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Corporate / Merger & Acquisition

Outbound Investment

Capital Market



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Practice Areas

Being a partner with Global Law Office who is based in Shanghai, Steven Yu has long focused his practice on the areas of foreign direct investment (FDI), mergers and acquisitions (M&As), private equity/venture capital, fund formation, cross-border technology transfer and other general corporate. Steven Yu had ten-year experience with leading international and domestic law firms and gained extensive experience in representing multinational corporations, state-owned enterprises and private companies on their inbound/outbound investments, M&As and restructuring transactions. The legal services rendered by him typically include, among others, structuring the transactions, conducting due diligence, drafting, reviewing and negotiating documents, issuing legal or advisory opinions as well as assisting with the closing matters and completion of government approval procedures.

The projects that Steven Yu has been involved in encompass a wide spectrum of industries, including high-end manufacturing, chemical, logistics, TMT (Technology, Media and Telecom), IoT, AI, fintech, digital asset management, consumer staples, clean energy and environment service, pharmaceuticals and healthcare, commercial property, movies and entertainment, education and tourism.

The clients Steven Yu served include financial investors such as the Carlyle Group, Bain Capital, SBCVC, CITIC Capital, IDG, Sequoia Capital, Sinovation Ventures, SIG, Northern Light Venture Capital, Hidden Hill Capital, Shunwei, YF Capital, Source Code Capital, Loyal Valley Innovation Capital, CS Capital, Oriza Capital, CMC Capital, Greenwoods, BR Capital, Arena Capital, Yunqi Partners, ClearVue Partners, Ping An Ventures, NIO Capital, HashKey Capital, WestSummit Capital, Puhua Capital and Innovator Capital as well as industrial giants such as Xiaomi, Tencent, JD.com, Fosun, HUPU Sports, Ximalaya.com, Bilibili, miHoYo, Cisco, Continental, Olitanking, LG Chemical, SK Hynix, Dow Chemical, Visa, PepsiCo, PVM, Total Group, Caterpillar, Johnson & Johnson (JNJ), BorgWarner, Coherent, Cooper Tire, POSCO, Citibank, Marks & Spencer (M&S), Far East Horizon, Wuhan Iron & Steel (Wisco), Sinochem, Shanghai Electric and Shanghai GM. Steven Yu was also retained by the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination to prepare various sponsorship agreements and attend the relevant negotiation sessions for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo.

Work Experience

2014 – present Global Law Office Shanghai
2013 – 2014 Zhong Lun Law Firm Shanghai
2011 – 2013 Jun He Law Offices Shanghai
2006 – 2010 Jones Day Shanghai Office
2004 – 2005 DeRyook International Law Firm Shanghai Office

Admission

Admitted to practice in the PRC
Member of Shanghai Bar Association

Education

Steven Yu graduated from Nanjing University in 2004 and obtained his Master of Law (LL.M.) degree.

Awards

- Recognized by the Chambers Asia Pacific/Chambers Great China Region Guide as:
Recommended Lawyer in the area of “Private Equity: Buyouts & Venture Capital Investment” in 2017 and 2018
Recommended Lawyer in the areas of “Private Equity: Buyouts & Venture Capital Investment” and “TMT” for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022
- Recognized by The LEGAL 500 - Asia Pacific as:
Recommended Individual in the areas of “Corporate and M&A” and “TMT” in 2016 and 2017
Recommended Individual in the areas of “Private Equity/Venture Capital” and “TMT” in 2018
Recommended Individual in the areas of “Fin-tech” and “TMT” in 2019
Recommended Individual in the areas of areas of “Corporate and M&A”, “Fin-tech” and “TMT” and Leading Individual in the area of “Private Equity/Venture Capital” in 2020
Recommended Individual in the areas of areas of “Fin-tech” and “TMT” and Leading Individual in the area of “Private Equity/Venture Capital” for 2021 and 2022
- Recognized by asialaw Profiles as:
Distinguished Practitioner in the area of “Corporate and M&A” for 2019
Distinguished Practitioner in the areas of “Corporate and M&A” and “Private Equity” for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- Recognized by IFLR1000 as:
Highly Regarded in the area of “Private Equity” for 2023
- Recognized by LEGALBAND as:
Top Ranked Lawyer in the areas of “Private Equity/Venture Capital” and “TMT” for 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022
- Recognized by Dawkins' Client's Guide on Capital Market as:
Top Ranked Lawyer in the areas of “Venture Capital”, “Private Equity”, “High-tech” and “New Economy” for 2022
- Named by LEGALBAND as one of the “2021 China Top 15 Lawyers – High-tech & AI”
- Named by LEGALBAND as one of the “2020 China Top 15 Lawyers – New Economy”
- Named by LEGALBAND as one of the “2019 China Top 10 Lawyers – Fintech”
- Named by Asian Legal Business (ALB) as one of the “2019 China's Top 15 TMT Lawyers”
- Named by Asian Legal Business (ALB) as one of “2015 China's Top 15 Rising Lawyers”

Associations and Memberships

- Tutor of Postgraduates' Practice Courses, law school of Fudan University
- Guest Research Fellow, Legal Research Center of Internet Finance, East China University of Political Science and Law

Languages

Chinese, English

News updates

Awards & Rankings | GLO Honored in LEGALBAND 2020
2020-04-14
Awards & Rankings | GLO Honored in Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Rankings 2020
2020-01-16
Awards & Rankings | GLO Honored in Chambers Asia-Pacific Rankings 2020
2019-12-05
Awards & Rankings | GLO Awarded Numerous Honors in The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2019
2019-01-16
Awards & Rankings | GLO Awarded Numerous Honors in Chambers Asia-Pacific 2019 Guide

2018-12-03

Awards & Rankings | GLO Ranked as Leading Law Firm by Chambers Asia-Pacific 2018

2017-12-12