



## 6th LAWASIA Family Law & Children's Rights Conference

9 - 11 June 2016 | Hong Kong SAR

**The Modern Family**



LAWASIA Family Law &  
Children's Rights Conference



# Overview

## 6th LAWASIA Family Law & Children's Rights Conference 2016

### Location:

Hong Kong SAR

### Date:

9 - 11 June 2016

### Venue:

Novotel Century Hong Kong

238 Jaffe Road

Wanchai

HONG KONG SAR

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## About LAWASIA

LAWASIA, the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific, is an international organisation of legal associations, individual lawyers, judges, legal academics and others, which focuses on the interests and concerns of the legal profession in the Asia Pacific region.

Established in 1966, LAWASIA comprises over forty member organisations and has individual members from more than fifty countries world-wide.

Its mission is to promote universally high standards of legal practice and continuing legal education, to be a voice of the legal community of the region, to uphold the rule of law and to protect human rights across the diverse range of political, cultural, social and economic contexts of the Asia Pacific region.

## About the conference

LAWASIA is delighted to invite participation in the 6th LAWASIA Family Law & Children's Rights Conference to be held in Hong Kong SAR from 9 to 11 June 2016.

Hosted in the modern and dynamic city of Hong Kong, the conference will focus on a range of cross border family law and children's rights issues including surrogacy, the interaction of secular family law systems and religion, impact of ADR of children, ethical issues for family lawyers and dealing with modern family concepts across jurisdictions.

The specially designed program will have relevance to family law practitioners, children's counsel, lawyers who specialise in legal areas such as criminal, employment, immigration law, judges, policy makers, academics, special education services providers, government and non-government agencies.

The LAWASIA conference provides a unique opportunity for the Asia-Pacific legal sector to come together and exchange meaningful views and information on issues that affect children and families.

LAWASIA conferences are renowned for a collegial atmosphere, networking opportunities and the exchange of knowledge in a regional context that sees regular delegates return year after year.

With the assistance and support of the Law Society of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Academy of Law, LAWASIA is pleased to welcome all to an exciting and informative event in Hong Kong SAR.

## Keynote address



**Justice Sabrina McKenna (USA)**  
Hawaii State Judiciary

## Address



**Chief Judge John Pascoe AC, CVO (Australia)**  
Federal Circuit Court of Australia

## Surrogacy and the Right to know

### Program topics include:

- Surrogacy and the right to know
- The Modern Family – family models; parental rights and obligations and regulation
- The interaction of secular family law systems and religion
- ADR: Its impact and efficiency in resolving arrangements for children in the modern family
- Ethical issues for family lawyers in Asia Pacific
- Dispute resolution: Multi-disciplinary approaches to disputes relating to children
- Family Court Judges' Forum - panel discussion
- Case studies on families and children in modern family relationships

### CPD points

Course date	Session	CPD Point(s)
DAY ONE 9 June 2016 - 14.30 - 17.30	Afternoon session International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) Symposium	3
DAY TWO 10 June 2016 - 8.30 - 17.00	Morning session	3.5
	Afternoon session	3
DAY THREE 11 June 2016 - 9.00 - 17.15	Morning session	3
	Afternoon session	3



### Special dinner event (optional post conference event)

Join us for a unique experience cruising on the magnificent Victoria Harbour on a traditional sampan/junk.

While enjoying your three course buffet dinner (beverages included) you can enjoy uninterrupted views of Hong Kong Island, Victoria Peak and the Kowloon skyline as you can view the city's dazzling light show.

Date: Saturday 11 June

Cost: AUD\$198\* (approx. HK\$ 1,200)

*\*Tickets must be purchased in advance*

## PROGRAMME

**Location:** Novotel Century Hong Kong, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai

### DAY 1

**Thursday, 9 June**

*\*Please note this program is subject to change*

**13:00 – 14:30**

**Conference registration**

**Location:** Novotel Century Hong Kong, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai

**14:30 – 17:30**

**International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) Symposium**

International Surrogacy Arrangements

- The interface between domestic and international law
- The move for rationalisation and emerging practices

Speakers:

- **Chief Judge John Pascoe AC CVO** | Federal Circuit Court (AUSTRALIA)
- **Ms Nancy Zalusky Berg** | Walling, Berg & Debele, P.A. (USA)
- **Mr Andrew W. Vorzimer** | Vorzimer/Masserman – Fertility & Family Law Center (USA)
- **The Hon Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, QC** | Dawson Cornwell (UK)
- **Mr Jonathan Mok** | Mayer Brown JSM (Hong Kong)
- **Ms Rachael Kelsey** | SKO Family Law Specialists (UK)
- **Ms Sally Nicholes** | Nicholes Family Lawyers (AUSTRALIA)
- **Mr Michael Wells-Greco** | Charles Russell Speechlys (SWITZERLAND)

**17:30 – 19:30**

**Welcome reception**

**Location:** Novotel Century Hong Kong, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai

### DAY 2

**Friday, 10 June**

**8:00 – 9:00**

**Conference registration continues**

**8:30 – 8:45**

**Welcome/Opening remarks:**

**The Hon Geoffrey Ma Tao-li, GBM QC SC** | Chief Justice of Final Court of Appeal (HONG KONG)

**8.45 – 9.30**

**Keynote Presentation**

The changing landscape of the family structure and challenges facing the courts and family lawyers  
Speaker:

**Justice Sabrina McKenna** | Supreme Court of Hawaii (USA)

**9:30 – 10:00**

**TEA BREAK**

**10:00 – 11:00**

**SESSION 1**

**“Surrogacy and the Right to know”**

Chair: **Mr Philip Sim** | Crowther Sim Lawyers Australia (AUSTRALIA)

Speaker: **Chief Judge John Pascoe AC CVO** | Federal Circuit Court (AUSTRALIA)

**11:00 – 12:30**  
**SESSION 2**

**The Modern Family –how does the law in different countries apply to modern family models; who has parental rights and obligations; how they are granted/regulated**

Chair: **Mr Yap Teong Liang** | T L Yap Law Chambers LLC (SINGAPORE)

Speakers:

- **Ms Winnie Chow** | HAMPTON, WINTER & GLYNN (HONG KONG)
- **Mr Simon Bruce** | Farrer & Co (UK)
- **Ms Mikiko Otani** | Toranomom Law & Economic Offices (JAPAN)
- **Mr David Lawrence** | Tilleke & Gibbins International Ltd (THAILAND)

**12:30 – 13:30**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**13:30 – 15:00**  
**SESSION 3**

**Ethical issues for family lawyers in Asia Pacific**

- duties towards children

Chair: **Ms Jacqueline Vincent** | Watts McCray Lawyers (AUSTRALIA)

Speakers:

- **Mr Yap Teong Liang** | T L Yap Law Chambers LLC (SINGAPORE)
- **Ms Mrunalini Deshmukh** (INDIA)
- **Mr Mamoru Tanabe** | Yanagimachi Law Office (JAPAN)

**15:00 – 15:30**

**TEA BREAK**

**15:30 – 17:00**  
**SESSION 4**

**ADR - Its impact and efficiency in resolving arrangements for children in the Modern Family**

Chair: **Mr Isomi Suzuki** | KOGA & PARTNERS (JAPAN)

Speakers:

- **Mr Justin Dowd** | Watts McCray Lawyers (AUSTRALIA)
- **Ms Claudia Zhao** | JINCHENG TONGDA & NEAL (CHINA)
- **Ms Malathi Das** | Joyce A. Tan & Partners LLC (SINGAPORE)
- **Ms Rachael Kelsey** | SKO Family Law Specialists (UNITED KINGDOM)
- **Ms Suzanne Kingston** | Withers LLP (UNITED KINGDOM)

**19:00 – 21:30**

**CONFERENCE DINNER (optional)**

**DAY 3**

**Saturday, 11 June**

**9:00 – 10:30**  
**SESSION 5**

**The interaction of secular family law systems and religion**

Chair: **Ms Malathi Das** | Joyce A. Tan & Partners LLC (SINGAPORE)

Speakers:

- **Mr Uday Prakash Warundjekar** (INDIA)
- **Ms Honey Tan** | Tan Law Practice (MALAYSIA)
- **Mr David Hodson** | The International Family Law Group LLC (UNITED KINGDOM)
- **Ms Evalyn G. Ursua** (PHILIPPINES)

**10:30 – 11:00**

**TEA BREAK**

**11:00 – 12:30**  
**SESSION 6**

**Multi-disciplinary & multi-jurisdictional approaches to disputes relating to children**

- the roles of psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors, parental co-ordinators

Chair: **Mr Dennis Ho** | Ho&Ip, Solicitors (HONG KONG)

Speakers:

- **Ms Maureen Mueller** | Parenting Coordinator (HONG KONG)
- **Ms Chu-Fang Chang** | JIOU-DA Law Firm (TAIWAN)
- **Dr Anne Purcell** | Resolution Partners (AUSTRALIA)
- **Mr Eng Kwan Yeo** | Senior Court Counsellor (SINGAPORE)

**12:30 – 13:30**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**13:30 – 15:00**  
**SESSION 7**

**Judges' Forum – family law jurisdictions – Panel Discussion**

- approach of courts in Asia Pacific jurisdictions to the Modern Family

Chair: **Judge Paul Howard** | Federal Circuit Court (AUSTRALIA)

Speakers:

- **Chief Judge John Pascoe AC CVO** | Federal Circuit Court (AUSTRALIA)
- **Her Honour Judge Sharon Melloy** | Family Court (HONG KONG)
- **Judge Hironori Wanami** | Supreme Court (JAPAN)

**15:00 – 15:30**

**TEA BREAK**

**15:30 – 17:00**  
**SESSION 8**

**Case studies on families and children in modern family relationships**

- Interactive round table discussions of delegates from different jurisdictions

Moderators:

**Ms Linda Heathfield** | Howse Williams Bowers (HONG KONG)

**The Hon Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, QC** | Dawson Cornwell (UNITED KINGDOM)

**17:00 -17:15**

**Closing remarks**

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# Registration Form

**Please note:** there will be NO registration onsite

## Personal Details:

☐ Mr ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Prof ☐ Judge ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name (for name badge - first name, surname): \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special requirements (ie. vegetarian, halal, wheelchair, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please do not include my details on the registration list supplied to delegates. (A registration list will be supplied as hard copy in the delegate pack, showing name and organisation of participants).

## Registration fees:

**Please note:** Only full conference registration (3 day) includes the admittance to the Welcome Reception. Conference dinners are additional are not included.

☐ **LSHK Member\***: HK\$3,000

☐ **Non LSHK Member**: HK\$7,635

☒ **LSHK Member - Day Delegate\***: HK\$1,698

☐ 9 June **OR** ☐ 10 June **OR** ☐ 11 June

☒ **Non LSHK Member - Day Delegate**: HK\$4,295

☐ 9 June **OR** ☐ 10 June **OR** ☐ 11 June

(Day delegates please indicate day of attendance)

☐ **Conference Dinner Ticket**: HK\$600 - Number of tickets required: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Evening harbour cruise & dinner (Saturday 11 June 2016)**: HK\$1200 - Number of tickets required: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* To encourage LSHK Members to enhance their knowledge and skills on cross border family law and children's rights issues, the Academy will provide sponsorship of HK\$3,442 to each LSHK Member who attends the full programme, and sponsorship of HK\$2,000 to each LSHK Member who attends 1 day of the programme.*

*As a result, a LSHK Member will pay registration fee of HK\$3,000 for attending the full programme and HK\$1,698 for attending 1 day of the programme."*

## Payment details:

**Please note:** fees should be paid in HK dollars and by cheque only.

## Declaration (this must be signed for payment to be processed):

I hereby confirm that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions and registration entitlements as outlined on the registration conditions (next page and also available on the LAWASIA website).

I enclose a cheque payable to 'Hong Kong Academy of Law Limited' in the amount of **HK\$** \_\_\_\_\_ for registration fees to attend this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Send completed registration form and payment to:**

**Hong Kong Academy of Law Ltd.** – Attn: Miss Vanessa Chan / Miss Hailey Luk  
3rd Floor, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central HONG KONG

**Phone:** +852 2846 0585/0587

**Fax:** +852 2846 8801

**Email:** cpd\_enrolment@hklawacademy.org

## Registration Conditions

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

Please note that discounted registration fees for members in all various categories are available only to current LSHK members.

#### Delegate inclusions:

- Access to conference sessions with coffee breaks and luncheons
- Conference kit

#### Not included

Conference dinner and optional or extra events as advertised. These tickets must be pre-purchased via this registration form and will not be available on site. Non-delegates or accompanying persons may attend special events on pre-purchase of a ticket via the registration form

#### \*\*Accompanying guests

An accompany persons is an individual (non legal professional) accompanying delegate to event social functions only. Accompanying persons tickets are NOT for individuals who would otherwise need to pay for a full registration.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

All program information is correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change without notice. For the latest information please visit the LAWASIA website [www.lawasiasn.au](http://www.lawasiasn.au)

#### Important information

Detailed information is available from the conference section of the LAWASIA website [www.lawasiasn.au](http://www.lawasiasn.au)

#### Visas

Please note visa application is the sole responsibility of the participant and the LAWASIA secretariat is unable to provide visa advice or assistance. Should a letter of invitation be required, please advise the secretariat by email [lawasia@lawasia.asn.au](mailto:lawasia@lawasia.asn.au) or phone: +61 2 9926 0165.

Letters to assist visa applications will not be issued until full registration and payment is received and processed by the LAWASIA secretariat.

#### Hotels

Delegates should make their own accommodation reservations directly with hotels. The LAWASIA secretariat regrets that it is unable to accept hotel reservations. Details of suggested hotels are available on the conference website. Delegates are advised to make reservations as early as possible.

#### Insurance

Participants, accompanying persons and guests are advised to affect their own insurance to cover all risks including (but not limited to) costs of travel, accommodation, conference registration, injury/death, health and medical expenses, personal property and all other risks. LAWASIA and the conference will not be held liable for claims under any circumstances. This includes participation in any pre & post touring and activities undertaken by delegates and accompanying persons.

#### Cancellation

All cancellations must be notified to the Hong Kong Academy of Law Limited ("the Academy") in writing by email, fax or mail two weeks prior to the commencement of the event.

Where a refund of registration fees is sought due to non-attendance, this will be considered on notification to the Academy by email, fax or mail.

Refunds, less a HK\$600 administration fee, will only be considered after the conference has been concluded and where extenuating circumstances exist.

No refunds will be issued on site. Where a registered delegate is unable to attend, a replacement delegate may be nominated without charge up to 1 week prior to the commencement of the event on advice to the Academy in writing by email, fax or mail. After this date, a fee of HK\$120 will apply for any transfer of registration to another delegate.

#### Force majeure

Neither LAWASIA nor the conference shall be liable for delay or failure to organise the conference if such delay is due to fire, typhoon, cyclone, earthquake, flood, strike, labour dispute, war, government order, riot, revolution, pandemic or any other cause beyond their reasonable control.

#### Additional costs

All other costs including but not limited to accommodation, airfares, visa fees, transportation and meals except those included under registration entitlements shall be borne by the participant (including speakers).

Neither LAWASIA nor the conference will be held liable for any costs under

any circumstances.

#### Personal Information Collection Statement

The personal data collected in this form ("the data") will be used by the the Academy for the purposes of processing your registration form ("the Application") to attend the LAWASIA Family Law & Children's Rights Conference 2016, making logistical arrangement, compiling statistics and keeping records of your attendance, facilitating the applications for CPD accreditation of such courses and other related matters.

In making the Application, it is obligatory for you to supply the Academy with the data requested in this form except as otherwise indicated. The consequence for you if you fail to supply such data is that the Academy will not be able to process the Application.

The data may be provided to such persons within the Academy whose proper business it is to have access to and assist in the processing of the Application and related matters. The data may also be provided to the Law Society of Hong Kong, the conference organisers and other persons who may help the Academy in attaining the purposes above mentioned.

Any data that is provided to anyone outside of the Academy will be restricted to what is necessary and not excessive to achieve any intended purpose.

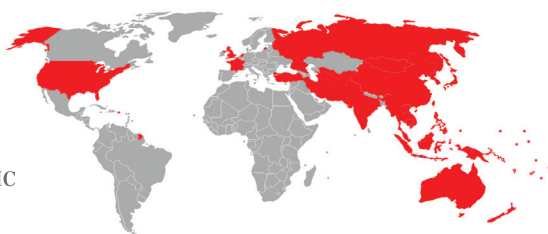
You have the right to request access to and correction of the data. Any such request should be addressed to the Company Secretary, Hong Kong Academy of Law Ltd., 3/F, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

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