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Jean Zhu is a partner at Merits & Tree. Prior to joining Merits & Tree, Jean worked as a core team member for Pinsent Masons and Hesen Alliance for years and temporarily worked at Pinsent Masons London Office during that period of time. Jean also worked respectively as a senior associate and counsel for JunHe LLP and Herbert Smith Freehills Kewei JLO for years.

Jean has a combined background with material, engineering and law. She also passed the CSDG (Certificate for Specialists in Demand Guarantees) exam. Jean specialises in commercial dispute resolution. Jean is a commercial and construction dispute lawyer with particular experience in international and domestic construction, cross-border transactions, international trade, insurance, bond, products liability related disputes. Jean has acted on arbitrations under various institutional rules including ICC, CIETAC, BAC, SHIAC, VIAC and also ad hoc arbitration under UNCITRAL rules as well as litigations at different levels of domestic courts.

# Achievements

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## Arbitration

- Acting as counsel for a Chinese company in an emergency arbitration administered by ICC for disputes arising from a joint venture agreement for an Angolan hydroelectric project.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by ICC and also related mediation administered by Singapore International Mediation Centre for disputes under a turnkey contract for a cement plant and a power plant in Albania.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by ICC for disputes arising from an agency agreement for a steel plant projects in Russia.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by ICC for disputes arising from an agency agreement for a chemical projects in Saudi Arabia.
- Acting for a Chinese company in two ad hoc arbitrations under UNCITRAL rules seated Nepal for disputes arising from a power station and three transmission line projects.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by VIAC for disputes arising from a hydropower project in Vietnam.
- Acting for an Ethiopian company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC and litigation before Beijing Fourth Intermediate Court in relation to disputes arising from an Ethiopian railway project.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC for disputes under an agency agreement for an environmental sanitation project in Vietnam.
- Acting for a WOFE solely owned by a Danish company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC in relation to disputes arising from a wind power plant in Henan Province.
- Acting for a WOFE solely owned by a Danish company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC in relation to disputes arising from a wind power plan in Jiangsu Province.
- Acting for an American company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC in relation to disputes arising from international trade of chemical products.
- Acting for a French company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC in relation to disputes arising from the engineering quality for a factory project for producing engines of airplanes at Suzhou.
- Acting for a Hong Kong company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC for disputes arising from payment issues of a design contract in a mansion renovation project at Beijing.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC for disputes arising from variation and payment issues in a light way project at Chongqing.
- Acting for a Taiwan company in an arbitration administered by CIETAC for disputes arising from a supply contract in relation to a bridge project in Taiwan.
- Acting for a South African company in an arbitration administered by BAC for disputes arising from a guarantee contract in relation to the acquisition of a mine in South Africa.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by BAC for disputes arising from payment issues in a main building project of a Chinese university.
- Acting for a Chinese company in an arbitration administered by BAC for disputes arising from agency issue in relation to an LNG project at Zhuhai.
- Acting for an Asian supplier in an arbitration administered by SHIAC for disputes arising from the supply of products for electric vehicles.
- before Inner Mongolia High Court and in an arbitration against the cooperation partner before Ordos Arbitration Committee for disputes arising from a real estate cooperation development contract.
- Acting for a cooperative developer in an arbitration administered by Ordos Arbitration and litigation before Inner Mongolia High

Court for disputes arising from a cooperative development agreement and project funds in the construction project contract in relation to a commercial plaza project at Ordos.

## Litigation

- Acting for a European supplier in a litigation for disputes arising from a synthetic ammonia air separation plant project in Henan Province.
- Acting for a Chinese company in a litigation for disputes arising from an EPC project of garbage power plant in Sichuan Province.
- Advising and acting for a Chinese company in a litigation for disputes arising from two EPC projects of garbage power plant in Hebei Province.
- Advising and acting for a Chinese company in a litigation for disputes arising from an EPC project of garbage power plant in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.
- Advising and developing strategies an overseas branch of a Chinese commercial bank in a litigation for disputes arising from independent bond fraud in relation to a foreign-related demand bond and counter-guarantee.
- Acting for a European supplier in a court preservation proceeding under the Mainland and Hong Kong Interim Measures Arrangement in arbitration proceeding for disputes arising out of a power plant in a Central European country.
- Acting for a Chinese company before Shandong Province High Court in a litigation for disputes arising from payment issue in a chemical project in Shandong Province.
- Acting for a Chinese company for a pipeline project in Ordos in administrative review and public hearing against seven local tax bureaus regarding farmland use tax issues.
- Acting for a Dutch company before Putian Intermediate Court and Fujian Province High Court in an administrative litigation for tax issues in an LNG project at Zhuhai.
- Acting for a Singaporean company in litigations before Zhuhai Intermediate Court and Fujian Province High Court against two subcontractors for disputes arising from payment issue in a plant.
- Acting for a Chinese company before Chengdu Intermediate Court in a litigation for disputes arising from payment and delay issues in two main buildings of a university at Chengdu, Sichuan province.
- Acting for a Hong Kong designer before Chengdu Intermediate Court in a litigation for disputes arising from payment issue in designing a hotel project.
- Acting for an Australian company before Zhejiang Jinhua Intermediate Court in a litigation for disputes arising out of supply contract of KN95 masks.
- Acting for a Malaysian design company before Tianjin Heping District Court in a litigation for disputes arising from design contract in relation to a large-scale deep-sea project.
- Acting for a German WFOE before Beijing Changping District Court in a litigation for disputes arising from supply of accessory products for vehicles.
- Acting for a Chinese company before Beijing Changping District Court in a litigation for disputes arising from quality and payment issue in a refined decoration project.
- Acting for a retailer of Denmark in a litigation before Beijing Fengtai District Court for disputes arising from an agency agreement.
- Acting for a Chinese company before Haikou Maritime Court for disputes arising from an artificial island project.
- Acting for a German WFOE in a litigation before Dashiqiao Court for disputes arising from a magnesium mine factory project.
- Acting for a private fund company in enforcing a Shanghai Arbitration Commission award before Beijing Third Intermediate Court.

## Claims and others

- Advising a Chinese company on claims of extension of time and issues in defects notice period for a project in Botswana.

- Advising a Chinese company on claims of extension of time, obtaining of the taking-over certificate for a project in Russia and acting for the same company on the bond injunction case before Beijing High Court.
- Advising a Chinese company on claims of extension of time and variation for a power transmission and transformation project in Congo (Brazzaville).
- Advising a Chinese company on an insurance claim against the insurer for a power transmission and transformation project in Central African Republic.
- Advising a Chinese company in World Bank sanction proceeding.
- Advising a WOFE solely owned by a Danish company on several wind power plants in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.
- Advising a Chinese Company on disputes arising from purchase of a production line from an Italian supplier and in the subsequent insolvency proceedings of the Italian supplier.

## Education

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LL.M. on Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, Queen Mary

Juris Master on Intellectual Property Law, Peking University

LL.B. (secondary degree), Fudan University

B.S. on Polymer Science (major degree), Fudan University

## Admissions

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PRC Bar

## Language

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Chinese、English