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After more than 10 years living and working in Switzerland, I have a good knowledge of Europe, especially when it comes to Swiss culture, values and ways of thinking. My ability to comparatively read the legal systems, proficiency in multilingualism, and pragmatic approach to problem-solving, could support your business and dispute resolution in China.

Cheng Chen graduated from the University of Fribourg (BLaw & MLaw) in Switzerland and has a lawyer license issued by the Chinese State. Proficient in Chinese, German and English, he has practicing experience of nearly 18 years, during which he provided legal services in corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, litigation and arbitration for numerous European companies. Meanwhile, as the only lawyer recommended by the Embassy of China in Switzerland and also suggested by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland, he has assisted many Chinese state-owned and private companies in their investments and acquisitions in Switzerland. As he regularly advises on both inbound and outbound investment, he can provide value to his clients when it comes to strategic decision-making, contractual negotiation and structural planning.

Cheng Chen has extensive experience in Joint-Ventures ("JV") in China. He regularly represents Western and Chinese clients in major JV and JV-Exit projects in connection with investment in or divestment from China including JV litigations up to the Supreme Court of China as well as JV Arbitrations held domestically and abroad.

Based on his experience and expertise in both consulting and dispute resolution on international sales agreement, distribution agreement as well as investment and JV agreement, he is listed as Arbitrator at Dalian International Arbitration Center in China.

Expertise

White-collar crime, mutual legal assistance, internal investigations, crisis management, and compliance

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Dispute Resolution and Litigation

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Board of Directors

- Member of several Boards of Directors or Boards of Supervisors of small and mid-sized companies, Sino-European Joint Ventures and of various professional associations

Career

- Since April 2015
  Of Counsel, Kellerhals Carrard, in Shanghai
- 2010–2015
  Wenfei Attorneys-at-Law LTD., Shanghai
- 2007–2010
  Wenfei Attorneys-at-Law LTD., Zurich
- 2006–2007
  Wenger & Vieli AG, Zurich

Memberships

- All China Lawyers Association (ACLA)
- Shanghai Bar Association (SBA)
- AJIA (International Young Lawyers‘ Association)
- Swiss Chamber of Commerce Shanghai
- Legal Counsel Committee of Kunshan, Jiangsu Province, China

Education

- 2001-2006
  lic. iur., University of Fribourg

Other Activities

- Arbitrator of Dalian International Arbitration Center
- Arbitrator at FDI Moot Shenzhen since 2021
- Arbitrator at Moot Shanghai since 2021
- National Representative of AIJA (International Association of Young Lawyers) for China
- Legal Counsel of the Chinese Association of Science and Technology, Switzerland
- Overseas member of the Legal Counsel Committee of Kunshan Returned Overseas Chinese Association
- Director of the Shanghai Overseas Returned Scholars Association and Chairman of Swiss Chapter
- Instructor of Practical Training for LL.M. Program, East China University of Political Science and Law
- Panellist “Go Global in Switzerland - How Switzerland can make you successful globally", 11 July 2024, 4th Edition of “So Swiss!” collaborated by the Consulate General of Switzerland in Shanghai and the Foreign Affairs Office of Changzhou Municipality

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Languages

German, English, Chinese
