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Anisha is a senior associate in the [divorce and family](#).

She advises on all areas of matrimonial law, including relationship breakdown, divorce and separation, financial applications and arrangements for children. Anisha advises on disputes involving the custody, care and control of children, access and child maintenance. She advises on all children related issues and attends Children Dispute Resolution hearings. She also advises on prenuptial agreements and financial disputes, some of which involve complex asset holding structures. Anisha has been involved in a number of complex matrimonial cases involving high net worth individuals and advises husbands, wives and unmarried partners. She works with solicitors, experts and accountants as well as leading counsel both in Hong Kong and overseas.

Aside from matrimonial cases, she has experience in drafting of wills, probate and general civil litigation matters.

Anisha uses her civil litigation experience to provide a unique perspective to family law cases. She was involved in the team that worked on a ground breaking insolvency case, the largest in Hong Kong insolvency history. The liquidators sought to hold the executive chairman and CEO accountable and to recover compensation for its creditors and shareholders.

She has worked on a number of cases concerning prenuptial agreements, which is an evolving area of law in Hong Kong. She has acted in and advised on a number of international relocation cases where one parent wishes to move abroad permanently with the children. Two recent relocation cases successfully culminated in settlements and did not proceed to trial. Both cases were settled after intensive mediation sessions and roundtable discussions amongst the parties and their respective legal teams.

Despite being a tenacious and dedicated litigator, Anisha is also a strong advocate for and proponent of mediation. She assists a number of parties through the mediation process in order to avoid contested proceedings and often attends mediation sessions to assist in reaching amicable solutions. She has brought a number of cases to a successful conclusion, either through mediation, negotiation or success at the financial dispute resolution stage.

Anisha is an accredited and trained commercial [mediator](#) and family mediator with HKMAAL. She is also a trained collaborative practitioner.

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TRACK RECORD

Acting for the wife in a forum dispute case to determine whether divorce proceedings should be brought in Hong Kong or California. The Hong Kong Court agreed that Hong Kong was the appropriate forum to bring the divorce proceedings. It was held in the reported case of *RKL v WL and BKT* [2014] [2015] HKEC 2650 (FCMC14906/2014); [2016] HKEC 1010 (Court of Appeal) that both parties have substantial connection to Hong Kong. The husband appealed this decision to the Court of Appeal and now to the Court of Final Appeal.

Acting for a high net worth individual in divorce proceedings where we are seeking an order in terms of the pre-nuptial agreement signed by the parties. This case has just been transferred to the High Court and will be the first case where the High Court will be offering guidance on the procedure to be followed post *SPH v SA* [2014] HKFLR 263.

Involved in the team in respect of the first case post *SPH v SA* to consider the impact of prenuptial agreements in Hong Kong *B,L v K,WS* (MPS; prenuptial agreements) [2015] HKCU 1832.

ADMISSIONS

- Hong Kong SAR, 2014

PUBLICATIONS

'Advice for families on setting up a legal guardianship (during the pandemic)', AroundDB - April 2021, author

'Exodus: Planning on leaving Hong Kong with children in tow?' - 16 Mar 2020, co-author

MEMBERSHIPS

■ Law Society of Hong Kong

■ Family Law Association

EDUCATION

City University of Hong Kong, PCLL
University of Durham, LLB (Hons)
University of London, LLM (Specialisation in Family Law)

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

DATES

JOINED: 2014

RECOGNITION

2015 Wealth Briefing Asia Awards Hong Kong Legal Team Anisha Kumar Ramanathan

2015 ALB Hong Kong Law Awards Recognized Anisha Kumar Ramanathan

2014 ALB Hong Kong Law Awards Recognized Anisha Kumar Ramanathan

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