

Baker & McKenzie in China

Baker & McKenzie has long been acknowledged as having the pre-eminent China practice. The Firm has maintained a presence in China since the late 1970s and is one of the pioneers in the area of China law. With over 40 years' experience in advising on doing business in China, we bring an in-depth understanding of China's cultural, political and legal structure. We partner with clients, taking into account their commercial objectives and work through complex issues through strategic advice, innovative approaches and exceptional practical solutions. We add value by helping clients manage risks and seize opportunities in today's complex, ever changing global economy.

Our offices in Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai were established in 1974, 1993 and 2002 respectively. Our team encompasses over 300 lawyers, who are fully conversant with the systems, practicalities, and language of law, and are fluent in English, spoken and written Mandarin, as well as other Chinese dialects and European languages. These lawyers are backed by a team of experienced paralegals and translators.

We provide dedicated on-the-ground legal services to foreign multinational companies and domestic corporations doing business in China as well as to mainland Chinese and regional corporations doing business in the region and internationally. With our diverse capabilities and experience, we serve clients across all major industry sectors. We are regularly involved in high-profile and first-to-market transactions with blue-chip multinational corporations and financial institutions and regularly coordinate significant cross-border assignments for market leading companies.

In Hong Kong and China, Baker & McKenzie provides dedicated legal services across the broad spectrum of corporate law, including:

- Antitrust/Competition Law
- Banking & Finance
- Capital Markets & Securities
- Construction
- Corporate Services
- Dispute Resolution/Litigation
- Employment
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Environmental
- Financial Services
- Immigration
- Information Technology & Communications
- Infrastructure
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- International Trade
- Investment Funds
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Real Estate & Property
- Regulatory & Compliance
- Securities
- Tax
- Wealth Management

We also have extensive experience in dealing with Chinese government ministries and agencies at all levels as well as with major foreign trade and investment organizations in China. We keep abreast of China's rapidly evolving legal structure through regular contact with government departments which draft and implement legislation at both national and local levels. Relationships with ministries and institutions enable us to provide clients with the most timely and detailed advice on foreign investment and trade opportunities.

As a testament to our acknowledged expertise, we were one of the first foreign law firm to represent the Chinese government

in foreign legal proceedings in the early 1980s. Our long-standing involvement in China has allowed us to become a highly respected and recognized legal advisor to central and local governmental bodies in China. Over the course of the last few years, we have had the privilege of advising the Legislative Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress and key Chinese Ministries on a platform of legislative reforms. Our Chairman is a member of the International Business Leaders Advisory Council hosted by the Beijing Mayor's office.

We bring the following key attributes to China-related business and trade:

- Depth and breadth of accumulated understanding and comparative experience across many industry sectors;
- A strong and diversified team of dedicated China specialist lawyers, all of whom are fluent in Mandarin and English; and
- The benefit of a respected and recognized reputation amongst China's central and local governments and the business communities.

As part of our proactive, business-focused and user friendly service, we also provide the following value-added benefits:

- **Doing Business in China** – a comprehensive guide on setting up and doing business in China
- **News Alerts** – regular updates outlining developments and changes in China law as they take shape and evolve
- **Seminars** – we hold regular seminars and workshops focusing on new developments and topical issues of relevance to businesses

Awards & Accolades

- **International Law Firm of the Year** – China Law & Practice Awards 2014
- **In-house Community Firm of the Year: China (for Taxation; Telecommunications, Media & Technology)** – Asian-MENA Counsel Representing Corporate Asia & Middle East Survey 2014
- **In-house Community Firm of the Year: China (for Antitrust/ Competition; Compliance/Regulatory; Employment)** – Asian-MENA Counsel Representing Corporate Asia & Middle East Survey 2013
- **Most Responsive International Firm of the Year: China** – Asian-MENA Counsel Representing Corporate Asia & Middle East Survey 2014, 2013
- **Best Overall International Law Firm for China Work** – China Business Law Journal, China Business Law Awards 2013
- **International Law Firm of the Year** – China Law & Practice Awards 2011