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Chao Zheng is a partner at Merits & Tree. Prior to joining Merits & Tree, Mr. Gong was a partner at Grandway Law Offices.

Mr. Zheng has more than 10 years of practical experience in the fields of domestic and overseas IPO and PE/VC, M&A. He assisted numerous companies in successfully listing or applying for listings on domestic and overseas capital markets, including Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong; spanning industries including high-end equipment manufacturing, fine chemicals, biomedicine, automotive, software and information technology services, culture and entertainment, consumer goods, construction engineering, mining, energy; Mr. Zheng provided scheme design, transaction structuring, documentation, and issuance of legal opinion letters for refinancing and significant asset restructuring matters for over ten listed companies; Offered legal services for listing, private placements, asset restructuring, delisting, and transfer to main boards for several NEEQ-listed companies; designed equity incentive plans compliant with regulatory rules for multiple listed companies and pre-IPO enterprises; provided permanent legal advisory services for various public companies, including listed companies and NEEQ-listed companies.

Achievements

Domestic and Overseas IPO

Mr. Zheng has provided legal services as the issuer's counsel for multiple companies in their domestic A-share and Hong Kong stock market IPO projects, with major cases including:

- A-share IPO and listing of Xinjiang Beixin Road & Bridge Group Co., Ltd. (002307.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Jiangyin Zhongnan Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. (002445.SZ);

- A-share IPO and listing of Henan Mingtai AI Industrial Co., Ltd. (601677.SH);
- A-share IPO and listing of Egls Co., Ltd. (002619.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of SanFeng Intelligent Equipment Group Co., Ltd. (300276.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Jinhe Biotechnology Co., Ltd. (002688.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Zhejiang Yilida Ventilator Co., Ltd. (002686.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Xingye Leather Technology Co., Ltd. (002674.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of ABA Chemicals Corporation (300261.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Yotrio Group Co., Ltd. (002489.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Jilin Jian Yisheng Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (002566.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Yantai Eddie Precision Machinery Co., Ltd.(603638.SH);
- A-share IPO and listing of ADD Industry (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd.(603089.SH);
- A-share IPO and listing of Jiangsu Maysta Chemical Co., Ltd.(603041.SH);
- A-share IPO and listing of Xiamen Yanjan New Material Co., Ltd. (300658.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Yantai China PET FOODS Co., Ltd. (002891.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Wondershare Technology Group Co., Ltd. (300624.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Wuxi Shangji Automation Co., Ltd.(603185.SH);
- A-share IPO and listing of Henan Jindan Lactic Acid Technology Co., Ltd. (300829.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Forest Packaging Group Co., Ltd.(605500.SH);
- A-share IPO and listing of HAXC Holdings (Beijing) Co., Ltd. (300928.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Wuhan LinControl Automotive Electronics Co., Ltd.(688667.SH);
- A-share IPO and listing of Darbond Technology Co., Ltd.(688035.SH);
- A-share IPO and listing of Longkou Union Chemical Co., Ltd. (301209.SZ);
- A-share IPO and listing of Shandong Kuntai New Material Technology Co., Ltd.;
- H-share IPO and listing of Xinjiang Xinxin Mining Industry Co., Ltd. (03833.HK);
- Issuance and listing on the Hong Kong main board of Beijing New Technology Limited Company (09600.HK).

Refinancing

Mr. Zheng has provided legal services for the design, structuring, documentation, and issuance of legal option letters for refinancing matters for the following listed companies:

- Non-public offering of Hunan Corun New Energy Co., Ltd.(600478.SH) in 2010, with a financing scale of 427 million RMB;
- Non-public offering of Aluminum Corporation of China Limited(601600.SH) in 2011, with a financing scale of 799 million RMB;
- Non-public offering of stocks of Shenyang Machine Tool Co., Ltd. (000410.SZ) in 2012, with a financing scale of 12.28 billion RMB;
- Non-public offering of stocks of Henan Mingtai AI Industrial Co., Ltd.(601677.SH) in 2015, with a financing scale of 736 million RMB;
- Allotment of shares of Shandong Longji Machinery Co., Ltd. (002363.SZ) in 2015, and non-public offering of stocks in 2017, with a financing scale of 485 million RMB and 347 million RMB;
- Public offering of convertible corporate bonds of Yantai China PET FOODS Co., Ltd. (002891.SZ) in 2018, and non-public offering of stocks in 2020, with a financing scale of 194 million RMB and 651 million RMB;
- Non-public offering of stocks of Yantai Eddie Precision Machinery Co., Ltd.(603638.SH) in 2019, with a financing scale of 700 million RMB;

- Non-public offering of stocks of Jiangsu Wuyang Parking Industry Group Co., Ltd. (300420.SZ) in 2019, with a financing scale of 800 million RMB;
- Public offering of convertible corporate bonds of Wondershare Technology Group Co., Ltd. (300624.SZ) in 2020, with a financing scale of 378 million RMB;
- Non-public offering of stocks of Xiamen Yanjan New Material Co., Ltd. (300658.SZ) in 2021, with a financing scale of 400 million RMB;
- Public offering of convertible corporate bonds of Yantai Eddie Precision Machinery Co., Ltd.(603638.SH) in 2021, with a financing scale of 1 billion RMB.

Major Asset Restructuring

Mr. Zheng has provided legal services for the design, structuring, documentation, and issuance of legal option letters for restructuring matters for the following listed companies:

- Acted for Hubei Radio & Television Information Network Co., Ltd. (000665.SZ) in its 2012 issuance of shares, acquisition of equity, and raising counterpart funds, with a transaction of 2.162 billion RMB;
- Acted for Hubei Jumpcan Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.(600566.SH) in its 2013 issuance of shares, acquisition of equity, and raising counterpart funds, with a transaction of 652 million RMB;
- Acted for Jiangsu Wuyang Parking Industry Group Co., Ltd. (300420.SZ) in its 2015 and 2017 issuance of shares, acquisition of equity, and raising counterpart funds, with a transaction of 550 million RMB and 250 million RMB;
- Acted for Guizhou Chitianhua Co., Ltd.(600227.SH) in its 2016 issuance of shares, acquisition of equity, and raising counterpart funds, with a transaction of 1.97 billion RMB;
- Acted for Great Chinasoft Technology Co., Ltd. (002453.SZ) in its 2020 issuance of shares, acquisition of equity, and raising counterpart funds, with a transaction of 11.346 billion RMB;
- Acted on behalf of the buyer for Chang Jiang Shipping Group Phoenix Co., Ltd. in its change of control transaction in 2015.

Employee Option Plan or Equity Incentive Plan

Mr. Zheng has provided legal services for the design, structuring, and documentation of employee option plans or equity incentive plans for the following companies:

- Acted for Henan Mingtai AI Industrial Co., Ltd.(601677.SH) in its restricted stocks equity incentive plan in 2014 and 2016;
- Acted for Wondershare Technology Group Co., Ltd. (300624.SZ) in its restricted stocks equity incentive plan in 2018 and 2021, as well as its stock option incentive plan in 2020;
- Acted for Tibet Aim Pharm. Inc. (002826.SZ) in its restricted stocks equity incentive plan in 2019;
- Acted for Xiamen Yanjan New Material Co., Ltd. (300658.SZ) in its restricted stocks equity incentive plan in 2019;
- Acted for Yantai Eddie Precision Machinery Co., Ltd.(603638.SH) in its restricted stocks equity incentive plan in 2021;
- Provided legal services for equity incentive matters for multiple companies preparing for IPO.

Major Asset Restructuring

Mr. Zheng has provided legal services for the NEEQ listing, private placement, asset restructuring, delisting, and switching boards for the following companies:

- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ of Tianjin Incom Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (830869.OC);
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ of Wuxi Junco Intelligent Equipment Co., Ltd. (832055.OC);
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ, asset restructuring, and private placement of Beijing Capital Air Environmental

Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (832496.OC);

- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ and private placement of Shandong Landsee Genetics Co., Ltd. (833273.OC);
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ of Qingdao Miuton Medical Co., Ltd. (833086.OC);
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ and private placement of LINTON Technologies Group (835368.OC);
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ of Zhejiang Suntown Environment Protection Co., Ltd. (872755.OC);
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ of Tian Jin Atg Electronics Co., Ltd. (837333.OC);
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ of Shandong Sisuo System Integration Co., Ltd. (872078.OC);
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ, private placement, delisting, and switching board of Henan Jindan Lactic Acid Technology Co., Ltd.;
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ, private placement, delisting, and switching board of Huanghua Xinnuolixing FINE Chemical STOCK Company Limited;
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ, private placement, and delisting of Yifang Electric Group Inc.;
- Provided legal services for the listing on the NEEQ and delisting of Beijing Future Generation of China Technologies Corporation;
- Provided legal services for the private placement, delisting, and switching board of Shenzhen Gaea Network Technology Co., Ltd.

Permanent Legal Advisor

Mr. Zheng has provided legal services as the permanent legal advisor for numerous listed companies and companies listed on the NEEQ, with major cases including:

- Jilin Jian Yisheng Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (002566.SZ);
- Jiangsu Wuyang Parking Industry Group Co., Ltd. (300420.SZ);
- Tibet Aim Pharm. Inc. (002826.SZ);
- Yantai Eddie Precision Machinery Co., Ltd.(603638.SH);
- Xiamen Yanjan New Material Co., Ltd. (300658.SZ);
- Yantai China PET FOODS Co., Ltd. (002891.SZ);
- Wondershare Technology Group Co., Ltd. (300624.SZ);
- Henan Jindan Lactic Acid Technology Co., Ltd. (300829.SZ);
- Forest Packaging Group Co., Ltd.(605500.SH);
- HAXC Holdings (Beijing) Co., Ltd. (300928.SZ);
- Darbond Technology Co., Ltd.(688035.SH);
- Longkou Union Chemical Co., Ltd. (301209.SZ);
- Hubei Jumpcan Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.(600566.SH);
- Guizhou Chitianhua Co., Ltd.(600227.SH);
- Shandong Landsee Genetics Co., Ltd. (833273.OC);
- Beijing Capital Air Environmental Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (832496.OC);
- Zhengzhou Vcom Science and Technology Co., Ltd. (831601.OC).

Honors

🏆 2023-2024 Legal 500 Capital markets: PRC firms - Recommended Lawyer

🏆 2011-2012 New Fortune: A-share IPO Star Lawyer

Social Positions

- Professional Consultant of GF Securities Co., Ltd.
- Member of the 12th Beijing Bar Association's Securities Law Committee

Education

LLM., Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (GSCASS)

LLB., Xinjiang University of Finance & Economics

Admissions

PRC Bar

Language

Chinese