# Mutual Wills and Secret Trusts in Practice and Theory

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This 3-hour seminar will provide an introduction to the law of mutual wills and secret trusts in Hong Kong. The seminar will describe how the doctrine of mutual wills and the recognition of secret trusts developed at common law, and the existing law of mutual wills and secret trusts in Hong Kong. The seminar will consider the problems associated with the creation and enforcement of mutual wills and secret trusts. The seminar will conclude with a consideration of theories concerning the enforcement of mutual wills and secret trusts.

#### Some of the topics considered in this seminar include:

- The historical development of the law of mutual wills and secret trusts;
- Reasons for the creation of mutual wills and secret trusts:
- Legal problems with the creation of mutual wills and secret trusts;
- Practical problems with the creation of mutual wills and secret trusts;
- The requirements for valid and enforceable mutual wills and secret trusts;
- Academic theories for the enforcement of mutual wills and secret trusts;
- The future for mutual wills and secret trusts in Hong Kong



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