

Stacey Devoy



Call

1991: (Enrolled as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand)

2001: (Enrolled as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales)

2013: (Enrolled as a solicitor of the High Court of the Hong Kong SAR)

2024: (Hong Kong)

Areas of Practice

Equity & Trusts
Family & Matrimonial
Probate & Succession
Insolvency
Injunction & Contempt
Mental health
Commercial

Languages

English

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Practice Profile

Stacey has returned to the Bar following a stellar career as a partner at the top commercial and private client firms in London, New Zealand, and Hong Kong. Formerly at Howse Williams, Withers, Mishcon de Reya and Clifford Chance, she brings 30-plus-years of experience as a litigator, specialising in all issues confronting families when new relationships are formed or when relationships break down including marital agreements, separation, divorce, children disputes, international relocation of children and all financial arrangements.

Prior to specializing in family law, Stacey worked in London's 'Magic Circle' dealing with complex, high value offshore trust litigation including the reported cases of *Alhamrani* in the Channel Islands and *Minwalla*, a leading family law decision of the High Court in London on 'sham' trusts that was enforced against a Jersey Trust and led to a change of legislation in Jersey.

Stacey is particularly known for her skilled handling of multi-jurisdictional disputes and cases involving substantial wealth, offshore assets or trust structures. Stacey advises trustees caught up in divorce litigation and families involved in trust disputes in Hong Kong and abroad. She has extensive experience advising in matters of wealth preservation, including the preparation of trusts and domestic and/or international nuptial agreements.

Stacey is an experienced and sought after family mediator trained by Resolution in London. Resolution describes Stacey's mediation style as 'insightful', 'balanced' and 'warm'.

A ranked Family and Matrimonial practitioner for many years in the legal directories, Stacey has been described by Chambers Asia Pacific Guide as 'definitely someone who is making an impact on family law' (2020); 'excellent - very committed with sound judgement and a terrific client manner' (2021), and by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific Guide as 'meeting the growing trend of families in the Asia Pacific region seeking guidance on the governance of interpersonal and international family dynamics' (2023). The Chambers Greater China Region Guide notes 'she is immensely professional and very, very smart' (2023).

Stacey was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 2024 having been granted an exceptional reduced 6-month pupillage by the Chief Justice in recognition of her previous advocacy and trial experience. In addition to family and private client matters, Stacey is developing a civil and commercial practice and accepts instructions as a mediator from all areas of Chambers' work.

Education

- Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, LL.B./BA (1986-1990)
- STEP Diploma International Trust Management (Distinction) (2016)

Appointments

- Elite Lawyer, Private Client Global Elite Directory (2023)
- Chairperson, STEP Hong Kong Matrimonial Sub-committee (2018-)
- Fellow, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2017-)

Publications

- LexisNexis, Lexis Nexis Practical Law, 'Divorce in Hong Kong'