

China

People's Republic of China

Hague/Inter-American	
Party to Hague Service Convention?	Party to Inter-American Convention?
Yes	No
Party to Hague Evidence Convention?	Service of Process by Mail?
Yes	No
Party to Hague Apostille Convention?	
No	

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Service of Process



Criminal Matters



Obtaining Evidence in Civil and Commercial Matters



Taking Voluntary Depositions of Willing Witnesses



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Authentication of Documents



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