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Practice Areas: Banking and Finance, Tax, Private Equity/Venture Capital, Mergers & Acquisitions

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Professional Experience

Yijun (Fiona) Chen is a partner at Merits & Tree. Prior to joining Merits & Tree, Ms. Chen was a senior attorney at Grandall Legal Firm (Shanghai). Ms. Chen also has the experience as a compliance consultant at Tigress Financial Partners in New York.

Ms. Chen has a broad legal background with more than ten years of professional experience in capital markets transactions and Banking & Finance. Ms. Chen focuses on the areas of banking and financing, PE/VC investments, Mergers and Acquisitions, and tax law. Ms. Chen has assisted dozens of group companies and listed corporations to successfully offer short term commercial papers, medium term notes, and asset-backed securities in China's Interbank Bond Market. Ms. Chen has successfully represented a lot of listed corporations to complete non-public offerings and issue Corporate Bonds on the domestic capital markets, and to complete overseas financings and cross-border mergers. Regarding the PE/VC investments, Ms. Chen has completed a variety of investment and financing projects on behalf of private equity investment institutions or start-ups. In the banking and finance area, Ms. Chen has helped several companies to raise funds through syndicated loans.

Education

LL.B., Shanghai University of International Business and Economics

LL.M., Boston University

J.D., Fordham University

Qualifications

Ms. Chen has been admitted to practice in the People's Republic of China and the State of New York, United States.

Working language

Chinese and English

Career Highlights

1. Financing in China's Interbank Bond Market

- Delivered legal opinions on and advised transaction structures for short term commercial papers, medium term notes, and asset-backed securities in China's

Interbank Bond Market for the following corporations:

- Jinjiang International (Group) Co., Ltd. (2009-2014)
- Bailian (Group) Co., Ltd. (2010-2014)
- Shanghai Guosheng (Group) Co., Ltd. (2012-2013)
- Zhangjiang Hi-tech Group Co., Ltd. (2012-2014)
- Delivered legal opinions on and advised transaction structures for SMEs collection notes in China's Interbank Bond Market for Shanghai Pudong New Area Zhejiang Commercial Union (2011)

2. Syndicated Loans

- Represented Shanghai Real Estate Xinyi Real Estate Co., Ltd. to finance RMB 1,760,000,000.00 through syndicated loans in 2011
- Represented East Hope Baotou rare earth aluminum industry Co., Ltd. and East Hope Group Co., Ltd. to finance RMB 300,000,000.00 through domestic and overseas bilateral loans in 2010
- Represented Shanghai Hongsheng Real Estate Co., Ltd. to finance RMB 544,000,000.00 through syndicated loans in 2010
- Represented Shanghai Land Reserve Center to finance utmost RMB 37,380,000,000.00 through syndicated loans in 2010
- Represented Shanghai Golden Purple Capital Real Estate Co., Ltd. to finance RMB 2,000,000,000.00 through syndicated loans in 2010

3. Financing in the capital market

- Advised the transactional structure, drafted and negotiated transactional documents regarding the introduction of foreign strategic investor by Bright Dairy & Food Co., Ltd. (600697) in 2014
- Delivered a legal opinion of and conducted due diligence on refinancing in the second market for Bright Dairy & Food Co., Ltd. (600597) in 2012
- Delivered a legal opinion of the acquisition of New Zealand Synlait Dairy Co., Ltd. by Bright Dairy & Food Co., Ltd. (600597) in 2010
- Delivered a legal opinion of the corporate bond issuance by China Eastern Airlines (600115) in 2013

4. Investment and Financing and Corporate M&A

- Represented Granite Global Ventures and Credence Capital Fund to invest in Guangdong Debon Logistics Co., Ltd. in 2008
- Represented Heng Kang Tian An Life-insurance Company to restructure and re-organize businesses in 2008
- Represented A-Zenith Furniture Co., Ltd. (603389) and its domestic affiliates to re-organize the domestic businesses and assets in 2008
- Represented Hubei Sanonda Co., Ltd. (000553) to make the due diligence investigation regarding the merger between the Sanonda and ADAMA during 2013 and 2014