



## Billy M.C. Chen

### Partner

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## OVERVIEW

Billy Chen is a partner in the firm's Taipei office. He has represented international and domestic clients in various areas of law including:

**Mergers and Acquisitions** - Advising clients on corporate governance as well as commercial and corporate finance transactions including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, public offerings and private placements, structuring start-up companies, and drafting commercial contracts

**Investment Management/Finance** - Advising clients on the formation, structuring, and fundraising of their businesses, counseling fund managers on the regulatory aspects of their businesses and operations, counseling issuers/arrangers on structured products

**International Trade** - Handling U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) investigation related matters as well as U.S. export-import compliance and trade dispute matters

**Anti-trust, Competition and Trade Regulation** - Assisting clients in witness preparation, advising them on the discovery procedure and dispositions relating to the investigations initiated by the United States Department of Justice (US DOJ) and the European Commission (EC) as well as in class action suits against certain Taiwan manufacturers

**Procurement Projects** - Drafting and advising clients on urban redevelopment project guidelines and Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) contracts.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm in 2007, Billy practiced as an associate in Michigan, where he focused on corporate, civil, and criminal law. He also served as corporate counsel to companies in Taiwan and China.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized with an Individual Spotlight by *The Legal 500 Green Guide: Asia Pacific* in Taiwan, 2024

- Recognized as a Next Generation Partner by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* for Corporate and M&A in Taiwan, 2019-2024
- The A-List: Taiwan's Top 100 Lawyers 2022, *Asia Business Law Journal*

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Issues of Offshore Wind Power Generation: Key Issues for Offshore Wind Power", Japan Overseas Institute, Tokyo, September 2018

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 2006
- M.S., Florida State University, 2003
- B.A., National Taipei University, 2001

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

## LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Taiwanese
- English

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Taiwan's solar-powered fishery project," *Asia Business Law Journal*, 28 December 2022

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 17 January 2024, The Legal 500 Recognises K&L Gates in 2024 Asia Pacific Edition
- 3 October 2023, K&L Gates Advises Live-Streaming Platform 17LIVE on Landmark De-SPAC Business Combination in Singapore

- 16 January 2023, The Legal 500 Recognizes K&L Gates in 2023 Asia Pacific Edition
- 11 May 2022, K&L Gates Advises Silicon Motion Technology Corporation on US\$3.8 Billion Cross-Border Take-Private Acquisition by MaxLinear, Inc.
- 8 April 2022, Three Taipei Partners Recognized Among Asia Business Law Journal's A-List
- 13 January 2022, Legal 500 Recognizes K&L Gates in 2022 Asia Pacific Guide
- 29 December 2021 , K&L Gates Advises Gorilla Technology Group Inc. on Proposed Merger with Global SPAC Partners Co.
- 22 February 2021, K&L Gates Advises CML Microsystems PLC on sale of Hyperstone

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "K&L Gates Guides First Ever De-Spac Merger on SGX," *Asian Legal Business*, 16 October 2023

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation
- Capital Markets
- Technology Transactions and Sourcing
- International Trade: CFIUS, Sanctions, and Export Controls
- Public Companies

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented Gorilla Technology Group Inc. (NASDAQ: GRRR) in its acquisition of a SPAC known as Global SPAC Partners Co.