

**SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
**(FAMILY DIVISION)**

**Citation:** Armoyan v. Armoyan, 2012 NSSC 323

**Date:** 20120914

**Docket:** HFD 1201-065036

SFHCIV-070342

SFHMCA-068981

**Registry:** Halifax

**Between:**

Vrege Sami Armoyan

Petitioner

v.

Lisa Armoyan

Respondent

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**Judge:** The Honourable Justice Douglas C. Campbell

**Heard:** Jurisdiction Hearing: October 24, 25, 26, 27, 2011 and August 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2012 in Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Subject:** Jurisdiction *Simpliciter* and *Forum Non Conveniens*.

**Summary:** The Petitioner brought separate actions pursuant to the *Divorce Act*, *Maintenance and Custody Act*, *Matrimonial Property Act* and a *Lis Pendens* action. The Respondent applied to stay all of those proceedings for lack of jurisdiction.

**Issue:** Whether the Court has jurisdiction and if so, whether it should defer its jurisdiction in favour of proceedings seeking similar relief in a Court in the State of Florida

**Result:** The outcome from this decision was time sensitive because the Court in Florida was scheduled to hear the case on its merits forthwith. A decision was rendered with reasons to follow to the effect that this Court has jurisdiction regarding all matters except those matters relating to the custody and parenting of the children and that it should exercise that jurisdiction even though the Court in Florida had already decided to accept jurisdiction over all of the issues. This decision contains the reasons for the earlier decision dated September 5, 2012 (*Armoyan v. Armoyan*, 2012 NSSC 317).

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