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Educational/Professional Memberships

Education:

University of Paris I-Panthéon Sorbonne (D.E.A. 1984); Peking University (LL.B. 1982)

Professional Memberships:

- Member of International Commercial Expert Committee of Chinese Supreme Court (since August 2018);
- Member of the Court, ICC International Court of Arbitration (1999-2018);
- Member of the Advisory Committee of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission;
- Member of the International Advisory Board of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre;
- Member of the Executive Board of Foundation International for Arbitration Advocacy;
- Member of the Editorial Board of Global Arbitration Review.

Current Position

Managing Partner, Dechert LLP China

Professional Experience

Mr. Tao has more than 30 years of experience advising Fortune 500 companies on China-related matters. His areas of practice include international mergers and acquisitions, arbitration, licencing, construction, and corporate work.

Arbitration Experience

Mr. Tao acted as counsel, chief arbitrator, or party-nominated arbitrator in over a hundred of international arbitrations involving letters of credit, construction projects, management contracts, joint ventures, technology transfers, trademark licensing agreements, agency agreements, and international sales of goods.

Publications

Mr. Tao is author of several books in English and French on Chinese law:

- Mergers and Acquisitions in China (Third Edition), coauthor, West Law, New York, 608 pages, 2011
- Arbitration Law and Practice in China (Third Edition), Kluwer Law International, The Netherlands, 383 pages, 2012
- Resolving Business Disputes in China, CCH Asia Pte Limited, Singapore, 800 pages 2004
- Non-Tariff Trade Barriers in China, coauthor, Sweet & Maxwell, Hong Kong, 357 pages 2003
- International Commercial Arbitration in Asia (China Chapter), Juris Press, New York, 45 pages, 2002

- International Execution Against Judgment Debtors, (Enforcement of Foreign Judgment in the People's Republic of China), Oceana, New York, 26 pages, October 2002
- Droit Chinois des Affaires, Economica, Paris, 394 pages, 1999
- Le Droit Chinois Contemporain, (Collection Que sais-je?), Presses Universitaires de France (P.U.F.), Paris, 128 pages, September 1991

Languages

Chinese
English
French