
International Disputes

Due to the increasing mobility of people around the world, Australian family law disputes often involve looking at the laws of other countries.

International disputes arise in relation to a variety of aspects of family law including:

- rights of ownership to property in overseas countries and whether that property should be included in the property pool to be divided under Australian family law
- international trusts
- making pre-nuptial agreements which cover couples who own property both in Australia and overseas
- the enforceability in Australia of court orders or agreements made in overseas countries
- the enforceability of court orders or agreements made under Australian law in overseas countries
- how to obtain child support from a parent who does not live in Australia
- how to obtain access to property held overseas and bring it into Australia
- assessing whether someone is likely to receive a better result under Australian law or under overseas law
- the international abduction of children
- the relocation of children (and one parent) to or from Australia

In recent years, our lawyers have been involved in family law international disputes involving England, South Africa, Liechtenstein, Jersey Islands, United States of America, France, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Vietnam, China, Canada, Italy, Germany, Netherlands, Philippines, Singapore, Cyprus, Japan, Greece, Canary Islands, Guernsey Islands, Switzerland and Israel.

At Forte Family Lawyers we have considerable experience in dealing with international disputes such as those above. Jacky Campbell, one of our partners, is a member of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and an Associate of the American Bar Association, giving us direct contact with expert family lawyers around the world.