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Practice Areas

James Zhang is a partner of Global Law Office, Shanghai. James' practice areas include corporate and M&A, private equity transactions and investment funds, life sciences and healthcare, TMT, compliance and risks management. He specializes in all phases of transactions regarding various enterprises in different growth periods, from the deal structure design, due diligence investigations, drafting/reviewing transaction documents, negotiations, providing relevant legal advices, to deal closings. James is also deeply involved in ESG investing and advices, the building of compliance systems, improvement of ESG compliance, and corporate risks management for various invested enterprises. James advises different clients in a wide range of business sectors, from life sciences sectors, manufacturing, telecoms and media, FMCG, advertising and broadcasting, financial services (fund/asset management, insurance, securities and trusts), to real estate, etc.

Some of his prior cases also promoted the development of China's legal system, which directly contributed to the promulgation of new regulations including the "*Provisions of the Supreme People's Court on Several Issues concerning the Trial of Disputes Involving Foreign-Invested Enterprises (I)*" of 2010, and the "*Measures on Management of Provision of Financial Information Services in China by Foreign Institutions*" of 2009.

Work Experience

James worked for major international law firms for more than a decade in Beijing, Shanghai and Amsterdam, supporting various multinational companies' business in China, and assisting Chinese and other Asian investors in their overseas transactions and regulatory matters. Before joining Global Law Office, James served as the regional legal head in the Asian areas of Starr Investment, a subsidiary of Starr Companies (the founding shareholder of AIG). In Starr Companies, James handled multiple equity investment transactions in the TMT industries, new economy and healthcare sectors, also dozens of Fund-of-Fund (FOF) investments, dispute resolution and enforcement, and the post-investment management and strategic exits of multiple investee portfolios.

Admission

Lawyer, the People's Republic of China
Attorney at Law, the State of New York, the USA
Passed the Fund Professional Exams, Asset Management Association of China
CFA ESG Investing Certificate

Education

LL.B. (International Law), East China University of Political Science and Law
LLM. (American Law), Boston University School of Law

Languages

Chinese, English

Insights

New Notice on Reforming Foreign Exchange Administration for Cross-border Investment and Financing (Draft for Public Com.

2025-06-20

Further Relaxation on Investment in Healthcare Sectors in China

2024-10-15

Carpe Diem! Redemption Right to Expire in 6 Months?

2024-08-30

On Complying with the "2024 Data New Regulations"

2024-04-15

On China's Draft New Regulation on Cross-Border Data Flow

2023-10-13

New Regulations on the Filing of Mobile Apps

2023-08-21

How to Structure China Data Transaction Agreements

2022-08-12

Data Outbound Transfer: a China and GDPR comparison

2022-08-09

New Issues under Cybersecurity Compliance

2022-07-20

Notice in a Personal Data Breach

2022-06-29

News updates

We welcome 8 new partners and their teams to join the firm

2021-07-02