

WEBINAR on Family Office Trust – Best Practice Governance and Precautions to avoid disputes

Speakers:	David Brownbill King's Counsel, XXIV Old Buildings Zac Lucas, Partner, Spencer West LLP
Date:	29 November 2022
Time:	5pm – 6pm
CPD point:	One point for HKTA Certified Trust Practitioner TM
Fee:	HK\$250 (member); HK\$300 (non-member)

This session will cover:

In this talk the speakers will discuss and answer the question whether excessive reservation of powers under a trust either to the settlor or a protector may ultimately invalidate the trust? The implications of the recent UK Privy Council decision in Webb vs. Webb [2020] UKPC 22, along with a series of supporting cases including "TMSF" "Pugachev" and "Dua" will be discussed in detail. The Hong Kong decision in Zhang Hong Li will also considered in light of modern AML requirements obliging trustees to monitor activities of underlying companies.

Hong Kong trust law will be considered, in light of those recent decisions, in particular the implications of section 41X Trustee Ordinance will be analyzed and potential risks highlighted and discussed.

The talk will end with a practical assessment of steps that may be taken in order to protect the integrity of the trust, including, best practice drafting amendments and use of private trust companies.

About the speakers:

David Brownbill King's Counsel, XXIV Old Buildings

David specialises in international trust, company and financial services disputes and advice. His experience covers international trust, corporate and commercial structuring; investment funds, commercial trusts and pensions; political risks, international sanctions, investment disputes and bilateral investment treaties. David's litigation work covers all matters within these fields, in both the English and the Commonwealth courts. David has been called to the Bar of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, has appeared in the courts of the BVI, Cayman, Gibraltar and the Isle of Man and regularly advises on cases in Anguilla, Antigua, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Jersey, Guernsey, Hong Kong, the Middle East and Singapore. David has for many years been concerned in the planning of international estates and family enterprise succession, including devising complex family governance and control structures.

Zac Lucas, Partner, Spencer West LLP

Zac has over 20 years post qualification international private client experience with various international law firms based in Europe, Caribbean and Asia. Zac has experience in all areas of international private client law including cross border tax, trust, estate, family, divorce and succession laws. Zac has particular expertise advising in relation to family business governance and succession planning, and is regularly retained by leading business families in Southeast Asia, Middle East and Latin America. Zac regularly advises wealthy families and individuals in relation to the creation of International Single Family Offices, typically undertaking a co-ordinating counsel role working closely with lead family members, multi-family offices, trust company service providers and private bank family office desks. Zac also has wide experience advising and lecturing in relation to various international regulatory and tax transparency initiatives.

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