# Siyu Zhang

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## Asia Pacific Counsel, Hong Kong

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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

Mandarir

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 extensive experience conducting compliance due diligence reviews and advising clients on regulatory and compliance risks on a wide range of transactions, including initial public offerings, bond issuances, and mergers and acquisitions. She also represents Chinese companies listed in the U.S. in multiple federal securities class actions.

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

- resolving enforcement actions brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the U.S. Department of Justice and other enforcement agencies
- conducting internal investigations regarding business operations in China involving allegations of fraud, bribery, bid-rigging, insider trading and embezzlement by employees
- conducting compliance due diligence reviews in commercial transactions and establishing and improving compliance programs and policies involving anti-bribery and corruption, sanctions, insider trading avoidance, anti-money laundering and anti-harassment
- advising multinational companies on compliance issues arising under U.S. economic sanctions laws, particularly regarding U.S. sanctions programs for Cuba, China, South Sudan and Myanmar
- 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, Pintec Technology Holdings Limited, Jianpu Technology, Inc., Pinduoduo Inc., LexinFintech Holdings Ltd., New Oriental Education, TAL Education and iDreamSky
- advising U.S.-based cryptocurrency trading platforms on regulatory risks 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, Arps, Slate, Meagher* & *Flom LLP*, November 7, 2023

"China Intends To Ease Controls Over Cross-Border Data Transfers," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, 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, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, August 23, 2022

"China's New Data Security and Personal Information Protection Laws: What They Mean for Multinational Companies," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, November 3, 2021

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