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PRACTICE AREA

WILLIAM YANG SPECIALIZES IN COMPLEX COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL LITIGATION, ARBITRATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISPOSAL OF NON-PERFORMING ASSETS, LIQUIDATION AND RESTRUCTURING. THE PRIMARY SCOPE OF HIS PRACTICE INCLUDES: FINANCIAL DISPUTES CONCERNING SECURITIES, FUND, BANKING, TRUST, AND ASSET MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENT, COMPANY EQUITY AND CONTROL DISPUTES, JOINT VENTURE AND M&A DISPUTES, INTERNATIONAL TRADE DISPUTES, REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING DISPUTES, WITH THE TOTAL AMOUNT IN DISPUTES EXCEEDING CNY 100 BILLION.

Education

- China University of Political Science and Law, LL.B., 2005
- China University of Political Science and law, International Economic Law, LL.M., 2008
- Peking University, Guanghua School of Management, EMBA, 2025

Professional Qualification

- Admitted to practice in the PRC

Professional Background

- William Yang joined Fangda as a senior partner in 2020. Before joining the firm, he worked at another two leading Chinese firms and was an Executive Partner of the Beijing Office of one of them.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS AND CASES

Landmark Cases

- Represented a well-known financial institution in the first Chinese case of false statements in the interbank bond market and the No. 1 case accepted by the Beijing Financial Court since its establishment (recognized as one of the "Top Ten Cases of the PRC People's Courts in 2023").
- Represented multiple well-known securities companies, commercial banks, credit rating agencies, and other securities/bond intermediaries in dozens of notable cases of securities false statements in financial and capital market, including the cases concerning Wuyang Bond, Huachen Bond, Shengtong Bond, and Dajichuang Bond, etc., including China’s first internal recourse case among securities intermediaries and the first series of securities misrepresentation arbitration cases.
- Represented Wahaha in its disputes against Danone, which was China's largest series of joint venture and corporate control disputes, involving more than 50 litigation and arbitration proceedings across 7 jurisdictions with an amount in dispute exceeding USD 5 billion.
- Represented Hubei Gezhouba Sanlian Industrial Co., Ltd. and Hubei Pinghu Cruise Co., Ltd. in a product liability dispute against Robinson Helicopter Company, Inc. The case was the first PRC court judgment recognized and enforced by a U.S. court in history.
- Represented a well-known cross-border enterprise group in a complex equity and company control dispute against its business partner, with an amount in dispute around CNY 30 billion.
- Represented a private equity fund investor in China’s first subrogation arbitration case by a limited partner against a third party outside the partnership. The case is a landmark case about extension of the effect of arbitration agreement.
- Represented a securities company in China's first case initiated by subscribers against managers of asset-backed

securities for their alleged negligence.

Financial Disputes and Disposal of Non-Performing Assets

- Represented multiple well-known listed companies, capital market intermediaries or corporate directors, supervisors, and senior management in securities-related proceedings before China Security Regulatory Commission and its local bureaus including administrative penalty hearings, administrative reconsideration, etc.
- Represented a number of reputable banks and trusts, funds or investment institutions in multiple litigation and arbitration cases in relation to financial disputes, enforcement proceedings, bankruptcy proceedings or projects for the disposal of non-performing assets, involving crucial and complex work in all stages including judicial appraisal, auction, sale, offsetting debts, enforcement objection, etc.
- Represented a well-known foreign financial institution in suitability obligation litigation proceedings brought by investors regarding financial product sales, and obtained a favorable judgment fully exonerating the financial institution. The case is a representative case defining the boundary of financial institutions' suitability obligations since the Minutes of the National Court Work Conference for Civil and Commercial Trials came into effect.
- Represented a large financial institution in initiating a special procedure for security interests against a guarantor, obtained a favorable court ruling, and conducted judicial auction and disposal of the listed company's shares pledged by the guarantor.
- Represented a well-known investment institution in valuation adjustment mechanism and performance compensation litigation proceedings before Beijing Intermediate Court, Beijing High Court and the Supreme People's Court, obtaining a full victory with a dispute amount exceeding CNY 1 billion.
- Provided comprehensive legal services in fund disputes to leading private equity clients including but not limited to HongShan Capital, IDG Capital, DCP Capital, Primavera Capital, Goldman Sachs, Carlyle Group, CICC and China Reform, concerning investment/financing and Valuation Adjustment Mechanism disputes, investor suitability disputes, disputes between GP and LP, trust disputes, and fund exit and liquidation, etc.
- Represented multiple leading asset management companies in complex financial and non-performing assets dispute resolution and judicial disposal projects.

Complex Commercial Disputes

- Represented a number of notable enterprises and organizations such as China Reform, China Power Engineering Consulting Group, China Energy Engineering, Sinochem Group, APT Satellite, Beijing Capital Group, BBMG Group, Lei Shing Hong Group, HKEX, and their affiliates in cases concerning investment disputes, corporate and equity disputes, trade disputes, construction engineering disputes, etc.
- Represented China Development Bank in a series of litigation and arbitration cases concerning cross-border independent bank guarantee disputes with a total dispute amount exceeding USD 70 million.
- Represented a reputable online gaming company in the first batch of Chinese litigation cases involving the Foreign Investment Law after it came into effect concerning share entrustment agreements and shareholder qualification disputes, with a dispute amount in hundreds of millions of CNY.
- Represented a minority shareholder in China’s first case involving dissolution of the controlling shareholder of a listed company arising from shareholders’ lack of collaboration
- Represented a large listed company in a series of litigations against a real estate company concerning joint real estate development disputes with an amount in dispute of over CNY 2 billion.
- Represented an A+H share listed company in a dispute against a large SOE arising out of a real estate purchase agreement with an amount in dispute in the hundreds of millions of CNY.
- Represented a number of reputable construction enterprises in litigation cases before several High People's Courts and the Supreme People's Court and/or arbitration cases concerning construction disputes with a total amount in the hundreds of millions of CNY.

Cross-Border Disputes

- Represented a reputable domestic pharmaceutical company against an American company in an AAA international arbitration arising out of intellectual property and confidentiality agreements.
- Represented a large Chinese SOE in an HKIAC arbitration arising out of a cross-border service agreement with an amount in dispute in the hundreds of millions of USD.
- Represented a well-known investment fund in a VAM repurchase dispute arbitration at HKIAC under a red-chip investment structure, with a dispute amount over USD 50 million. It is a landmark case in HKIAC's history where a third party successfully joined an existing arbitration proceeding.
- Represented a prominent Japanese corporation in a SIAC arbitration arising out of a series of contracts for the international sale of goods against a large PRC state-owned iron and steel enterprise.
- Represented a group of 10 Chinese trade companies in disputes against a foreign shipping company concerning Rule B maritime attachment orders before the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Honors and Awards

- Chambers and Partners, Asia and Pacific and Greater China Region Guide, listed as "Recommended Lawyer" in the areas of "dispute resolution: litigation" and "securities: litigation" (2022 to present)
- Asialaw Profiles, listed as "Notable Practitioner" in the field of Dispute Resolution (2016 to present)
- Asian Legal Business, named as one of China Top 15 Litigators (2019)
- China Business Law Journal, named as a member of China Top 100 A-list Lawyers (2017)

Professional Affiliations

- Arbitrators at Beijing Arbitration Commission, Shanghai International Arbitration Center, and other arbitration institutions
- Commercial Arbitration Commission of the 11th Beijing Lawyers Association, Vice Director
- China University of Political Science and Law, Adjunct Supervisor for Juris Master students