



Piercing the Offshore Financial Centre Veil: Accessing Information about BVI and Cayman Companies

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About the topic

Despite the use of pejorative labels such as “tax haven” and “secrecy jurisdiction”, companies incorporated in offshore financial centre jurisdictions are not as opaque as they may seem. More information about their ownership, control and assets is now available than was previously the case. Where fraud or other wrongdoing is suspected, further information can be obtained through a court application.

In this face-to-face seminar, the speakers from Forbes Hare (Hong Kong) LLP will explain what information is available with respect to British Virgin Islands (BVI) and Cayman Islands (Cayman) companies, and how to gain access to it. They will also discuss some of the uses to which the information can be put in subsequent asset recovery and enforcement proceedings.

About the programme

Date & Time	Tuesday, 28 February 2023 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Venue	HKICPA training centre, 27th Floor, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai
Fee	HK\$200 per person for RIF members HK\$330 per person for non-RIF members
CPD credit	1 hour (subject to actual attendance)
Law Society CPD credit	Being applied for
Language	English
Competency	Insolvency *
Rating	Intermediate level*
Application Deadline	24 February 2023 (offline enrolment by 21 February 2023)

* Please refer [here](#) for descriptions of the various ratings and competencies.

Rundown

12:30 pm	Registration (Note)
1:00 pm	Introduction
1:05 pm	Presentation
1:50 pm	Q&A / Discussion
2:00 pm	Closing

Note: No refreshment or drinks will be provided during the seminar

Speakers

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Richard and Fleur are registered foreign lawyers and partners in the Hong Kong office of Forbes Hare, an offshore law firm with particular expertise in litigation and insolvency matters. Richard has been practising BVI law since 2014 and Fleur has been practising Cayman law since 2011. Together with their colleagues in Forbes Hare's BVI, Cayman, London and Singapore offices, they have a wealth of experience investigating and pursuing recovery actions against offshore companies and their assets for the benefit of creditors and insolvency practitioners.

Registration

- **Online enrolment by 24 February 2023; offline enrolment by post or fax also by 21 February 2023:**

Complete the enrolment form and return it to the Institute by 21 February 2023, together with full payment. Cheque should be made payable to "Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants" or "HKICPA". Fax registration will be accepted for payment by any VISA/ Master card or the BOC HKICPA UnionPay card.

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- **Contact Mr. Marco Yip at 2287-7009 or for enquiry.**



Remarks

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- All speakers and participants will be required to:
 - (i) Wear masks during the seminar
 - (ii) Complete a simple health declaration form
 - (iii) Use sanitizing gel provided for disinfection of hands before entering the seminar venue
- We do not encourage participants bringing foods and drinks to the venue. In case participants bring their own refreshment, they will be asked to eat outside the venue and rubbish must be disposed of in the covered rubbish bin provided.
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