

# Maintenance and Division of Properties: What Are My Rights and Entitlements?

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Marriage is a sacred bond of commitment, honour, and trust. When we enter into a marriage, we look forward to precious and warm experiences, and expect it to last forever. Unfortunately, when things do not work out and divorce is an inevitable option, the rights and entitlements of each party become paramount, as will how the law and evidence impact or address those rights.

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Maintenance and division of properties are two major and central areas in matrimonial disputes / claims, and are frequently where parties feel aggrieved by the Court's decision. Can I claim maintenance for myself if I am gainfully employed? How much can I claim? How do I prove my claim? How would the properties be divided? Can I claim a share in properties registered in my spouse's name? What if I don't know about my spouse's properties or the details? Is it possible to trace where my spouse has dissipated matrimonial assets to stymie claims for fair division and maintenance, and if so, how? What does a forensic accountant do and is he able to assist me in tracing my spouse's assets and dissipations of the same, if any?

For this webinar, we have invited Honey Tan, an experienced family lawyer, and Michael Peer, a forensic accountant from PwC Singapore, to enlighten and discuss with us some of the crucial tips (and common mistakes) in putting forward a solid claim with cogent evidence for maintenance and division of properties in a divorce proceeding.

## Speakers



**Honey Tan** received her undergraduate education at Buckingham University, and her LLM from Warwick University. She is a member of The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, and was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1990.

Honey Tan  
Sole Proprietor, Tan Law Practice

She works primarily on high-conflict matrimonial matters. Almost all her matrimonial proceedings include an element of domestic violence. She has had held watching briefs for her clients in criminal courts when their husbands were charged with domestic violence offences under the Penal Code.

Concerned about improving the knowledge of family law in substance and practice, Honey regularly conducts drafting workshops for Members of the Bar.

Honey also acts in many public interest matters. She was *amicus curiae* for the Malaysian Bar in the *Indira Gandhi* case at the Ipoh High Court, which involved child rights and freedom of religion.



**Michael Peer** is a Partner in PwC's Forensic team dealing with disputes and investigations. While based in Singapore, he is responsible for engagements across Southeast Asia. He acts as an expert, and arbitrator, on a range of matters, including accounting

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and quantum issues, in a wide range of industries with over 20 years of experience.

He specialises in complex cross-border disputes involving arbitration and has acted as an expert in proceedings brought under many of the major institutional rules as well as disputes in the English High Court, the US Courts and in various other jurisdictions across the Caribbean, Central Europe and Asia.

He obtained an LLM (Distinction) degree in construction and arbitration law from Robert Gordon University to augment his experience as a Chartered Professional Accountant (Chartered Accountant). In addition to being a Certified Fraud Examiner, Michael is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He has also qualified as a Financial Forensic Professional.

## Moderator



**Siew Choon Jern** read law at University of Malaya and graduated in 1998. He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2000.

Over the years, Siew has also developed a presence in family law and matrimonial disputes including custody, maintenance, access to children, division of matrimonial assets and cross-border disputes.

Siew Choon Jern  
Partner, Douglas Yee

From his experience in civil, commercial and family law matters, Siew brings a creative, practical and solution-based approach to all the issues and disputes faced by his clients. In his work in the area of family law, he is someone who seeks a win-win solution that minimises the pain and suffering of his clients with the entire family structure in mind. In this regard, Siew is a pioneering member of the collaborative law movement in Malaysia, which seeks to find a holistic solution to matrimonial disputes.

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