



Dr. Michelle Chen

Corporate Partner

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Career History

Previous Law Firms / In-House Roles

- Squire Patton Boggs - Partner
- Berwin Leighton Paisner – Of Counsel
- Eversheds – Senior Associate
- Hutchison Whampoa Limited – Group legal counsel

Professional Qualifications

- Qualified solicitor of England and Wales
- Qualified PRC lawyer

Education

- MA, University of Cambridge
- BA in Law (with honour), University of Cambridge
- LPC (with distinction), College of Law
- LLB in International law, Peking University
- Master in Intellectual Property Law, Peking University
- PhD in International law, Peking University

Expertise

Dr. Michelle Chen is a dual China and UK qualified corporate lawyer with over 25 years combined experience in Asia and Europe. She has held numerous senior roles in both governmental and well-known private organizations. Michelle has extensive experience in assisting UK and Chinese clients to navigate and bridge the gap arising from the differences in cross border legal, cultural, language, commercial practice challenges including successfully completed high profile complicated inbound and outbound greenfield, M&A and joint venture projects and tactfully resolved challenging regulatory and compliance issues for various clients. Michelle advises a wide range of clients across different sectors including banking, telecom, construction, energy, sports and education.

Clients

- State-owned enterprises;
- Listed companies;
- Multinational private conglomerates.

Experience Highlights

- Advice a prestige UK University's first historical joint venture with a Chinese provincial government;
- Advice an overseas investor in their first UK acquisition and joint venture science park project worth £200m;
- Advice an overseas investor in their acquisition of the business unit of a world-famous DIY tool brand worth over £30m;
- Advice numerous Chinese state owned and private enterprises in various sectors to successfully set up their operation in the UK and provide on-going legal support;
- Advice numerous Chinese financial institutions in resolving regulatory and compliance issues;
- Advice various UK companies on their entries into China including the setting up of WFOEs and joint ventures; and on-going regulatory and compliance issues.

External Appointments

- Member of the consultation board for Practical Law – Thomson Reuters PLC China
- Adjunct professor of Peking University law school
- Research fellow of China Legal Research Centre (associated with the China University of Political Science and Law)