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ABOUT GALL

Gall is a leading independent Hong Kong law firm focusing primarily on dispute resolution. We specialise in handling highly complex disputes, many of which involve multi-jurisdictional litigation.

Our partners all come from international firms and have practiced in Hong Kong or overseas for many years. They have a wealth of experience in a wide variety of litigation, mediation and arbitration. We use a partner led, team-based approach to complex litigation, drawing upon the legal and linguistic skills of solicitors with different areas of expertise. We ensure that we maintain an “around-the-clock” service to our clients.

As an independent firm, we are regularly referred work by law firms in other countries. We have established strong working relationships with major firms in the world’s leading jurisdictions and work with a large network of dispute resolution providers around the world. We are a key point of reference for law firms and companies that would otherwise have no representation in Hong Kong. Gall is also trusted by the Magic Circle and City firms to act for their clients where they are unable to act owing to conflicts of interest.

Our instructions come from all over the world; our clients include foreign governments, banks and other financial institutions, hedge funds, listed companies, law and accounting firms, local institutions, land and property owners and high net-worth individuals. We work closely with our clients to help them to understand Hong Kong’s legal and business culture, and remain vigilant in finding solutions that will most readily match a client’s business objectives.

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Business Litigation

Business litigation lies at the very heart of Gall's day-to-day practice. Our practitioners have extensive experience in dispute resolution through the mediums of litigation, arbitration and mediation gained in all forums in Hong Kong.

Our litigation practice includes:

- Cross border litigation
- Recovery of sovereign debt
- Contractual disputes
- Debt recovery
- Professional negligence
- Insurance
- Shareholder and partnership disputes
- Defamation
- Commodities and trading disputes
- Judicial review
- Trust and probate claims
- Land disputes

Arbitration

As a leading dispute resolution firm in Hong Kong, our arbitration practitioners have extensive experience in handling domestic and international arbitrations arising from a variety of commercial disputes. Our experience covers both ad hoc and institutional arbitration proceedings pursuant to a variety of arbitral rules and governing laws. Our experience extends to representing clients seeking injunctive relief, in arbitration-related litigation, and enforcement proceedings.

We are particularly well-placed to assist clients in their China-related disputes, and advising Chinese entities in their offshore disputes.

Our team of lawyers work closely with clients to offer strategic, cost-effective, and practical guidance for the effective resolution of disputes. Our arbitration practice covers:

- Domestic and international arbitrations
- Ad hoc and institutional proceedings
- Arbitration-related litigation
- Obtaining *mareva*/freezing injunctions in aid of foreign and domestic arbitral proceedings
- Enforcement action



Employment

Gall's award winning employment team deal with the full range of employment law related issues and are one of the few firms in Hong Kong who act for both employers and employees on both contentious and non-contentious matters.

We give advice and act for clients on all aspects of the employment relationship, including:

- Hiring Strategies
- Negotiating and drafting contract terms
- Entitlements under deferred compensation, bonus and share schemes
- Drafting and advising on post termination restrictions
- Advising on performance reviews and appraisals
- Advising on internal investigations, SFC regulatory investigations and disciplinary issues
- Discrimination complaints
- Advising on redundancy issues
- Advising on termination and separation agreements
- Applying for and defending injunctions
- Representing both employers and employees engaged in legal proceedings from the Labour Tribunal to Court of Final Appeal

Fraud / Asset Tracing

Our Fraud/Asset Tracing team regularly advises on domestic and international disputes arising from commercial fraud, asset misappropriation and business crime.

Our experience and expertise cover cases that involve:

- Obtaining Mareva/freezing injunctions
- Appointment of Provisional Liquidators over corporate vehicles for fraud
- Directors' fraud and breach of fiduciary duties
- Cybercrime, internet scams, email hacking and online identity theft
- Investment scams and Ponzi schemes
- Worldwide asset recovery exercises in conjunction with overseas law firms in various different offshore jurisdictions



Insolvency

Our insolvency litigators regularly act in high profile insolvencies and corporate collapses in Hong Kong.

We are able to advise on all areas of contentious insolvency, including:

- Advising appointment takers and insolvency practitioners
- Identification and realisation of assets in insolvent estates
- Pursuing recovery actions on behalf of appointment takers
- Obtaining validation orders
- Enforcement of security
- Creditor services
- Investigations and examinations
- Ex parte applications for the appointment of provisional liquidators
- Advising on cross border insolvency issues
- General advice in respect of terminal and non-terminal companies
- Advising directors on their duties and liabilities

China Related Disputes

Gall handles large-scale China related disputes where clients require day-to-day contact in the Chinese language. Our multi-lingual legal team acts for Chinese and international clients on high-profile cross-border Court proceedings and arbitrations. Our experienced team of specialists are equipped with the technical knowledge and cultural understanding required to resolve cross-border disputes effectively.

Our team advises on Hong Kong legal aspects of China related disputes, including:

- Contractual disputes
- Debt recovery
- Injunctions in aid of PRC court proceedings, arbitration and enforcement
- Shareholder and joint venture disputes
- Enforcing PRC judgments in Hong Kong
- Cross border insolvency
- Asset tracing exercises
- Expert evidence



Family and Divorce

We are experts in financial and children matters relating to relationship breakdown. Although we are experienced litigators, we also actively promote alternative dispute resolution options such as mediation and collaborative law.

The firm combines specialist knowledge with first class client care and pragmatic solutions. We offer each client a tailor-made approach to their particular circumstances and we deal with every matter sensitively and constructively.

Our areas of expertise include:

- Divorce
- Financial consequences of divorce
- Judicial separation
- Separation agreements
- Pre- and post-nuptial agreements
- Jurisdiction disputes
- Children/ parenting disputes
- Child abduction
- International relocation of children
- Unmarried co-habitants and parents
- Enforcement and/or variation of court orders

Regulatory / Criminal

Gall offers a discrete, sensitive and professional service to individuals and corporate employees involved in investigations or prosecution for criminal or regulatory offences. We also work with other criminal specialists so as to provide practical advice and recommend effective strategies.

Our services include:

- Acting as an interface with the police, investigators and prosecuting authorities
- Entering into plea bargaining for clients before or after charge
- Conducting investigation and evidence gathering before trial
- SFC and ICAC investigations
- Acting to recover funds frozen in Hong Kong in respect of overseas investigations



Mediation

Mediation is growing in popularity as a time and cost efficient way to resolve disputes sensibly. Our lawyers have a wealth of experience in mediation across a broad range of disputes. We act for both parties in mediation and as fully accredited mediators. As impartial facilitators we assist parties to reach a negotiated settlement as an alternative to court proceedings.

Mediation gives parties the opportunity to:

- Discuss the issues and clear up misunderstandings
- Determine underlying interests or concerns
- Find areas of agreement and incorporate those into resolutions
- Generate and agree mutually acceptable solutions
- Ensure confidentiality
- Tailor an outcome which can be embodied in a legally enforceable settlement agreement, or a court order

Pro Bono

At Gall we are committed to using the skills and experience of our professionals to support our community. Through our pro bono work we provide advice to those who would otherwise be unable to afford legal representation.

We have provided counsel to the following:

- Charities
- Community associations and non profit making organizations
- Individuals



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