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Professional Experience

Mr. Zhu's Corporate and M&A practice focuses on legal and compliance solution for business digitalization, the investment and financing, corporate and M&A, and compliance in the domestic and cross-border third-party payment, integrated payment, Internet e-commerce, cross-border e-commerce, bank card clearing, Fintech, and other digital economy and Internet or pan-financial areas, advising Chinese-funded and foreign-funded payment institutions, Internet e-commerce platforms and other online platforms, SAAS software service providers, integrated payment companies, private equity funds and financial institutions on various projects in such areas. For example, Mr. Zhu worked on the several earliest foreign investment projects, cooperation projects in China, application for payment licenses, optimization of product design and other compliance projects in the payment sector, representing several well-known foreign-funded payment companies such as PayPal in connection with their market entry and establishment of presence and operations in the third party payment sector in China, the joint venture project of Visa for the bank card clearing license, the cross-border insurance payment project of CITIC Bank and PAYECO, and AIRBNB's project of setting up domestic and cross-border payment channels, and advised various other platforms on compliance review, structural optimization and compliance solutions in respect of "second clearing" or fund clearing and settlement. Mr. Zhu's Corporate practice also include general corporate, M&A, foreign direct investment, overseas investment, joint venture, private equity investment and exit, liquidation, pre-IPO investment and restructuring and QDII in industries such as financial services, real estate, medical, energy, manufacturing, food, electronic products, chemicals, TMT, wealth and asset management and entertainment.

Mr. Zhu's Banking and Finance practice includes cross-border and domestic financing, representing Chinese-funded and foreign-funded financial institutions and borrowers on various types of bank financing projects, including bilateral and syndicated loans, acquisition financing, real estate development financing, working capital loans, seller financing, financing for privatization and delisting, refinancing and debt restructuring, and Mr. Zhu has worked on several high-profile projects, such as the financing project for Tianqi Lithium's acquisition of SQM which won the award "Finance Deal of the Year: Acquisitions" of The Asia Legal Awards, the financing project for Geely's acquisition of Volvo, the NYSE delisting financing project of Golden Meditech, and the cross-border seller financing project for the sale by Cheung Kong Holdings of domestic assets. In addition, Mr. Zhu also has expertise in other types of compliance cases and special financing projects of financial institutions, such as the optimization of the equity structure of private banks, white-collar crimes in the banking industry, bank compliance investigations, cross-border recovery of misappropriated funds, review of structured finance products, cross-border art exhibitions and auctions and its security arrangements for financing.

Prior to joining JunHe, Mr. Zhu worked for years at various top tier international law firms.

Education

J.D., Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
 LL.B., East China University of Political Science and Law

Professional Associations

New York State Bar

Language Skills

Mandarin and English

