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Call

2014 Called to the Hong Kong Bar

Professional Qualifications

- CEDR trained mediator

Areas of Practice

Family & Matrimonial Law
Immigration and Human Rights
International Conflicts of Law
Mediation
Refugee Law
Succession
Trusts

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Practice Profile

Peter Barnes was called to the Bar in March 2014, and since then has established a practice primarily focused on disputed children's matters (custody, care and control and access, relocation cases and Hague Convention) and financial cases (including trusts, third party interests, nuptial agreements, succession and inheritance, and enforcement/contempt).

Peter is a CEDR-accredited mediator and accepts engagements in matters involving both financial and child-related disputes, with the ultimate aim of achieving a lasting and permanent settlement.

Peter is regularly engaged in providing expert Opinions on Hong Kong family law for the purposes of overseas litigation, including in respect of the Hague abduction cases.

Peter is also a member of Chambers in Adelaide and practices in Federal Court matters in matrimonial and immigration law both in South Australia and in other Australian states.

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Education

- LL.B., Adelaide University
- LL.M. (IP & IT) (Distinction), University of Hong Kong

Appointments

- Deputy District Judge, Family Court (ad hoc appointments since November 2019)
- Member, Committee on Family Law, Hong Kong Bar Association
- Fellow, International Academy of Family Lawyers
- Member, Hong Kong Family Law Association (past Chairman 2004 – 2008)

Publication

- Contributing author: Family Law & Practice in Hong Kong (4th edition): Chapter 10 (Ancillary Relief: Practice, Procedure and Disclosure), Chapter 11 (Injunctive Relief on Financial Matters), Chapter 12 (Nuptial Agreements) & Chapter 14 (Enforcement of Judgments)

Selected Cases

Matrimonial

- *AA v BB* [2025] HKFC 21 (Ancillary Relief/Trusts)
- *AA v BB* [2025] HKFC 128 (Publication of judgment) reported in [2025] 4 HKLRD 526
- *LN by his next friend A, LM v LK, the Executor to the Estate of LC, Deceased* [2025] HKFC 117 (Inheritance claim)
- *LCFM v LSF* [2023] HKFC 121 (Variation of Order and Discharge of Undertakings)
- *L v F* [2023] HKFC 108 (Crossley Application, Preliminary Issue), reported in [2023] 5 HKC 83
- *TKM aka WTKM v WHG* [2022] HKFC 83 (MPS/IM)
- *SS v TMW aka CT* [2021] HKFC 43 (Variation of MPS, IM and Litigation Funding Order)
- *C, KT v G, T* [2020] HKFC 152 (MPS/IM)
- *HWYC v CLTK* [2019] HKFC 176 (MPS/IM)

Others

- *FOZ and others v Director of Immigration* [2025] 2 HKC 766
- *YA v Torture Claims Appeal Board* [2019] 2 HKC 34

Judgments as Deputy Judge of Family Court

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- *CHJ v LSR and LKOR* [2024] HKFC 224 (Joinder)
- *CHJ v LSR and LKOR* [2024] HKFC 223 (Tuition/MPS)
- *WHK v LCH* [2024] HKFC 147 (Ancillary Relief)
- *HMC v CWY* [2024] HKFC 87 (Variation of Consent Summons and Order)
- *WW v LPQ and others* [2024] HKFC 29 (MPS/Litigation Funding)
- *Y, M v S, J* [2022] HKFC 250 (GMO – Interim Maintenance)
- *M, B v S, S* [2022] HKFC 72 (Custody, Care and Control, Access)
- *YSG (YX) v LYAG* [2022] HKFC 114 (Ancillary Relief), CA judgment on appeal: [2024] 2 HKC 201
- *SLH (nee N) v GAH* [2020] HKFC 29 (Child Arrangement, Schooling, Relocation)
- *CC, YL v C, CSR* [2019] HKFC 329 (MCR Rule 121)