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Education

J.D., University of Michigan
Law School, 2012 (*cum laude*)

B.A., Peking University, 2009

Bar Admissions

Hong Kong

New York

Languages

English

Mandarin

Siyu Zhang's practice focuses on investigations, litigations and government enforcement actions. She is experienced in handling multijurisdictional regulatory investigations and in working with clients to implement and enhance their compliance programs.

Ms. Zhang has over a decade of experience representing Chinese and Southeast Asian companies in internal investigations and criminal and regulatory inquiries by the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange, Nasdaq and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Ms. Zhang also counsels U.S. and Chinese companies that are dual-listed in the U.S. and Hong Kong in responding to regulatory inquiries by the Securities & Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

In addition, she leverages her extensive prior experience as a corporate lawyer in advising clients on conducting compliance due diligence reviews and counseling on regulatory and compliance risks with regard to a wide range of corporate transactions, including initial public offerings, bond issuances and mergers and acquisitions.

Ms. Zhang has also represented Chinese companies listed in the U.S. in multiple federal securities class actions.

Ms. Zhang's experience (including prior to joining Skadden) includes advising Chinese and multinational companies from various industries, including technology, media and entertainment, automobiles, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, education and financial services. These matters have included:

- resolving enforcement actions brought by U.S. and Hong Kong regulators
- conducting internal investigations involving allegations of fraud, bribery, bid-rigging, insider trading and embezzlement by employees
- conducting compliance due diligence reviews in commercial transactions and establishing or improving compliance programs involving anti-bribery and corruption, cybersecurity and data privacy, sanctions, insider trading avoidance, anti-money laundering and anti-harassment
- defending China-based companies in putative class actions brought under U.S. federal securities laws, including winning dismissals and favorable settlements for companies such as Weibo, Dada Nexus Limited, Pintec Technology Holdings Limited, Jianpu Technology, Inc., Pinduoduo Inc., LexinFintech Holdings Ltd., New Oriental Education, TAL Education and iDreamSky
- advising multinational companies on compliance with U.S. sanctions regulations
- advising U.S.-based cryptocurrency trading platforms and private funds on crypto regulations and cybersecurity and data privacy issues under Hong Kong law

Prior to joining Skadden in 2017, Ms. Zhang worked at a leading U.K. international law firm in Hong Kong. Earlier in her career, she interned at the Enforcement Division of the SEC in Washington, D.C.

Selected Publications

“JPEX Is Test Case for Hong Kong’s New Regulatory Regime for Virtual Asset Exchanges,” *Skadden Publication*, November 7, 2023

“China Intends To Ease Controls Over Cross-Border Data Transfers,” *Skadden Publication*, November 7, 2023

“Navigating PRC Data Laws in Cross-Border Disputes,” *Financier Worldwide*, July 2023

“New PRC Regulations on Cross-Border Transfer of Data,” *Skadden Publication*, August 23, 2022

“China’s New Data Security and Personal Information Protection Laws: What They Mean for Multinational Companies,” *Skadden Publication*, November 3, 2021

“The Long Arm of US Law: Implications for Hong Kong Companies,” *Chartered Secretaries Journal*, December 5, 2014