

efforts of the Judges of the Family Court, who are often embroiled in frequently bitter and protracted divorce proceedings. Hong Kong is extremely fortunate in having a world-class judiciary at every level, whose attempts at innovation are far too often constrained by a manifestly outdated statutory framework. Consequently, and equally seriously, this has led to an increasingly irrelevant mountain of appellate decisions from the UK, Australia and elsewhere that, was, and has remained post-1997, a vitally important source of jurisprudential wisdom, legal authority and opinion. In many respects the often confusing morass of statute contained in this book stands as an indictment of the Hong Kong government's complacency in adopting, as a matter of urgency, a single, comprehensive 'Children and Family Law Ordinance' that puts 'parental responsibility' and the welfare of the child at its epicentre.

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