

# **Chloe Duan**

## Partner

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Chloe Duan is a partner at the firm. Her practice focuses on investment management, venture capital investment, and cross-border M&A. Since 2007, Chloe has advised numerous renowned international financial institutions, unicorns and high technology companies on their cross-border investments.

Chloe is a dual New York and PRC qualified lawyer with experience working in PRC law firms and international law firms.

#### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Prior to joining the firm, Chloe worked in both PRC and foreign law firms for more than 8 years.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized as a Recommended Lawyer by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2024
  - Corporate and M&A: foreign firms in China
  - Investment funds in Hong Kong

### **PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Member of Shanghai Interpreters' Association

### **EDUCATION**

- LL.M., University of Glasgow, 2007
- LL.B., University of Sheffield, 2006

#### **ADMISSIONS**

- Bar of New York
- Bar of People's Rep. of China

#### LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Cantonese)
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English

#### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 28 August 2023, People's Republic of China: State Council Issued New Policy for Attracting Foreign Investment
- 30 June 2023, China: CSRC Promulgated New Bond Issuance Guidelines
- 1 June 2023, China: MOU of ETF Products Between China and Singapore Exchanges
- 12 April 2023, People's Republic of China: Overseas Listing Via VIE Structure Becoming Subject to CSRC Filings
- 4 April 2023, People's Republic of China: CSRC Intends to Expand Business Scope for Futures Companies
- 27 March 2023, People's Republic of China: First QDLP Managed by WFOE PFM Launched in Shanghai
- 27 March 2023, People's Republic of China: CSRC Expanding Registration Based IPO Regime
- 13 March 2023, People's Republic of China: CSRC Released New Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Rules for Securities and Futures Institutions
- 7 March 2023, People's Republic of China: Standard Contractual Clauses for Export of Personal Information Were Officially Released

#### **NEWS & EVENTS**

- 6 October 2021, 2021 Investment Management Conference
- 24 February 2020, K&L Gates Names 41 New Partners Across Global Platform

#### **AREAS OF FOCUS**

Mergers and Acquisitions

#### **INDUSTRIES**

- Family Offices
- Financial Services

### **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

#### **Investment Management**

- Counselled a world famous family trust on its PRC securities investment through QFII, Stock Connect and CIBM.
- Counselled several U.S. endowment funds on their PRC securities investment through QFII, Stock Connect and CIBM.
- Counselled a family office on its onshore and offshore securities investment.
- Represented a SOE on a QDII financing project.
- Represented a US investment bank on a number of private fund projects.
- Counselled a U.S. asset manager on its QDLP application.
- Counselled a number of foreign asset managers on their PRC marketing strategies.

#### **Fund Raising and Downstream Investment**

- Represented a SOE backed PE fund on forming US\$ denominated fund in the United States and Cayman.
- Represented a SOE backed PE fund on a number of downstream investments.
- Represented IDG on a number of preferred shares financing projects (deal size ranging from US\$1 million to 5 million).
- Represented ACTIS on the restructuring investment portfolios.
- Represented a leading AI company on its series B (US\$30 million), series C1-6 (for an aggregate investment amount of US\$200 million), and series D (US\$200 million) preferred share financing.
- Represented qunar.com on its pre-IPO common share financing (US\$52 million).
- Represented a number of target companies on its preferred share financing (deal size ranging from US\$5 million to 30 million).
- Represented a leading AI company (a Cayman company with VIE structure) on its IPO on the SSE STAR Market (a China version NASDAQ board launched June 2019).

#### M&A

• Represented a UK fund on the acquisition of a series of private schools and colleges in China.

- Represented the world's leading tech company on the acquisition (both onshore and offshore) of a PRC company focusing on CMR business.
- Advised a U.S. PE fund on the acquisition of a PRC company manufacturing fastener products.
- Advised a SOE backed PE fund on the acquisition of a Taiwan pharmaceutical company.
- Represented an AI company on its global restructuring.
- Represented a UK-listed company on the acquisition of a PRC high tech firm.

#### **General Corporate and Compliance**

- Assisted a number of MNCs with their WFOE set up and closure.
- Advised a number of WFOEs with their daily operation, PRC investment and expansion.
- Represented a U.S. MNC on a FCPA project.

#### **Dispute Resolution**

- Represented the founder of an international food chain company on a redemption dispute (US\$10 million).
- Represented the founder of a training school on a redemption dispute (US\$10 million).
- Represented Standard Chartered and DBS on a number of non-performing debt projects.