada. We also have a thriving China practice, carried on from our Hong Kong and Shanghai offices and when necessary with our associate legal network in Mainland China.

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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 emotional and financial upheavals 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 a lawyer familiar with every aspect of their matrimonial situation.

OLN's highly regarded Divorce and Family Law practice is headed by Stephen Peaker and was created when he joined the Firm in 2000. The Practice quickly expanded with the addition of Paul Firmin in 2002 and Pamy Kuo in 2006.

All of the Divorce and Family Law team are members of the Hong Kong Family Law Association (Stephen was former Vice-Chairman) 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 Resolution in the UK, a member of The Family Law Section, Law Council of Australia and the Hong Kong Collaborative Practice Group.

OLN's Divorce and Family Law practice has access to the top matrimonial lawyers worldwide through the IAFL, access to the top matrimonial lawyers in the UK through Resolution and access to the top matrimonial lawyers in Australia. 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 major cities worldwide.

Matrimonial Disputes

OLN advises on many matrimonial disputes involving complex financial structures, in particular in 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.

Practice areas

Members of the Divorce and Family Law practice are admitted in Hong Kong, UK and USA and have expertise and a wealth of experience in many areas touching on family law, including:

- Financial Orders following divorce
- International Finance Cases
- Jurisdiction Disputes
- Trusts
- Tax and Immigration Issues consequent on divorce
- Pre-Nuptial and Post-Nuptial Agreements
- Mediation Agreements
- Separation Agreements
- Cohabitation Agreements
- Parenting Agreements
- Collaborative Law Agreements
- Arbitrations
- Divorce, Judicial Separation, Nullity and Annulment
- Disputes involving children
- Child removal and Child Abduction Cases
- Adoption
- Wardship
- Disputes between unmarried partners relating to children or money

