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China - Dispute Resolution: Arbitration: Foreign Firms

Tier 2

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP's practice advises clients across the finance, energy, tech and other regulated sectors. The team assists with transactions-based disputes, along with regulatory, investment and bankruptcy disputes. John Rhie directs the practice, and sports a strong reputation in multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes. Beijing-based Yixuan Zhu is an active member of the team in bankruptcy, competition and financial dispute contexts, along with Xiao Liu. Haiyan Tang in Shanghai is well-versed in advising clients before the HKIAC, SHIAC and other bodies.

Testimonials

- *"Quinn Emanuel is one of the strongest, if not the strongest, law firms in the world doing US litigation. They are great at putting together strong teams suited for each individual case."*
- *"Incredibly aggressive lawyers - it was a pleasure working with them on one of our matters."*
- *"John Rhie and Duncan Watson KC are the key figures in the Asia arbitration market. Their team is extremely responsive and resourceful."*
- *"Market-leading practice. Does everything at the highest level. Legal skills, client care, bench depth, partner quality, speed."*
- **John Rhie:** *"If a Korean company has a lawsuit in the US, they should contact John Rhie; he is a problem solver."*
- **John Rhie:** *"Incredible commercial sense and takes everyone along on key strategic matters."*
- **Duncan Watson:** *"Exceptional counsel - a true advocate."*
- **Christopher Eng:** *"Chris is extremely hardworking and diligent."*
- **John Rhie:** *"John is incredibly eloquent."*
- **John Rhie:** *"Leader of the best arbitration practice in Asia."*

Key clients

- Schindler Group, Schindler Management AG
- Mirae Asset Global Investments Co., Ltd.
- Chang-jae Shin (Chairman of Kyobo Life Insurance)

Practice head

John Rhie

Other key lawyers

Xiao Liu; Haiyan Tang; Yixuan Zhu

Hong Kong - Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration Tier 3

John Rhie leads the Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP practice, advising on HKIAC and ICC proceedings arising from joint venture agreements, shareholder arrangements, acquisition disputes and potential ownership-related claims. The team is particularly active in the technology, real estate, funds, biotech, and cryptocurrency sectors. Christopher Eng handles HKIAC arbitrations concerning exclusive licence agreements and angel investments, as well as investment treaty disputes relating to project development and alleged treaty breaches. The practice also advises on potential US-seated ICC proceedings involving semiconductor and technology companies.

Testimonials

- *"Quinn Emanuel brings deep international arbitration expertise and consistently delivers outstanding written and oral submissions."*
- *"John Rhie and Duncan Watson KC are the key figures in the Asia arbitration market. Their team is extremely responsive and resourceful."*
- *"Market-leading practice. Top in providing legal services, client care, and easy to work with."*
- **Tom Brebner:** *"Tom Brebner is bright and produces outstanding written submissions."*
- **Duncan Watson:** *"Duncan Watson is highly intelligent and perceptive, with exceptional cross-examination skills."*
- **John Rhie:** *"John is experienced and is currently handling the most interesting high-profile cases from Korea and all of Asia."*
- **John Rhie:** *"John is incredibly eloquent."*
- **Christopher Eng:** *"Chris is extremely hardworking and user-friendly."*
- **John Rhie:** *"Market leader in this jurisdiction. Great strategic calls as well as leading the team perfectly."*

Key clients

- Mirae Asset Global Investments Co., Ltd.
- Chang-jae Shin (Chairman of Kyobo Life Insurance)
- Schindler Group, Schindler Management AG

Work highlights

- Advised Mirae Asset Global Investments Co., Ltd. on a landmark SIAC arbitration against Brookfield Asset Management, recovering a USD 200 million deposit.
- Advised Dr Chang-jae Shin, Chairman of Kyobo Life Insurance, in multiple high-stakes ICC arbitrations and related proceedings against private equity investors led by Affinity Equity Partners, with approximately USD 2 billion in dispute.

- Advised Schindler Holdings AG in a high-profile UNCITRAL investment treaty arbitration against the Republic of Korea concerning alleged wrongful approvals of capital increases in a Hyundai elevator company.

Lawyers
John Rhie – Leading Partners

Practice head
John Rhie

Other key lawyers
Christopher Eng

China - Dispute Resolution: Litigation: Foreign Firms

Tier 1

The litigation department at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP boasts a strong reputation in competition and contractual disputes, as well as class actions and other commercial disputes. The team's portfolio of clients includes domestic and multinational clients from across the tech, finance, biotech and crypto sectors. The team is jointly headed by its senior partners, with the Beijing team being comprised of Xiao Liu and Yixuan Zhu, whose practice is geared towards cross-border disputes and financial litigation. Haiyan Tang, based in Shanghai, is well-versed in tech-related disputes, including those involving patents and IP. Qiqi Wei and Shengling Zhu both field broad capabilities in commercial litigation and white-collar criminal matters.

Testimonials

- *"Outstanding professional capabilities, particularly a highly specialized team in US litigation and arbitration. They excel in professional matters, responding promptly and logically to clients' questions."*
- *"I am very satisfied with the service provided."*
- *"Extensive expertise in complex and high-stakes litigation; highly responsive to clients' inquiries and needs; a team of lawyers with diverse backgrounds that truly understand the needs of the clients."*
- *"High efficiency in cost management."*
- *"Quinn Emanuel stands out among market players due to its premium team, cutting-edge expertise, and proficient management of relevant challenges."*
- **Haiyan Tang:** *"One of the best lawyers in cross-border litigation; deep knowledge in guiding clients through challenging situations."*
- **Xiao Liu:** *"Drawing on his unique experience, savvy, and cultural sensitivity, Xiao Liu continuously solidifies his reputation by managing thorny cross-jurisdictional disputes to the client's high satisfaction."*

Key clients

- Zhejiang Lingdi Digital Technology Co., Ltd.
- POP MART Americas Inc., POP MART (Singapore) Holding Pte. Ltd., Beijing POP MART Cultural Creative Corp. Ltd.
- TAL Education Group
- SZ DJI Technology Co., Ltd.; SZ DJI Baiwang Technology Co., Ltd.
- CorDx, Inc.; Bao Ruiyuan Biotech (Beijing) Co., Ltd.; Core Technology Co., Ltd.
- Transpire Bio Inc.; Dr Xianming Zeng
- Bitdeer Technologies Group
- Ningde Amperex Technology Limited
- Inner Mongolia Yitai Coal Co., Ltd.
- Inspur Electronic Information Industry Company, Ltd.
- Yan Jinggang
- Guangdong Oppo Mobile Telecommunications Corp., Ltd.

- DiDi Global Inc.
- Dong Jun (Danny) Lee; Adcentrx Therapeutics Inc.
- Certain Directors and Officers of Sinovac Biotech Ltd.
- Adcentrx Therapeutics Inc.; Dr. Hui Li; Dr. Alexander Chu-Kung; Dr. Andrew Hau; Dr. Erin Morgan Nye
- Shenzhen Smoore Technology Company Limited; Smoore International Holdings Limited
- Landbridge Group

Lawyers
Yixuan Zhu – Next Generation Partners

Qiqi Wei – Leading associates

Practice heads
Yixuan Zhu; Duncan Watson KC; John Rhie; Dr. Haiyan Tang; Xiao Liu; Samuel G. Williamson; Jianjian Ye

Other key lawyers
Qiqi Wei; Shengling Zhu

China - Intellectual Property: Foreign Firms Tier 4

At Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, the team is sought after for its expertise in handling complex IP disputes. The group is adept at advising tech companies on cross-border enforcement cases. The practice is co-led by a septet of practitioners: Xiao Liu and Yixuan Zhu in Beijing, Haiyan Tang in Shanghai, and John Rhie, Duncan Watson KC, Samuel G. Williamson, and Jianjian Ye, operating from Hong Kong and the US.

Key clients

- POP MART Americas Inc., POP MART (Singapore) Holding Pte. Ltd., Beijing POP MART Cultural Creative Corp. Ltd.
- Zhejiang Lingdi Digital Technology Co., Ltd.
- Ningde Amperex Technology Limited
- Adcentrx Therapeutics Inc.
- Guangdong Oppo Mobile Telecommunications Corp., Ltd.
- Inspur Electronic Information Industry Company, Ltd.
- Adcentrx Therapeutics Inc.
- Ruijie Networks Co. Ltd.
- Transpire Bio Inc.

Work highlights

- Advised Guangdong OPPO Technology on a trade secrets matters brought by Apple in the Northern District of California concerning smartwatch sensor technology.
- Advised Pop Mart on an IP enforcement action filed in the Central District of California against 7-Eleven and its franchisees for selling counterfeit products.
- Advised Adcentrx Therapeutics Inc. and its founder and executives on two U.S. trade secrets disputes brought by AbbVie Inc. and Sorrento Therapeutics.

Practice heads

Yixuan Zhu; John Rhie; Jianjian Ye; Duncan Watson KC; Xiao Liu; Haiyan Tang; Samuel G. Williamson

China - Regulatory/Compliance: Foreign Firms Tier 4

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP's team represents its clients before regulatory authorities, advising domestic and multinational clients in market misconduct matters and SEC investigations. Xiao Liu heads the practices, and harnesses expertise in risk mitigation, internal investigations and regulatory enforcements. Also highly active in the team is Haiyan Tang, who handles internal investigations and employment regulations.

Testimonials

- "*The team has consistently provided an exceptionally high level of service.*"
- *"The team continued to impress me with its professionalism and consistently high standard of service. Its strengths are particularly evident in its attentive and thoughtful approach, thoroughness, exceptional work ethic, and distinctive expertise in matters involving U.S.-China geopolitical issues."*
- *"The firm demonstrates an outstanding understanding of the legal and regulatory priorities in both China and the United States. This depth of insight is clearly the result of extensive experience and hands-on exposure to complex matters over many years."*
- **Haiyan Tang:** *"I would particularly highlight the leadership of Dr. Haiyan Tang. She is the strategic and intellectual driving force behind the team, setting its direction while bringing out the best in those around her. Her exceptional judgment, deep understanding of the complexities at the intersection of law and U.S.-China relations, and ability to identify and navigate core issues in highly complex and sensitive matters are truly distinctive. At the same time, she has built a team that reflects her own high standards of professionalism, rigor, responsiveness, and client care. Her leadership is, in my view, the major reason for the exceptional quality and effectiveness of the Shanghai office."*
- **Xiao Liu:** *"Xiao Liu stands out for his rare combination of legal expertise, commercial acumen, and practical problem-solving skills. He has an exceptional ability to cut through complexity, articulate issues in plain and accessible language, and quickly understand what the client is really trying to achieve."*

Key clients

- Yangtze Memory Technologies Company, Ltd.

Work highlights

- Representing Yangtze Memory Technologies Co., Ltd. (YMTC) in a landmark challenge to the U.S. Department of Defense's 2025 designation of the company as a "Chinese Military Company," a matter that recently yielded a significant milestone with YMTC's apparent removal from the most recent CMC list pending formal DoD confirmation.

Practice head
Xiao Liu

Other key lawyers
Haiyan Tang