

PRESS RELEASE

Family Law Jurisdictional Comparisons 2nd Edition Published

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46 Core Jurisdictions Covered in this Seminal Publication

Contributions from Leading Family Lawyers throughout the World

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With a rise in the geographical mobility of families and the number of international marriages, the consequences of marital breakdown increasingly have a cross-jurisdictional dimension. It is important for clients and practitioners alike to be aware of the complexities involved in dealing with international family law issues. In light of this background, we are pleased to announce the publication of *Family Law Jurisdictional Comparisons* (2nd edition), published by European Lawyer/Thomson Reuters.

The unprecedented success of the first edition of *Family Law Jurisdictional Comparisons*, published in 2011, is indicative of the growing importance of international family law and the huge appetite amongst family lawyers for a definitive guide to family law in core jurisdictions around the globe.

[Name], an international family lawyer [and Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IAML)], was invited to author an analysis of [jurisdiction or state] family law for the second edition of *Family Law Jurisdictional Comparisons*, which is now available to purchase from all Thomson Reuters and Sweet & Maxwell websites and from leading bookshops throughout the world.

On this, partner [name] stated, "The publication of the analysis of [jurisdiction or state] family law in the 2013 *Family Law Jurisdictional Comparisons* is a testament to the expertise of our firm's contributing attorneys/lawyers [delete as applicable]."

Family Law Jurisdictional Comparisons has become the "must-have" publication for all family and divorce lawyers throughout the world who require a comprehensive and practical guide to the key components of family law across a multitude of major

jurisdictions. It is also a tremendous resource for family office advisers and those professionals who advise international families.

Cases involving conflict of laws and questions about the application of foreign law are becoming increasingly common and many international family law issues such as the recognition of same-sex marriages, surrogacy agreements and pre and post-nuptial agreements have been hotly debated in the press and in wider society. Similarly, developments such as the Japanese government's decision to ratify The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, and Russia's recent ratification of the Convention, have come about following years of domestic and international campaigning. Against this background, [contributing author's name(s)] and his/her [delete as applicable] fellow authors felt that it was vital to provide family law professionals with a second, definitive, edition of *Family Law Jurisdictional Comparisons* which includes 16 new jurisdictions as diverse as Bermuda, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Monaco, Spain and the United Arab Emirates.

[Contributing author's], who is [say something about yourself, e.g. President/Chapter President/Governor the IAML/member of the ABA's Family Law Committee etc] and a recognised expert in the field of international family law, was named as [add something interesting, e.g. a Super Lawyer/leading individual in a directory etc] and has acted in many leading family cases including [add and amend as applicable].

Family Law Jurisdictional Comparisons provides an update on the issues covered in the 2011 first edition, such as jurisdiction and conflict of laws, financial arrangements, children, cohabitation and marital agreements, and introduces new topics including surrogacy, adoption and alternative methods of dispute resolution. Comparing different laws across 46 jurisdictions, the book examines the varying details, solutions and problems of controversial family law issues.

According to [name of senior author], "This publication is the culmination of what has been a substantial research project and I am proud to see the finished result. Our objective was to provide the reader with a simple and accessible guide in which those at the very forefront of their fields highlight the different family law issues which are defining and changing our society around the world."

[Name of senior author] continued, "There has been a phenomenal increase in the number of family law cases with an international element, and there is no evidence that this growth will abate any time soon. The trend is partly caused by the growth of truly

'international cities' such as London and New York, but also by the myriad of international conventions that govern issues such as child abduction. Against this backdrop, I felt it was essential to provide family law practitioners with an up to date, and improved, comprehensive resource book."

"By again adopting the Q&A format for each chapter, the aim has been to take what are, at times, emotive subjects, and give them a clear and logical response which could aid any international practitioner", [name of author] concluded.

Reviews of *Family Law Jurisdictional Comparisons*

"This supremely practical book provides basic information on international family law operating in no less than forty-six jurisdictions. The General Editor was particularly astute to ensure that all these jurisdictions adopted the same template for their presentations. In this busy world the provision of basic legal information in an easily digestible form is what we all seek".

Lord Justice Thorpe, Head of the Office of International Family Justice

"Truly a 'comparative overview' as the foreword claims - same questions posed to each jurisdiction - and, as such, truly indispensable to all international family lawyers."

Tim Amos QC (Queen Elizabeth Building)

"This publication will be a tremendous resource for all family lawyers... The fact that the information is provided by so many Fellows of the IAML, who have the knowledge and expertise to identify and favourably resolve international issues, contributes significantly to its value."

Cheryl Hepfer, President of the IAML

[Add any references/quotes etc which you can obtain from your own jurisdictions]

To purchase the book, please visit the Thomson Reuters/Sweet & Maxwell website:

<http://www.sweetandmaxwell.co.uk/Catalogue/ProductDetails.aspx?productid=610526&recordid=5483>

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Notes to Editors:

[Something about your firm and their family team]

[Something about contributing author(s)].

Included as an example only:

James Stewart:

James Stewart writes extensively on international family law and is a recognised authority on domestic and international marital agreements and on complex financial cases. Stewart was nominated and shortlisted for International Family Lawyer of the Year at the 2011 Family Law Awards. On the 14th February 2013, Stewart was named "Lawyer of the Week" in The Times following the widely publicised Judgment in the Anglo/Canadian case of AI v MT (2013) where a Jewish couple's arbitrated award based on Rabbinical laws was approved by the English High Court.]

The International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers:

IAML is a worldwide association of practising lawyers who are recognised by their peers as the most experienced and skilled family law specialists in their respective countries. IAML was formed in 1986 to improve the practice of law and administration of justice in the area of divorce and family law throughout the world.

The majority of the book's contributing authors are Fellows of the IAML.

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