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Practice Areas

Arbitration, Banking, Engineering & Construction, Financial Services, Intellectual Property, International, International Arbitration, Securities

Sean Yuan serves as a mediator of the Shanghai Commercial Mediation Center (SCMC) and China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC). He has also handled cases on behalf of domestic and international clients in the Supreme Court of China, CIETAC, Hong Kong International Arbitration Center (HKIAC) and the Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC). He resolves transnational legal disputes, primarily involving international trade and international investment in China.

Mr. Yuan is a senior partner of the Hui Ye Law Firm in Shanghai and conducts business in Shanghai, Hong Kong and San Francisco. His main areas of practice are international trade, transnational investment, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, engineering and construction in the Chinese market, bank loans and securities trading. His working languages are English, Chinese and Cantonese.

ADR Experience and Qualifications

- CIETAC arbitrator and mediator
- Arbitrator for Arbitration Center Across the Straits (Including Hong Kong Taiwan and Macao)
- SCMC mediator
- Handled dozens of arbitrations and mediations, 80 percent of which are disputes between international companies (or their subsidiaries in China) and Chinese companies
- Member of the team that helped SCMC become affiliated with JAMS
- Mediated disputes involving the China steel trade market, securities, futures trading and international trade
- Arbitrated cases involving the sale of foreign products in the Chinese market, trade disputes of the international luxury brands in China, construction disputes between the mainland and a Hong Kong engineering and construction company, and matters involving Chinese exports

Representative Matters

International Investment

- Overseas brands acquisition on behalf of the largest automobile group in China
- Investments in the United States and Europe on behalf of one of the largest pharmaceutical groups in China
- Acquisition of a Chinese steel corporation on behalf of overseas clients
- Overseas brands acquisition on behalf of the largest automobile group in China
- Investment in the United States and Europe on behalf of one of the largest pharmaceutical groups in China
- Investment in a hotel management group in China on behalf of overseas clients
- Investments in mining and energy in north China on behalf of overseas clients (the target amount of investment was ranked in the top 10 in the annual list of China's foreign investments)
- Equity disputes in Hong Kong on behalf of the largest frozen-food supply chain company in Fujian

- Investment equity disputes in China on behalf of Hong Kong clients in the SIAC
- Equity transaction disputes in Switzerland on behalf of the Chinese clients

International Trade

- Automobile sales disputes in Arabia on behalf of the largest automobile group in China
- Iron ore foreign trade disputes in Australia on behalf of one of the largest mining groups in China
- International trade disputes in Japan on behalf of one of the largest steel trade companies in China

Intellectual Property

- Acquisition of proprietary technology and development of technology in Germany on behalf of the largest automobile group in China
- Trademark tort litigation in China on behalf of the biggest paint group in Japan

Mergers and Acquisition

- Completion of an equity investment in an Internet sales enterprise on behalf of one of China's largest daily chemical enterprises, working with China's biggest Internet enterprise

Honors, Memberships and Professional Activities

Haworth & Lexon Law Firm, where Mr. Yuan previously served as a chief partner, was listed in Legal Asia 500 for ten consecutive years, 2003–2013

Background and Education

- Senior Partner, Hui Ye Law Firm, Shanghai
- Qualified to practice law in China and Hong Kong as a foreign lawyer, 2009–2016.
- LL.M., University of Technology, Sydney, 2009
- LL.B., Fudan University, 1991