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Mr. Zhou's practice focuses on foreign direct investment, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, private equity/venture capital, joint ventures and strategic alliance, general corporate, business transactions, antitrust and regulatory matters, cybersecurity and data privacy, and international dispute resolution. He many multinational corporations in a wide range of industrial sectors including technology, automotive, aviation, media and entertainment, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, healthcare and life sciences, banking and financial services, publishing, consumer product and services industries with respect to their strategic expansion, investments and business operations in China and Asia.

Mr. Zhou has also advised leading Chinese companies on their outbound investments, M&A and strategic business collaborations in the US, Europe and the rest of the world. In addition, he is also experienced in policy and regulatory matters affecting cross-border investment and trade between the US and China.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Zhou was a corporate attorney and a member of the China Practice Group at Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP, where he worked in New York, Hong Kong and China.

Before Paul Weiss, Mr. Zhou was a founding member of a leading Chinese law firm headquartered in Shanghai where he practiced law as a licensed PRC attorney. He also served General Counsel of a leading private equity investment firm in Shanghai.

Professional Activities

Mr. Zhou is former General Counsel and a member of the Board of Governors of American Chamber of Commerce in the People's Republic of China (AmCham China). He was reelected to the Board of Governors of AmCham China in 2023. He also at present serves as Co-Chair of the Financial Services Committee (and Chair of the Outbound Investment Sub-Committee) of AmCham China.

Publications

Mr. Zhou is the author of various chapters (including foreign investment, intellectual property rights protection, anti-trust, competition and others) in AmCham China's Annual White Paper (from 2015 to 2021). He authored the Business Organization Chapter published in *Business Law in China: Trade, Investment, Operations and Finance*. ICC Publ. No. 672, 2d rev. ed. He is also one of the authors of China's *Anti-Monopoly Law – The First Five Years*, published by Wolters Kluwer in 2012. He has written articles in such periodicals as *China Law & Practice, Asia Pacific Antitrust and Trade Review, Capital* and others on a wide range of topics including M&A, corporate restructuring, private equity/venture capital investment, foreign direct investment in China, data compliance, tax and regulatory matters.

Mr. Zhou was interviewed and spoke at events organized by CNN, Bloomberg, CCTV, The American Lawyer, Cai Jin Magazine, South China Morning Post, American Chamber of Commerce China, 21st Century, Top Capital, Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors (AIRA), Asia Risk, and others on a variety of topics including cross-border M&A, anti-monopoly filings in China, equity financing, outbound investments of Chinese companies, dispute resolution, PE/VC investments, Internet Iaw, SOE restructuring, qualified foreign institutional investors (QFII), qualified foreign limited partnership (QFLP), VIE structures, anti-monopoly law and national security review.

Solutions

China Transactions

Cross-Border Transactions

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and Anti-Corruption

Life Sciences

Credentials

EDUCATION

LLM, New York University School of Law

Editor, Commentator

LLB, East China University of Politics and Law

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