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### PRACTICE AREAS

MS. LI SPECIALIZES IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS AND CASES

### **International and domestic arbitrations and litigations**

- Representing a Swiss company against a major PRC stated-owned company in CIETAC arbitration proceedings over a dispute arising from an international sales contract.
- Represented a worldwide giant in Bitcoin mining research and development in a dispute between two founding partners over control of the company, with legal proceedings including administrative review, administrative litigation and civil litigation over the validity of company resolutions, the confirmation of shareholder's standing, etc., as well as the discovery procedure in Cayman litigation where a PRC legal opinion and state secrecy and data privacy review was required.
- Represented a NASDAQ-listed apartment rental operator in CIETAC arbitration proceedings related to a share purchase agreement under which the rental operator purchased the shares and assets of 10 target companies for over RMB 700 million.
- Represented a leading player in the mobile advertising industry in China before HKIAC arbitration in its VIE dispute in an RMB 1.3 billion cross-border transaction and advised the client on its strategy in a series of correlated arbitration and litigation proceedings. The disputes gave rise to complex procedural issues, including emergency arbitration proceedings administered by HKIAC, modification of the emergency arbitrator's decision upon the tribunal formation, and arbitration proceedings administered by HKIAC pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.
- Represented a Korean oil and gas company in SIAC arbitration arising from a long-term gas supply contract in a dispute over the US counterparty's failure to perform its take-or-pay obligations after claiming force majeure.
- Represented a Korean oil and gas company in a court proceeding over the validity of

an arbitration agreement.

- Represented a world-leading mobile phone manufacturer in HKIAC arbitration against a Chinese telecommunication company regarding a FRAND rate dispute.
- Represented a US-headquartered multinational equipment manufacturing company in obtaining a favorable CIETAC award in its RMB 100 million dispute arising out of an equipment supply contract.
- Represented a European company in prevailing on all arbitral claims before ICC Hong Kong arbitration in an approximately EUR 20 million dispute governed by PRC law over the ultimate control of a joint venture established between the company and a Hong Kong company.
- Represented a European company successfully in Chinese court proceedings for the recognition and enforcement of an ICC arbitral award.
- Represented a UK steel dealer successfully in CIETAC arbitration over a dispute arising out of a sales contract with a Chinese company.
- Represented an international hotel manager in its dispute arising from a series of hotel management agreements with the real estate developer and hotel owner; represented the client in concurrent arbitral proceedings before CIETAC and HKIAC; and represented the client in the global settlement negotiation in which a considerable settlement was successfully obtained for the client following two years of arbitration.
- Represented an international hotel management company and a senior manager in successfully obtaining dismissal of all plaintiff claims in an RMB 40 million trade secret infringement lawsuit before the Beijing No. 2 Intermediate People's Court.
- Represented the world's largest retailer in successfully prevailing on all claims in CIETAC arbitration over a lease dispute with a PRC company.

### **Compliance and advisory matters**

- Advising a provincial government in its disputes for over RMB 4 billion arising from joint venture contracts, technology license agreements and service agreements with a world-leading US-based telecommunications company.
- Assisting a Big Four accounting firm in its internal investigation into suspected collusive bidding activities by its employees.
- Advised a well-known worldwide energy drink supplier on its disputes with its joint venture partner over the control of the joint venture, the distribution of dividends, the breach of fiduciary duties by the board members, etc., included providing litigation and arbitration strategy as well as settlement plans.
- Advised a US-based IT giant on its disputes with a provincial government arising out of tax subsidy agreements.
- Advised a Singaporean private equity fund on its joint venture disputes with a well-known dairy company.
- Advised a world-renowned US pharmaceutical company in its distribution disputes with its Chinese distributors.

- Advised a Big Four accounting firm on PRC law compliance issues arising from providing documents to the US Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Conducted compliance review under PRC law for a Fortune Global 500 international telecommunications corporation regarding provision of documents to overseas entities as part of an FCPA investigation.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Education**

- Columbia University, LL.M. (James Kent Scholar)
- China University of Political Science and Law, LL.B

### **Professional Qualifications**

- Admitted to practice in the PRC
- Passed the New York bar exam (not sworn in yet)

### **Professional Background**

- Ms. Li joined the Beijing office of Fangda Partners in 2013.

### **Working Language**

- Ms. Li is a native Mandarin speaker and is proficient in English.