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Professional Background

Jessie Yao graduated from Shanghai Jiao Tong University with a bachelor's degree in Law and a master's degree in International Law. After her graduation Jessie Yao went to New York University School of Law to pursue further studies and earned the LL.M. degree. Jessie Yao is admitted to practice law in the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the United States (New York State). She has extensive work experience in leading international law firms such as Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom (Beijing Office) and Baker & McKenzie (Beijing Office). Jessie Yao has provided full process of legal services for certain companies listed in the Fortune Global 500 in area of investment acquisition and compliance within China such as BP Pfizer GE etc. She also has provided full process of legal services for large state-owned enterprises and private enterprises in the area of cross-border mergers and acquisitions such as CNOOC Petro China China North Industries Group SIMIC Group Higer Bus BGI etc. She has provided legal services for investment and financing of some well-known private equity institutions including New Horizon Blackstone Group Sequoia Capital De Tong Capital Innoangel fund Yi Fang Group etc. She has issued legal opinions for a number of private fund management institutions and served as perennial legal counsel for certain famous companies. She has provided foreign legal services to Export-Import Bank of China Shanghai Branch Bank of Communications Shanghai Branch etc. Jessie Yao also has research and practical service experience in emerging legal fields such as artificial intelligence bio-medicine new energy vehicles and data compliance. Jessie Yao have been awarded as an Up and Coming Lawyer on the "Corporate/Commercial" List of Chambers Asia-Pacific/Greater China Region Guide 2020-2022 "Corporate/M&A" List of Chambers Global Guide 2022 the Practice Head on the "Corporate/M&A" List of The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Guide 2022 and was named one of the Top 10 Outstanding Young Lawyers in Shanghai Pudong New District. Jessie Yao has been invited to be the guest speaker of the Shanghai Commission of Commerce East China University of Political Science and Law Shenzhen Private Equity Chamber Intelligence Forum and other forums multiple times.

Social Activities

Part-time Master Supervisor of Kaiyuan Law School of Shanghai Jiaotong University
Practice Professor of Law School of Shanghai University of Political Science and Law
Member of International Investment Committee of Shanghai Bar Association
Independent Director of Shanghai Stock Exchange

Honors and Awards

2022.02 | Up and Coming Lawyer on the "Corporate/M&A (PRC Firms)" List of Chambers Global Guide 2022 | Chambers and Partners
2022.01 | the Practice Head on the "Corporate/M&A: PRC Firms
Tier 5" List of The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Guide 2022 | The Legal 500
2022.01 | Up and Coming Lawyer on the "Corporate/M&A (PRC Firms)" List of Chambers Greater China Region Guide 2022 | Chambers and Partners
2022.01 | Up and Coming Lawyer on the "Corporate/Commercial: Shanghai (PRC Firms)" List of Chambers Greater China Region Guide 2022 | Chambers and Partners
2021.01 | Up and Coming Lawyer on the "Corporate/Commercial: East Coast: Shanghai (PRC Firms)" List of Chambers Asia-Pacific Guide 2021 | Chambers and Partners
2020.11 | Top Ten Outstanding Young Lawyers in Pudong New Area of Shanghai | The Pudong New Area Judicial Bureau
2019.12 | Up and Coming Lawyer on the "Corporate/Commercial: East Coast: Shanghai (PRC Firms)" List of Chambers Asia-Pacific Guide 2020 | Chambers and Partners

