



Pacific Rim

Our Pacific Rim Practice Lawyers provide business law, corporate law, intellectual property, and litigation services for business entities and persons with a focus on China and Japan. We have lawyers who read, write and speak Chinese. We provide Asian legal services in two ways. First, we assist businesses that wish to expand into the United States or that are already here and are encountering business problems, such as a need to license technology, establish a distribution system, acquire or merge with another company, establish employee guidelines or handle employee relations, comply with the United States antitrust laws, or purchase real estate, or who need specific legal advice on conducting their business in accordance with United States laws or on what to do when they are sued, or wish to bring suit, in a United States Federal or State court.

Second, we assist American businesses and individuals that wish guidance on dealing with Chinese and Japanese business entities overseas, including advice on which types of business structure and methods can provide optimum results for the American business entity and how to foresee, and provide for, the inevitable handling of disputes involving businesses in China, Japan and elsewhere in Asia. We do this in the context of uniquely understanding the business and legal environment in Asia particularly from an Asian perspective and from an American perspective. We also provide sophisticated advice on how to plan for and deal with legal problems and litigation in China and Japan, and other parts of Asia, when troubles arise, including the optimal forms of international arbitration agreements for resolving or mediating disputes in Asia.

We have lawyers of Chinese and Western heritage who have extensive experience with Asian culture and practices. One of our partners has worked for twenty five years with agencies of China's Central Government organizations and with the Shanghai Municipal Government and teaches a law school course on Asian Legal Systems at the University of San Francisco Law School. We strongly support the Chinese Cultural Foundation in San Francisco, the San Francisco-Shanghai Friendship City Committee, and other local Asian organizations.

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