

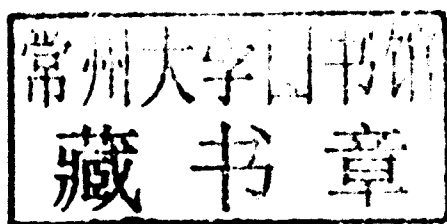


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PREFACE

At the time of writing, this first edition of Family Law Practice and Procedure in Hong Kong is the first family and matrimonial law student book to be published here for over ten years. Thus, I hope it will fill a large gap in the reading lists for students studying family law and procedure as part of their LLB or PCLL courses in Hong Kong. Whilst family law professionals and specialist practitioners should look to my practitioner's volume, the *Hong Kong Family Court Practice*, which also contains all the relevant Ordinances and Practice Directions; this 'student' volume will provide an introduction and general background to matrimonial practice and procedure for family mediators, social welfare officers and others whose work brings them into contact with family law in Hong Kong.

Family law is a very broad subject and whilst writing and editing the Family Law Practice and Procedure in Hong Kong, I have been very much aware that the contents and the emphasis I have placed on certain topics are inevitably a product of my own editorial judgement. Nevertheless, I am confident that the all the main substantive areas of family law in Hong Kong are covered and that students and others will find this volume a valuable and up to date source of recent case law and commentary. As this is a first edition, I welcome suggestions as to how this volume might be developed and improved upon in future editions. Whilst I have made every effort to ensure accuracy if readers find otherwise, I would be grateful to be told.

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