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BAR ADMISSIONS: China, 2008; Illinois, 2021

EXPERIENCE

McDonald Hopkins LLC, Chicago, IL

September 2021 – Present

Associate, Leadership of ABI International Committee (Membership Relations Director)

- Spearhead research, issues analysis; draft memoranda, court documents, and other related materials in connection with Chapter 11 bankruptcies, bankruptcy-related litigation, and out-of-court restructurings
- Coordinate M&A diligence processes and draft related agreements and opinions across industries
- Co-lead firm's China practice (cross-border negotiations and transactions, entity formation and structuring)
- Serve as speaker/firm representative for international legal organizations, including conference speaker (Annual Congress of International Young Lawyers' Association, Singapore 2022)

U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

January 2021 – May 2021

Legal Extern

- Collaborated with Judge Mike K. Nakagawa on Chapter 7, Chapter 11 and Chapter 13 cases, and led a COVID-19 research project
- Researched and drafted bench memos and prepared oral summary judgment analyses

Prairie State Legal Services, Chicago, IL

Summer 2020

Legal Intern

- Advised clients on housing and social security benefit issues, including investigations and statutory interpretations research

MingleiLegal LLC, Hinsdale, IL

March 2016 – August 2019

Founder / Director

- Founded and managed a legal consulting company serving U.S. and European law firms (10 - 650 lawyers)
- Secured partnerships between U.S. organizations and Chinese law firms; repeat business focused on China Market Entry contracts
- Supervised on-the-ground teams engaged in pre-transaction due diligence, corporate governance and foreign investment disputes around IP, real property assets and joint-ventures

Jade & Fountain PRC Lawyers, Chicago, IL

May 2014 – January 2016

Director

- Established the firm's first overseas practice advising clients pursuing commercial transactions in China
- Managed inbound transactions and JVs; developed the firm's international prospect review process
- Directed a team of 5 attorneys serving 24+ clients across China, Europe and the U.S. (e-commerce, automotive, real estate, tech)

Yingke Law Firm, Chicago, IL

December 2012 – April 2014

Managing Director

- Built the Chicago branch of this large (3,000 attorney) PRC law firm (first PRC firm to open a Midwest office)
- Handled full-cycle legal management and business planning for U.S. clients seeking to do business in China (and vice versa)
- Represented Chinese investors in U.S. deals; drafted transaction terms, arbitration filings, business registrations and IP review
- Collaborated with 20+ international partner firms as part of a globalized team; advised on hiring and recruiting

TransAsia Lawyers, Beijing, China

July 2011 – September 2012

General Associate

- Provided guidance on PE law, overseas investments at the top TMT firm in the PRC (50 attorneys, 90% international clients)
- Co-led cross-border acquisitions and transactions team (cross-border restructuring, FCPR due diligence, antitrust filing)

Yingke Law Firm, Beijing, China

September 2009 – June 2011

Senior Associate

- Advised foreign clients (PE, hedge funds, Fortune 500) on China-entry investments and establishing Chinese entities
- Managed the international department (3,000-attorney firm); offices in the U.S, Hungary, Poland, Italy, Russia, and Turkey

Creata, Sydney, Australia & Beijing, China
Inhouse Legal Counsel

August 2005 – July 2008

EDUCATION

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL
Juris Doctor – Dean’s list (GPA 3.757)

August 2019—May 2021

Fudan University, Shanghai China
Double Bachelor of Arts in International Economic Law

September 2002—June 2004

Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing China
Bachelor of Arts in English

September 1997—June 2001

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Language Skills: English, Mandarin Chinese

Community Involvement:

- Membership Relations Director of International Committee in American Bankruptcy Institute 2022 -Present
- Executive Committee in International Young Lawyers Association (AIJA) 2016-2019
- Member of International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation
- Member of Turnaround Management Association

Interests: Travel, dance, regional foods, reading, yoga, sky-diving