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Jean Zhu is a partner at Merits & Tree. Prior to joining Merits & Tree, Jean worked as a core team member for Pinsent Masons Alliance for years and temporarily worked at Pinsent Masons London Office during that period of time. Jean also worked respectively as a senior associate and counsel for JunHe LLP and Herbert Smith Freehills JLO for years.

Jean has a combined background with material, engineering and law. She also passed the CSDG (Certificate for Specialists in Demand Guarantees) exam. Jean specialises in construction and commercial dispute resolution. Jean is a commercial and construction dispute lawyer with particular experience in international and domestic construction, cross-border transactions, international trade, insurance, bond, products liability related disputes. Jean has acted on arbitrations under various institutional rules including ICC, CIETAC, BAC, SHIAC and also ad hoc arbitration under UNCITRAL rules as well as litigations at different levels of domestic courts. Jean is recognised by Who's Who Legal in chapter of China 2020 – Construction and Mainland China and Hong Kong SAR 2021.

Achievements

Arbitration

- Acting as counsel for a Chinese company in an emergency arbitration administered by ICC for disputes arising from a joint venture agreement for an Angolan hydroelectric project.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by ICC and also related mediation administered by Singapore International Mediation Centre for disputes under a turnkey contract for a cement plant and a power plant in Albania.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by ICC for disputes arising from a consultancy agreement for projects in Russia.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by ICC for disputes arising from an agency agreement for projects in Saudi Arabia.
- Acting for a Chinese company in two ad hoc arbitrations under UNCITRAL rules seated Kathmandu, Nepal for disputes arising from a transmission line project and three substations project.
- Acting for an Ethiopian company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC and litigation before Beijing Fourth Intermediate Court in relation to disputes arising from a railway project.
- Acting for an American company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC in relation to disputes arising from supply of chemical products.
- Acting for a French company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC in relation to disputes arising from a factory project for producing engines of airplanes.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC for disputes under an agency agreement for an environmental sanitation project at Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam.
- Acting for a Hong Kong company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC for disputes arising from a design contract for a mansion renovation project at Beijing.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC for disputes arising from variation and payment issues in a light way project at Chongqing.
- Acting for a Taiwan company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC for a supply contract and a parent company guarantee in relation to a bridge project.
- Acting for a Chinese university in an arbitration administered by BAC for disputes arising from payment and delay issues in a main building project.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration and mediation administered by BAC for disputes arising from agency issue in relation to an LNG project.
- Acting for an Asian supplier in an arbitration administered by SHIAC for disputes arising from the supply of products for electric vehicles.
- Advising a PRC real estate company both in a litigation against the general contractor and the cooperation partner regarding disputes from the five-star hotel construction project before Inner Mongolia High Court and in an arbitration against the cooperation partner before Erdos Arbitration Committee for disputes arising from a real estate cooperation development contract.

Litigation

Advising an overseas branch of a Chinese commercial bank on a complex bond injunction litigation case.

Acting for a European supplier in a court preservation proceeding under the Mainland and Hong Kong Interim Measures Arrangement in arbitration proceeding for disputes arising out of a power plant in a Central European country.

Acting for a Chinese company before Shandong Province High Court in a litigation for disputes arising from payment issue in a process line project.

Acting for a Chinese company for a pipeline project in Erdos in administrative review and public hearing against seven local tax bureaus regarding farmland use tax issues.

Acting for a Chinese company before two local courts in Hebei in litigation cases for disputes arising from two garbage power plants.

Acting for a Dutch company before Putian Intermediate Court and Fujian Province High Court in an administrative litigation against a municipal tax bureau for tax issues in an LNG project at Putian, Fujian Province.

Acting for a Singaporean company in litigations before Zhuhai Intermediate Court and Fujian Province High Court against two subcontractors for disputes arising from payment issue and from confirming the validity of arbitration agreements with foreign elements.

Acting for a Chinese company before Chengdu Intermediate Court in a litigation for disputes arising from payment and delay issues in two main buildings of a university at Chengdu, Sichuan province.

Acting for a Hong Kong designer before Chengdu Intermediate Court in a litigation for disputes arising from payment issue in designing a hotel project.

Acting for an Australian company before Zhejiang Jinhua Intermediate Court for disputes arising out of supply of KN95 masks.

Acting for a German WFOE before Beijing Changping District Court for disputes arising from supply of products for vehicles.

Acting for a Chinese company before Beijing Changping District Court in a litigation for disputes arising from payment issue in a refined decoration project.

Acting for a retailer of Denmark in a litigation before Beijing Fengtai District Court for disputes arising from an agency agreement.

Acting for a Chinese company before Haikou Maritime Court for disputes arising from an artificial island project.

Acting for a German WFOE in a litigation before Dashiqiao Court for disputes arising from a magnesium mine factory project.

Acting for a private fund company in enforcing a Shanghai Arbitration Commission award before Beijing Third Intermediate Court.

Claims

- Advising a Chinese company on claims of extension of time and issues in defects notice period for a project in Botswana.
- Advising a Chinese company on claims of extension of time, obtaining of the taking-over certificate for a project in Russia and acting for the same company on the bond injunction case before Beijing High Court.
- Advising a Chinese company on claims of extension of time and variation for a power transmission and transformation project in Congo (Brazzaville).
- Advising a Chinese company on an insurance claim against the insurer for a power transmission and transformation project in Central African Republic.
- Advising a Chinese company in World Bank sanction proceeding.

Education

LL.M. on Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, Queen Mary

Juris Master on Intellectual Property Law, Peking University

LL.B. (secondary degree), Fudan University

B.S. on Polymer Science (major degree), Fudan University

Admissions

PRC Bar

Language

Chinese、English