

Hong Kong

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Hague/Inter-American**Party to Hague Service Convention?**

Yes

Party to Hague Evidence Convention?

Yes

Party to Hague Apostille Convention?

Yes

Party to Inter-American Convention?

No

Service of Process by Mail?

No

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Embassies and Consulates



List of Attorneys



Helpful Links



Service of Process



Criminal Matters



Obtaining Evidence in Civil and Commercial Matters



Taking Voluntary Depositions of Willing Witnesses



In Hong Kong, consular officers may take voluntary depositions of U.S. citizen witnesses without prior permission from Hong Kong authorities, provided no compulsion is used. If the services of a U.S. consular officer are required to administer an oath to the witness, interpreter and stenographer, such arrangements must be made in advance with the U.S. Consulate General directly. Consistent with [Hong Kong's declarations and reservations regarding the Hague Evidence Convention](#)[↗], consular officers are prohibited from taking voluntary depositions of non-U.S. citizen witnesses. As an alternative, if prior permission is granted by [Hong Kong's Competent Authority](#)[↗], voluntary depositions may be conducted by commissioners in Hong Kong regardless of the nationality of the witness, provided no compulsion is used.

Authentication of Documents



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