

# Family Law - Jurisdictional and Financial Implications in International Cases

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Caroline Langley is in practice as a Barrister in Hong Kong and prior to that, she founded Family Law International in the United States. She combines over two decades of legal experience with a passion for complex finance matrices and global legal issues of international divorce clients. Her cases have spanned Europe to South African, North America, Canada and Asia, which has necessitated her being conversant with the laws of those countries and the workings of international treaties. Her work ethic is to provide a successful result whilst creating and maintaining an environment of accountability, trust and mutual respect. She has lectured at HKU, HKU-SPACE, and City U. She is a mediator, a NITA certified advocacy trainer and a Fellow of the IAML.

Many divorces in Hong Kong today have an international element. As such, there are jurisdictional and financial implications. Choosing where a divorce is to be adjudicated is pivotal in securing the best outcome for your client. How a marital estate is to be divided varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Some countries favour equitable distribution and others, community property. How assets are valued and the standards which apply to the valuation and the rules regarding discovery also vary and must also be considered when choosing the appropriate jurisdiction.

This seminar will look at the factors that are involved in choosing the most appropriate forum for the client by identifying factors which are most favourable to the client. The financial implications of a business valuation and the lawyer's role in that process is also examined. The aims of the seminar are to provide the lawyer with a basic knowledge of what are the issues and the advantages and disadvantages to consider in choosing an appropriate jurisdiction and in valuing a business.

**There are unique factors involved in the division of an international marital estate, this course will cover the followings:**

- Jurisdiction
  1. Practical or favourable
  2. Habitual residence, domicile, citizenship
  3. Discovery: Hague Evidence Convention 1970
- Valuation methods for business
  1. The lawyers role in business valuations
  2. Issues that the expert must address
  3. Valuation of the client's interest in the business
  4. Methodology
  5. Standards
- Use of government standards

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