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### PRACTICE AREAS

MR. TAO SPECIALIZES IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR FINANCE, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL PROPERTY MATTERS, PROVIDING BOTH COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION AND LITIGATION SERVICES. HE ALSO PROVIDES HIS CLIENTS WITH ADVICE ON GENERAL CORPORATE MATTERS.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS AND CASES

#### Dispute Resolution

- Represented a renowned international bank in CIETAC arbitration and in related litigation in disputes about financial derivatives
- Represented a renowned domestic fund in SHIAC arbitration with investors
- Represented a renowned offshore fund in SAC arbitration in share purchase disputes with a target company
- Represented the shareholder of a foreign-invested hospital in CIETAC arbitration to lift a share pledge
- Represented an offshore vessel owner company in the recognition and enforcement procedure for the foreign arbitral awards it obtained against its charter
- Represented a world-renowned high-end hotel management company in enforcing an arbitration award and in responding to the counterparty's non-enforcement application
- Represented a renowned domestic securities company in litigation over stock-pledged repurchase transaction disputes and margin trading disputes
- Represented a renowned domestic securities company in litigation against the controller of the listed company regarding a new type of tort

- Represented a renowned domestic securities company in enforcing a writ of notarial creditor's rights in a stock-pledged repurchase transaction and in litigating against the issuer and the pledger for the disposal right to the pledged stock
- Represented a renowned domestic securities company in litigation to recover the underlying assets in an ABS project over which the company was serving as administrator, with representation including designing the litigation strategy and coordinating with foreign firms
- Represented a domestic securities company in litigation brought by investors seeking compensation from the administrator's responsibilities in an ABS project
- Represented the founders of an advertising firm in arbitration against an acquiring firm over a valuation adjustment mechanism VAM payment dispute
- Represented creditors, shareholders and management in various disputes over shareholder liability for damaging creditor interests
- Represented a renowned international warehousing facilities developer as well as state-owned listed companies and well-known domestic stadium operators in their respective arbitration and litigation over lease disputes with the lessees
- Represented leading supermarket chains and commercial companies in their respective litigation and arbitration over lease disputes with landlords
- Represented a renowned international energy company in arbitration with contractors
- Represented a listed state-owned real property company and a foreign-invested hospital in their respective litigation defending claims brought by contractors
- Represented a renowned domestic real property developer in litigation over SPV share purchase disputes and other related disputes

#### General Corporate

- Advising China Trust Protection Fund Co., Ltd. on daily legal affairs
- Advising a local bank on loan compliance
- Advising Financial Street Holdings Co., Ltd. and mall developers on property leasing and related negotiations
- Advising Citi Bank on national security review and lease review
- Advising as the vendor's attorney a state-owned listed real property developer on its real property sales

- Advising real estate developers on land transfer fee disputes with the government
- Advising real estate developers on drafting and revising their lease templates
- Handling build-to-suit leases for a renowned international school and a pharmaceutical manufacturer
- Advising Goldman Sachs on dispute resolution for its equity investments
- Advising an international film distributor on its promotion and distribution of imported movies
- Advising an internationally renowned game developer on its copyright infringement claims
- Advising a multinational manufacturing company on handling dawn raids and antitrust investigations by the NDRC

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Education**

- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M.
- East China University of Political Science and Law, LL.M.
- East China University of Political Science and Law, LL.B.

### **Professional Qualification**

- Admitted to practice in the PRC
- Admitted to practice in New York

### **Work Language**

- Mandarin
- English

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Arbitrator of Hefei Arbitration Commission

### **Professional Background**

Before joining Fangda, Mr. Tao worked on the capital markets team at Junhe Law Offices.