

FAMILY LAW





In terms of stressful life events, divorce undoubtedly is one of the most stressful. 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 and wife hail from different countries or because their joint property and assets are held outside of Hong Kong, this international element has now become a frequent factor.

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.

OLN advises on a wide range of family law matters, with notable experience in cross-border matrimonial, financial and child-related disputes. Our dedicated Divorce and Family Law team offers further strength in matrimonial tax and trust matters, where clients benefit from our focused private wealth management practice.



Our 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, Pamy Kuo in 2006 and Yvonne Kong in 2011, who continue to be partners in the Family Law department.

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 and Pamy are fellows of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL). Stephen is 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, as well as the exclusive IR Global advisor for Family Law in Hong Kong since 2023, together with Senior Associate Ivan Lee.

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 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, and, through our association with Watson & Band, access to the major cities across the Mainland China.





MATRIMONIAL DISPUTES

OLN advises on matrimonial disputes involving complex financial structures, in particular in relation to timing of various international matrimonial applications, the core issues surrounding financial settlements, and the tax implications across different jurisdictions, in particular the selection of the appropriate jurisdiction for filing divorce proceedings.

PRENUPTIAL AND POSTNUPTIAL AGREEMENTS

We provide consultation services regarding Prenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements involving substantial assets and offer guidance on selecting the appropriate jurisdiction and applicable laws to enhance the enforceability of these agreements.

CHILDREN

OLN advises on various aspects related to children, with a strong focus on handling applications for temporary or permanent child relocation from Hong Kong, preventing wrongful child removal from Hong Kong and obtaining return of children who have been wrongfully removed.



PRACTICE AREAS

Members of our Divorce and Family Law are admitted in Hong Kong, the United Kingdom (England and Wales) 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 implications following divorce
- Prenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements
- Mediation Agreements
- Separation Agreements
- Cohabitation Agreements
- Parenting Agreements
- Collaborative Law Agreements
- Arbitrations
- Divorce, Judicial Separation, Nullity and Annulment of Marriage
- Disputes involving children
- Child removal and child abduction Cases
- Adoption
- Wardship
- Deed of Parenting / Deed of Guardianship
- Disputes between unmarried partners relating to children or finances

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ABOUT OLDHAM, LI & NIE (OLN)

OLN is a leading independent Hong Kong 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.

No. of lawyers: 40+

No. of staff: 100+

Lawyers admitted to practice in one or more jurisdictions: Hong Kong, the United Kingdom (England and Wales), several US states, Australia, Canada, France, Japan.

Practice Areas:

- Canadian Notarization Services in Hong Kong
- China Practice
- Chinese Notary Services (CAAO)
- Commercial Fraud and Asset Tracing
- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Dispute Resolution
- Elder Law Practice
- Employment and Business Immigration
- **Family Law**
- Family Office Services
- Financial Service and Regulatory
- French Practice
- Fund Practice
- Insolvency and Restructuring
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Japanese Practice
- Notary
- Personal Injury
- Private Client
- Regulatory Compliance, Investigations and Enforcement
- Startups and Venture Capital
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