FAMILY AND DIVORCE

Gall’s award winning Family and Divorce team 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

Awards and Recognition

« A "settlement-focused lawyer who never messes around." "She has worked hard to make herself known in the field and she knows what she is doing" »
« Caroline is one of the most sensible people in the room." »
Band 1 Leading Individual, Family/Divorce - Chambers Asia Pacific 2020

« Extremely professional, concise, timely and creative. »
« Gall is a first-class firm, offering practical and cost-effective advice »
Outstanding Firm – Asialaw Profiles 2020

Leading Family & Divorce Law Firms – Hong Kong 2020, Tier 2
The Doyle’s Guide to Leading Hong Kong Family & Divorce Law Firms 2020

Winner, Firm of the Year – Hong Kong
Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards 2019

Tier 1 Firm, Hong Kong Domestic Firms
Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2019

Winner, Dispute Resolution Firm of the Year
The Asian Legal Awards 2019

« A boutique practice that ‘provides great technical advice and is sensitive to commercial issues.’ »
Leading Firm, Dispute Resolution – Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019
Family and Divorce Team:

Executive Partner and head of the Family and Divorce practice, Caroline McNally advises wives, husbands and unmarried partners on all aspects of family breakdown including divorce, financial settlements, nuptial agreements and all matters relating to children.

She has practised family law for almost 20 years and has particular experience in complex financial cases often involving trusts, family businesses and inherited wealth. Caroline has also acted in some of the most difficult children cases including international relocation. Caroline is committed to a client focused approach. She is also trained as a Collaborative Lawyer and is able to explore all areas of alternative dispute resolution with her clients. Caroline settles the vast majority of her cases but is not afraid to litigate strongly when necessary. Caroline was the Chairwoman of the Hong Kong Family Law Association from 2016 to 2018. She currently holds the position of Deputy Chairwoman.

Chantelle Woo advises on all family law matters including divorce and separation, child custody, permanent removal of children, wardship and injunctions, financial disputes and nuptial agreements.

Catherine Tso has experience in family and divorce matters, including advising on divorce proceedings, financial claims, nuptial agreements, and children matters.

Loretta Ho focuses her practice on family law matters including divorce proceedings, financial claims, children matters and relocation applications.

Awards & Recognitions for the family and law practice:

« Gall is a first-class firm, offering practical and cost-effective advice in complex and high value matrimonial finance, as well as children’s matters. »

« Caroline McNally is brilliant and highly sought after. She is very experienced and gives practical, effective advice. »

Notable Firm, Private Client – Asialaw Profiles 2020

Tier 2, Family and Matrimonial Firm

Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific 2020

« Caroline McNally named a “Preeminent” Lawyer, Gall ranked Tier 2 »

Doyle’s Guide to Leading Family Lawyer and Law Firm Rankings – Hong Kong 2019

« The team is “always on time” and “gives strong advice. »

Leading Firm, Dispute Resolution – Chambers Asia Pacific 2019
**GALL**

« Very easy to work with and very knowledgeable with a good understanding of the issues and a great way of explaining the processes and procedures. »

« The firm’s Family partner was very experienced and lovely to work with. Very knowledgeable. »

**Caroline McNally named a Dispute Resolution Star, Family and Probate – Hong Kong, Gall ranked Tier 2**

« "Charming, articulate and insightful" Caroline McNally is "the first choice for many clients," according to a market source »

**Leading Individual, Family/Divorce – Chambers Asia Pacific 2019**

« Compact team known for its expertise in dealing with the breakdown of relationships. Acts for clients going through a divorce, assisting them with the financial aspects, also usually handling complex international relocations where children are involved. Renowned for its emphasis on using collaborative law and mediation as alternative methods to resolve a dispute. Remains a popular choice for expatriates, HNW individuals, and local clients for assistance in family-related disputes and settlements. »

« They are very easy to work with and have a broad spectrum of experience," a client reports, further adding: “They are very knowledgeable about the matter at hand and definitely make you feel at ease. »

**Leading Firm, Family/Divorce – Chambers Asia Pacific 2019**

Tier 2, Family and Matrimonial Firm; Dispute Resolution Star – Caroline McNally

**Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific 2019**

« They are very good and organised and they have the right amount of empathy with clients. »

« Another market source highlights the team’s key strengths: “Approachable and very professional. No-nonsense.” »

**Leading Firm, Family/Divorce – Chambers Asia Pacific 2018**

« Head of practice Caroline McNally is renowned for her work in the family law field, and particularly recognised for her negotiating skills while working on prenuptial agreements. She was also elected chair of the Hong Kong Family Law Association in 2017. One market commentator states: "She is fantastic to work with: she is measured, reassuring to clients and has a very quick command of the important issues of the case." »

**Leading Individual, Family/Divorce – Chambers Asia Pacific 2018**

« Recommended Firm and Caroline McNally named a “Leading Lawyer” »

**Doyle’s Guide to Leading Family Lawyer and Law Firm Rankings – Hong Kong 2018**

« Caroline McNally of Gall is commended for her expertise in matrimonial, cohabitation and child-related matters. She is well regarded for high-stakes cross-border matters. One impressed interviewee states: “She is crystal clear in her approach and highly confident, approachable and reasonable, picking up on any key issues immediately”. »

**Leading Individual, Family/Divorce – Chambers Asia Pacific 2017**

« Hailed as both "a force to be reckoned with” and “efficient and confident”, Caroline McNally’s time practising in London has equipped her with “international training at the highest level. She is an expert on complex, high-stakes matrimonial disputes and has also acted on matters concerning relocation and cohabitation.” »

**Leading Individual, Family/Divorce – Chambers Asia Pacific 2016**

« "Caroline is outstanding”; “a wise, clever head on young shoulders”; “extremely knowledgeable, the very safest pair of hands to guide one through a testing time of life”. »

**Distinguished in Field for Divorce, Nuptial Agreements and Children – Spears Asia Family Law Index**