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Capabilities

Mergers and Acquisitions
Private Equity

Credentials

Education

Georgetown University - 2016 Juris Doctor
Beijing Foreign Studies University - 2013 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar
- Registered Foreign Lawyer (New York)

Zhiyao Li is an of counsel in the Hong Kong office of Gibson Dunn. He is a member of the firm's Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity Practice Groups. Zhiyao advises global and Asian companies and investment funds on cross-border M&A transactions, strategic acquisitions and investments, private equity transactions, pre-IPO financings, joint ventures, going private transactions, PIPEs, and other securities and general corporate matters. He also advises clients on cross-border compliance and regulatory matters.

Zhiyao is recognized as a recommended lawyer for Corporate (including M&A) by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*.

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Zhiyao worked at a major Chinese TMT company as a senior legal counsel in Beijing and at two other leading international law firms as an associate in Hong Kong and Beijing.

Zhiyao received his Juris Doctor in 2016 from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a member of the Dean's List. While in law school, he served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Stefan R. Underhill in the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut and a legal extern at the Federal Trade Commission and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Zhiyao received his Bachelor of Arts in 2013 from Beijing Foreign Studies University.

Zhiyao is admitted to practice in New York. He is native in Mandarin and fluent in English.

Representative Matters*

- The Special Committee of Chindata, one of China's largest data center providers, in its US$3.2 billion take-private transaction by a buyer consortium led by Bain Capital.
- The Special Committee of Dada Nexus Limited in the company's going-private transaction by an affiliate of JD.com, Inc., valuing the company at US$520 million.
- The Special Committee of Bright Scholar Education Holdings Limited in the company's going-private transaction.
- The buyer consortium in the going-private transaction of O_2Micro International Limited.
- CPE in its sale of a majority stake in Acotec, a Chinese medical technology company publicly listed in Hong Kong, to Boston Scientific, through a US$520 million partial offer.
- Alcon in its equity investment in and product license-out to Ocumension, a Chinese ophthalmic pharmaceutical platform company publicly listed in Hong Kong.
- Tencent in various matters, including:

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    - investment in the Series F funding round of Kuaishou Technology as the lead investor and other pre-IPO equity investments in multiple companies;
    - strategic investment in JD.com and renewal of their existing strategic cooperation agreement;
    - PIPE investment in Pinduoduo.
- GOJEK in various matters, including:
    - business combination with Tokopedia to form GoTo Group;
    - investments by Facebook, PayPal, Google, Tencent and other investors in GoPay;
    - Series F funding round led by Google, JD.com and Tencent.
- ADC Therapeutics in its joint venture with Overland Pharmaceuticals.
- Cornell Capital in its investment in Lorom.
- Heineken in its strategic partnership with China Resources.
- Unitas Capital in the sale of Jiahao Foods to Huabao International Holdings.
- Temasek in multiple investments in private companies.
- A major French agricultural company on establishing a joint venture in China.
- A leading Chinese internet company in its joint venture with a global automobile company.
- A consortium consisting of a private equity fund and a pharmaceutical company in a bid for the acquisition of a leading international pharmaceutical company's China business.
- A leading Chinese household product company in a bid for the acquisition of a household product company in the U.S.
- A leading Chinese internet company in its participation in a consortium to bid for the acquisition of a leading international wholesale company’s Chinese business.
- A global financial services company in its joint venture with a Chinese online payment company.

* Includes matters handled prior to joining Gibson Dunn.

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