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- The Family Court in Australia will usually hear a property dispute unless it is held to be clearly an inappropriate forum to deal such dispute.
- The Australian Family Law Court system can identify and value the assets of each party, no matter where they are situated in the world and each party has an obligation to make full and frank disclosure of their assets, wherever they may be situated in the world.
- The choice of where proceedings should be litigated is an extremely important one as the Australian Court does not have the power to enforce its orders against most overseas jurisdictions.
- If you do have assets in various parts of the world, you should seek immediate legal advice upon separation in relation to the appropriate forum and expert advice from lawyers within the different jurisdictions where your assets are located.