



## Ping Zhang Partner

**Practice Areas:** Real Estate and Infrastructure, Mergers & Acquisitions, Dispute Resolution

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### Professional Experience

Ping Zhang is a partner at Merits & Tree. Prior to joining in Merits & Tree, Ms. Zhang was a managing partner at Hubei Shouyi Law Firm and a partner at Zhonglun Law Firm.

Ms. Zhang's practice areas are real estate and infrastructure, M&A and disputes resolution, in which she has been practicing for nearly 30 years and has rich experience. Ms. Zhang has been providing regular and special legal services in the whole process of construction engineering, real estate development and commercial real estate operation, investment and financing mergers and acquisitions, land replacement and urban renewal, PPP and franchise projects to large central enterprises, leading real estate enterprises, investment companies, scientific research and education institutions, government urban construction departments. The EPC disputes, franchise rights disputes, land use rights disputes, cooperative development contract cases, design contract cases, landscape projects, lease contract cases, guarantee contract cases, equity disputes, administrative penalties related dispute resolution litigation and arbitration cases that undertaken by Ms. Zhang are well received by her clients. Ms. Zhang is especially good at providing full-process legal services for project investment and financing, construction, operation and dispute resolution of industrial parks, water and sewage treatment plants, and road and bridge municipal projects.

### Honor & Awards

Ms. Zhang ranked Band 3 recommendation of Chambers' Corporate/Commercial field in the Central China (Hubei) region in both 2020 and 2021

Ms. Zhang was awarded as outstanding expert of the Supreme People's Procuratorate's Civil and Administrative Procuratorial Expert Consultation Network

Ms. Zhang was awarded as the 4th "Top Ten Lawyers" of Hubei Province

Ms. Zhang was awarded Hubei Province Lawyer's Demeanor Medal

Ms. Zhang was awarded the Wuhan May 1st Labor Medal

Ms. Zhang was rated as Excellent Arbitrator of Wuhan

Ms. Zhang was rated as Excellent Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Member of Wuhan

### Education

LL.B., Zhongnan University of Economics and Law

LL.M., Central China Normal University

### Qualifications

Ms. Zhang has been admitted to practice in the People's Republic of China

Ms. Zhang has the qualification of certified tax agent

Deputy Director of the 6th, 7th and 8th Construction and Real Estate Professional Committee of Hubei Lawyers Association

Arbitrator of Wuhan Arbitration Committee and Shijiazhuang Arbitration Committee

Member of Wuhan Civil Revolutionary Municipal Committee

Deputy Director of Wuhan Legal Committee

### Working language

Chinese and English

### Representative Cases

#### 1. Real Estate and Infrastructure

- Providing full-process legal services for Wuhan International Convention and Exhibition Center Co., Ltd. in the construction and operation of the Wuhan International Convention and Exhibition Center project
- Providing legal services for Wuhan Software New Town Development Co., Ltd. in the construction and leasing of the "Software New Town" park
- Providing legal services for Chow Tai Fook Wuhan Branch in the construction of Chow Tai Fook Wuhan Industrial Park
- Providing full-process legal services for Hubei Women and Children Activity Center in the renovation of the Hubei Women's and Children's Center building
- Providing legal services for Wuhan Airport Comprehensive Development Corporation in the development of "Jiangnan Xintiandi" real estate project
- Providing legal services for WISDRI (Wuhan) Real Estate Co., Ltd. in the development of "Yunhu Capital" real estate project
- Providing legal services for Wuhan IKEA Shopping Center Co., Ltd. in the commercial operation of Wuhan IKEA Shopping Center
- Providing perennial legal services for Wuhan Urban and Rural Construction Committee in full-process PPP projects
- Providing legal services for Dongxihu Urban Construction Bureau in the PPP project of National Cyber Security Talent and Innovation Base in Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone
- Providing legal services for land expropriation and compensation for Wuhan Optics Valley Vocational College (Plot No. 666)

## 2. M&A

- Providing legal services for OCT Central Investment Co., Ltd. to increase the capital of Hengyang Xiangjiang River Basin Management Laiyan New City Construction Investment Co., Ltd.
- Providing legal services for OCT Central Investment Co., Ltd. in its potential acquisition of Evergrande Changsha Jiangwan Project with special due diligence legal services
- Providing legal services for OCT Central Investment Co., Ltd. on its acquisition of Wuhan Century Hongbo Real Estate Development Co., Ltd.
- Providing legal services for Wuhan OCT Industrial Co., Ltd. in financing for the 15th, 17th and 18th Neighborhood Projects in Qingshan District
- Providing special due diligence legal services for Wuhan Vanke Real Estate Co., Ltd. in its acquisition of Hubei Chuheng Real Estate Co., Ltd.
- Providing legal services for SIIC Environment Holdings (Wuhan) Co., Ltd. in transferring the equity of Tianmen Kaidi tap water franchise project company
- Providing legal services for Hubei Basic Geographic Information Center on its asset recovery project of Hubei Smart City Space-Time Information Engineering Research Center Co., Ltd.
- Providing legal services for China Construction Third Engineering Bureau on the issuance of medium-term notes
- Providing legal services for Wuhan Elite Investment Co., Ltd. on its private placement bond offering
- Providing legal services for the local government of Qiaokou District on its issuance of special bonds

## 3. Dispute Resolution

- Representing Dangdai Junhe Investment Co., Ltd. on its cooperative development contract dispute case with Xi'an Runze Real Estate Co., Ltd.
- Representing Yichang Jindongshan Company on its Jiangnan Xintiandi project cooperation dispute arbitration case
- Representing Wuhan International Convention and Exhibition Center Co., Ltd. in its EPC contract dispute with Wujian Group
- Representing Wuhan Kaidi Water Co., Ltd. in its EPC contract dispute with Beilong Construction Group
- Representing WISDRI Engineering and Research Co., Ltd. in its integrated pipe gallery construction contract dispute with Shangqiu Housing and Urban-rural Development Bureau
- Representing WISDRI Wuhan Iron and Steel Design and Research Institute Co., Ltd. in its high-pressure jetted piles construction contract dispute with Zhoushan Hengzun Group
- Representing Wuhan Hanxi Sewage Treatment Co., Ltd. in its construction project contract dispute with Beijing Zhongke Bolian Environmental Engineering Co., Ltd.

- Representing Wuhan Yuao Keling Sewage Treatment Co., Ltd. in its franchise dispute arbitration case with Wuhan Jiangxia District People's Government
- Representing Wuhan Xincheng Sewage Treatment Co., Ltd. in its administrative litigation of franchise disputes with Wuhan Zhuankou Economic Development Zone
- Representing WISDRI Engineering and Research Co., Ltd. in its transfer of construction land use rights contract dispute with Xinba Construction Company