



International Divorce



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INTERNATIONAL DIVORCE

If you are living in South Africa and your spouse lives overseas, you are able to institute divorce proceedings against your spouse through the courts in South Africa.

The same applies when you are a South African citizen that lives overseas and one spouse resides in South Africa. A South African court has jurisdiction where the parties or either of the parties are domiciled in the area of the court's jurisdiction on the date on which the action is instituted or ordinarily resident in the area of jurisdiction of the court on the date on which the action is instituted or has been ordinarily resident in the Republic for a period of not less than one year immediately prior to that date.

The above also implies that foreigners (people who are not South African citizens) and who have been living in South Africa for more than a year, may divorce through the South African courts.

The person instituting the divorce proceedings are called the Plaintiff. Where the parties reached a settlement, only the Plaintiff appears in Court. So, if a Plaintiff lives overseas but is domiciled in South Africa he/she will have to appear once the



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matter is placed on the Court roll. The same applies if the Plaintiff resides in South Africa. It is not necessary for the Defendant to appear in court.

Abrahams and Gross Inc. specialises in international divorces of South African citizens living in other countries and has acted in matters for South Africans living in countries such as Australia, United Kingdom, USA, Indonesia, The United Emirates, Germany, Bahrain, New Zeeland, Germany, France and Namibia to mention but a few. We have concluded international divorces within four weeks.



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