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EDUCATION

The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 2016-2017

LLM (General Stream)

Overall GPA: 3.81/4.0 Honour: Distinction

Modules: Law and Practice of Investment Treaty Arbitration (A), International Criminal Law (A+), Banking Law (B+), Law of International Finance (A), Advanced Intellectual Property Law (A), Patent Law (B+), Copyrights and Creativity (A+)

Dissertation: ‘Problem Maker or Problem Solver? The Role of Third Party Funding in Investor-State Arbitration’

Research: Research Assistant for Prof. Yahong Li in intellectual property law from June - August 2017.

University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom 2011-2013

MA in Law

Overall Grade: 62.25%, received Distinction marks (>70%) in the coursework for 5 out of the 8 courses.

Modules: Law of Contract, Law of Tort, Public Law, Law of Personal Property and Trusts, Land Law, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Constitutional and Substantive EU Law, Corporate Governance in the United Kingdom and United States.

University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China 2007-2011

BA in Business English

Overall Grade: 84% (Grade average for core courses: 86%)

Honour: University First Grade Scholarship (awarded to top 7% of the class)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Carey Olsen Hong Kong LLP, Hong Kong July 2021 - present

Senior paralegal, Dispute Resolution & Insolvency

- Advised a Cayman company on validity of share transfer and company’s ability to cancel the relevant shares.
- Assisted in acting for a Chinese online games company incorporated in the Cayman Islands in defending alleged fraudulent transaction proceedings and advised on potential directors liabilities involving receiver of shares.
- Advised client in bringing jurisdictional challenges in BVI proceedings and application to discharge freezing injunctions on shares of the BVI companies.
- Assisted in acting for the client’s successful application to obtain recognition and enforcement of a PRC judgment in the BVI.
- Assisted in advising investors in multiple Cayman funds disputes regarding redemption of proceeds.

Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP, Hong Kong Aug 2017 – July 2021

Senior paralegal, Dispute Resolution & Insolvency

- Represented a Chinese leading O2O food delivery company in its post-merger share valuation dispute under s.238 of the Cayman Islands Companies Law. Conducting document discovery and witness interviews, responding to multiple information requests by the valuation experts, organising and

attending management meeting to address queries from experts, working with the company's expert and consulting valuer to prepare draft valuation report, advising the client on interim proceedings including interim payment application and specific discovery applications.

- Acted for an NYSE-listed Chinese job-seeking platform company in its share valuation dispute arising from its privatisation by way of a Cayman statutory merger. Conducting onsite document discovery, reviewing data room documents for relevancy and privilege, liaising with e-discovery service providers and preparing affidavits on discovery procedure.
- Advised the majority shareholders of a foreign joint venture company in China's convenience store sector in defending an application for the appointment of inspectors brought by the minority shareholders under s.64 of Companies Law. Interviewing senior management of the company, preparing witness affirmations, conducting onsite document discovery.
- Represented a joint venture company in China's convenience store sector in defending a just and equitable winding-up petition brought by minority shareholders under s.92(e) and s.95(3) of Companies Law. Assisted with court proceedings in the Grand Court, Court of Appeal and currently on appeal to the Privy Council. Assisted in providing Cayman law advice in the parallel arbitration proceeding administered by the ICC.
- Represented the majority shareholders of a foreign joint venture company in China to defend a derivative action brought by the minority shareholders for breaches of director's fiduciary duties.
- Advised an NYSE-listed company in China's automotive industry in its take-private transaction. Reviewing draft merger agreements and other transaction documents from a litigation perspective, advising on deal process and drafting communication protocol for the board of directors.
- Advised an investment fund on indemnity for directors pursuant to an indemnity clause in its limited partnership agreement. Conducting legal research and drafting memo on the validity of the indemnity clause and the extent of the indemnity coverage.

Beijing Huanzhong & Partners, Beijing, China

Jul 2014 – Aug 2016

Legal assistant, International Arbitration

- Assisted in advising a Chinese state-owned company in a construction dispute with a Sri Lanka company in an *ad hoc* arbitration administered by Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA). Responsibilities include conducting document discovery, drafting submissions to the tribunal, attending hearings in KLRCA, and participating in settlement negotiations.
- Assisted in advising a Chinese mining company in its dispute with an Indonesian mine owner over a mining and extraction agreement in KLRCA. Responsibilities include liaising and translating correspondence with a Malaysian law firm, drafting memo on potential issues in the statement of claim, conducting legal research, and analysing the strength and weakness of the case.
- Acted for a client in a finance consulting contract dispute in China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) arbitration and achieved favourable awards. Responsibilities include interviewing witnesses, collecting evidence, drafting submissions, liaising with the arbitration institution, arguing in hearings and advising the client on enforcement issues.

JC Master Law Offices, Nanjing, China

Feb – July 2014

Intern, Cross-border Litigation

- Assisted in advising a major city bank on its overseas litigation against a Canadian company in British Columbia over a letter of credit dispute. Tasks include conducting legal research on the principle of *res judicata*, running cost-benefit analysis to help advise the client on litigation/ arbitration strategies, translating legal correspondence and court submissions into Chinese.