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PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate

OVERVIEW

Willow Wei is an associate in the Corporate Practice Group in the firm's Shanghai office. Ms. Wei specializes in corporate finance and international intellectual property.

Areas of Practice

Ms. Wei's practice focuses on the areas of cross-border transactions, with the majority of them China-related, mergers and acquisitions, private equity investment, general corporate matters, international trade dispute and IP protection. Ms. Wei is experienced with a wide variety of transactions including mergers and acquisitions, foreign direct investment, due diligence, and bankruptcy. She also has experience in the resolution of Chinese-foreign business disputes and IP licensing structure.

Ms. Wei is a Shanghainese, and she speaks Mandarin and English fluently. Prior to joining the office, Ms. Wei participated in externships of major China law firms centering on IPO and IP practice.

EDUCATION

- LL.M. in Economic Law, East China University of Political Science & Law, 2008
- LL.M. in International Intellectual Property Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, 2007
- LL.B. in Economic Law, East China University of Political Science & Law, 2005

CLERKSHIPS

- Clerked at various courts in Shanghai, notably Shanghai High People's Court and Shanghai Second Intermediate People's Court.
- Interned in the Coordination Office of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)-United Nations (UN), September 2007-December 2007, New York

ADMISSIONS

- National Bar Exam

LANGUAGES

- Mandarin Chinese

EXPERIENCE

Representative Transactions

- Advised U.S. companies on establishing JVs and WFOEs in China as well as relevant tax issues
- Participated in cases regarding venture capital, private equity and U.S. OTCBB negotiations
- Advised on matters related to potential litigations of a U.S. pharmaceutical company in China
- Advised on the IP licensing contract between a U.S. software company and a China automobile manufacturer

ARTICLES

- “Legal Issues before the 62nd Session of United Nations General Assembly”, *WIPO Official Report*, December 2007
- “Traditional Knowledge: Piercing its Mysterious Veil”, *WIPO Academic Paper*, December 2007
- “Restrictions and Risk Defenses of Shareholder Derivative Suit”, *Law and Economy Journal* Vol. 137, November 2007
- “Discretion and Methodology of Jurisprudence: A Discussion on Methodology of Law Applied for Contract Dispute Resolutions”, *Researches on China Challengeable Legal Issues*, Jilin People’s Press, August 2006

China Law Blog Articles

- "China Clarifies and Expands Reporting Obligations of Foreign Enterprises on Indirect Equity Transfers", June 21, 2011
- "New Rules on the Litigation of Cases Involving Foreign Investment Enterprises", December 6, 2010
- "China Issues Hospital Complaint Rules (for Trial Implementation)", December 15, 2009
- "China Enhances Supervision of Cross-border Related Party Transactions", August 5, 2009