



## Guohao Zhang Partner

**Practice Areas:** Tax, Dispute Resolution

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### Professional Experience

Guohao Zhang is currently a partner at Merits&Tree. Prior to joining Merits&Tree, Ms. Zhang was a partner at Shanghai Titan Law Firm from 2013 to 2018 and a partner at Shanghai Sen Yue Law Firm from 2018 to 2020. Ms. Zhang started her career as a tax officer at Shanghai municipal taxation bureau and worked for six years.

Ms. Zhang has extensive experience in taxation, dispute resolution, and regulatory compliance, specialising in tax compliance, tax planning, contract tax review, litigation and arbitration, enforcement of judgements, and international trade-related matters. Ms. Zhang's legal services have a broad industry coverage, including international trade, e-commerce, logistics, service industry, industrial and high-end manufacturing, etc. She has served many companies in different sectors as a legal counsel and tax advisor, including C&C Joint Printing, Dark Horse, PU Skinology, IBC Trading Limited, Aobifu Trading Limited, Himiway Tech, IDEAL LEADER, and Tusi China, etc.

### Education

LL.B., Fudan University

### Qualifications

Ms. Zhang has been admitted to practice in the People's Republic of China, and certified as a tax advisor.

### Working language

Chinese and English

### Representative Cases

#### 1. Taxation:

- Provided overall tax consultancy and legal services to a multinational company in a tax investigation
- Comprehensive tax consultancy and legal and compliance services for an overseas public-listed company
- Provided compliance advisory services to a multinational company relating to cross-border payment royalty

- Comprehensive legal and tax advisory services on entrepot trade for a multinational company
- Provided legal services to a multinational company on its core products' HS code determination and assisted with customs investigation
- Performed due diligence on local tax policies for Minmetals Trust
- Tax risk assessment and compliance advisory services on a business model for a domestic company
- Overall legal and tax consultancy services on its corporate share structure for a company
- Tax consultancy and compliance advisory services on its share transfers for a company
- Tax compliance and planning services on its cross-border services income for LC Lawyers LLP

## **2. Dispute Resolution and Litigation**

- Acted as a defender in a fraudulent fund-raising case with the amount of money involved over 20 billion
- Represented C&C Joint Printing Co., (Shanghai) Ltd. in resolving a processing contract dispute against Shanghai Hongyi Yudong Advertising Co., Ltd. and executed bankruptcy liquidation application of the latter
- Represented Shanghai Jishan Investment Management Co., Ltd. in resolving an equity repurchase dispute and related criminal matters against China Fortune Holding Group Co., Ltd.
- Represented Shanghai Friendship Food Supply Co., Ltd. in resolving a liability dispute against its three shareholders
- Represented VITAFIL S.A. in resolving an international trade contract dispute against Shenzhen Nongqian Enterprise Co., Ltd.
- Represented IDEAL LEADER INTERNATIONAL SRL in resolving a court enforcement dispute against Daisun and Aobifu Trading Limited
- Represented Shanghai Shifang Ecological Garden Co., Ltd. in resolving a construction contract dispute against Haitian Construction Group Co., Ltd.
- Represented several litigants in the dispute with the villagers' committee of Taoyuan Village, Yangshan Town, Huishan District, Wuxi City for the distribution of land expropriation and compensation fees
- Represented Liancheng Firefighters Group Co. Ltd., etc in resolving a liability dispute court enforcement
- Represented Shanghai Jinghe Storage Service Co. Ltd, etc in resolving a shareholder right dispute against Mr. Feng

## **3. Regulatory Supervision and Compliance**

- Comprehensive legal and tax advisory services to Dark Horse Finance and Tax Technology Co., Ltd
- Comprehensive legal and tax advisory services to Shanghai Daiqian

Information Technology Co., Ltd.

- Provided regulatory compliance advisory services to a multinational company regarding cross-boarder payments via a third-party platform
- Provided compliance assessment and advisory services to Himiway Tech on corporate share structure construction
- Provided legal opinions to an overseas bank on the execution right of a special international bill of exchange in China
- Comprehensive legal and tax compliance services to Autoliv
- Provided foreign trade compliance advisory services to Taibang Biological Blood Products Trade Co., Ltd.
- Provided legal services to IBC trading on the settlement of Covid-19 related products