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EDUCATION

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, SOUTH ROYALTON, VT, U.S.A. LL.M. Fellow, Aug 2015- May. 2017
Relevant Coursework: Environmental Law, Climate Change, Energy Law and Policy, Water Quality Law, Natural Resources

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, NEW YORK, NY, U.S.A. LL.M., May 2009
Relevant Coursework: Corporate Law, Securities Regulations, Corporate Finance, Mergers and Acquisitions, Bankruptcy
Activities: Active member of New York University International Law Society

BEIJING FOREIGN STUDIES UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, BEIJING, CHINA LL.B., June 2008
Honors:
Excellent Graduate of Beijing, 2008 (*award for the best undergraduate of Beijing*)
National Scholarship of China, 2004-2007 (*academic and social practice based award for the best student of BFSU*)

BAR ADMISSION New York

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, VT, U.S.A.

June 2020 – Present

Director of Partnerships and Innovation, Adjunct Professor

Cultivating and maintaining partnerships between Vermont Law School (VLS) and other educational institutions, corporations, NGOs, and governmental organizations within the U.S. and worldwide; creating and deploying partner engagement strategy to increase enrollment, fit complement and maximize existing academic expertise and the mission of VLS; Building institutional product offerings including designing training courses, research projects, and revenue generating programs; Identifying new partner institutions and organizations and seeking emerging markets for international institutional growth; Working cross-functionally across institution and with external partners in applying, overseeing, and assessing grant-funded projects. Leveraging and engaging the VLS community including the alumni and employer networks to foster innovation, collaboration, and assessing unmet needs in the workplace. Partnerships maintained and developed cover U.S. colleges and schools, Chinese universities, governmental and judicial organizations both in the U.S. and in China, and Foundations and NGOs.

Selected Research: Comparative U.S.- China Environmental Crimes; Comparative Illegal Timber Legislation Mechanisms; U.S.- China Environmental Impact Assessment Mechanisms; Comparative U.S.-China Environmental Public Interest Litigation; Procuratorial Public Interest Litigation.

Course Taught: Transnational Environmental Law Practicum

CLIENTEARTH CHINA OFFICE, Beijing, China

December 2018 – March 2020

Lawyer

Strategically developing and overseeing legal programs; Implementing series of cooperation activities with Chinese government and the judiciary, including the Supreme People's Court (SPC) and the

Supreme People's Procuratorate (SPP), and the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE); Developing relationships with and applying for grants from international funders and cooperative institutions; Conducting legal researches in cooperation with Chinese judiciaries and MEE on comparative studies between the U.S. and China, and Europe and China; Designing and supervising environmental judicial exchange and training programs for judges, procurators, and law enforcement officers; Providing legal advice on day-to-day operations; Drafting and reviewing contracts and legal documentations.

U.S- ASIA PARTNERSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, VT. U.S.A

Aug. 2015 – December 2018

LL.M. Fellow (Aug. 2015-May 2017), Assistant Director (May 2017-Dec. 2018)

Designing projects, applying for funding, and conducting post-program evaluation of projects in the areas of environmental law, environmental public interest litigation, and civil society development; Managing communication and maintaining cooperative relationship with a range of program partners, including high-level government officials, academics, environmental advocates and practitioners, local and international NGOs; Supervising and overseeing implementation of projects to meet program objectives; Supervising fellows and research associates in implementation of program projects; Developing new program initiatives and new strategic partnerships; Involving in teaching and research of VLS academic programs.

CHINA MINMETALS CORPORATION, Beijing, China

Aug. 2010 – July 2015

In-House Legal Counsel, Legal and Compliance Department

Managing and mitigating legal risks for the company (top 3 mining company in China) and its subsidiaries of various levels; Legal compliance services; Drafting, negotiating and reviewing contracts of various kinds, mainly involving inbound and outbound mergers and acquisitions deals, overseas investment, project finance etc.; Issuing legal opinions for mining investment projects and corporate governance related matters; Outside counsel selection and management; Drafting company bylaws and management regulations; Conducting due diligence for M&A projects; Working closely with oversea project outside counsel for local legal compliance, permit application matters, including mining related permit application in South Africa, Mauritania, and Brazil; Extensively and actively participating in both national and overseas M&A, and mines, energy and resources projects..

CLIFFORD CHANCE LLP, Hong Kong

Oct. 2009 – July. 2010

Paralegal, U.S. Capital Market Team

Participating in series of IPO and M&A transactions in various industries, including metals and mining, new energy, real estate, education, and consumer retail; Drafting and reviewing legal documents including prospectuses, shareholders agreements etc.; Participating in the issuance of zero interests bearing bond transactions; Conducting due diligence in a wind power generation IPO project.

THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S COURT OF CHINA, Beijing, China

July 2007 – Feb. 2008

Full-time Legal Intern/Project Manager, International Exchange and Cooperation Dept.

Drafting, reviewing, and translating project documents for cooperative judicial programs held between the judiciaries of China and other countries.

PUBLICATIONS

- “10 Landmark Climate Change Cases”, Danting Fan, Boya Jiang, Dimitri de Boer, Xiaoyu Zhang, ClientEarth case book, July 2022.
- “The Judicial Practice and Enlightenment of U.S. Watershed Governance and Public Interest Litigation”, translation author, *National Prosecutors' College Journal* 2020, Issue 28.

- “*Watershed Governance Mechanism under U.S. Cooperative Federalism*”, Jeffrey Clark, Jonathan Brightbill; and Xiaoyu Zhang, “*Chinese Prosecutors*” of 2019, Issue 08.
- “*CERCLA and U.S. Watershed Protection*”, Xiaoyu Zhang, “*Chinese Prosecutors*”, 2019, Issue 08.
- “*The Study on the Model of Prevention and Punishment of China’s Work-Related Crimes*” (2015), Henan University Press, translation author.
- “*The Study on the Development of China’s Procuratorial Culture and Management Model*” (2013), Henan University Press, translation author. (*the Excellence Price of Henan Provincial Social Science Research of the Year 2013*)
- “*The Study on China’s Prosecution and Appeal Procuratorate Management Model*” (2010), Henan University Press, co-author, (*the Excellence Price of Henan Provincial Social Science Research of the Year 2010*).
- “*On Format and Legislation of Labor Contract*”, “*China Legal Daily*”, Nov. 25, 2007.
- “*On Promoting a Harmonious Society from a Legal Perspective*”, “*China Legal Daily*”, July 28, 2007.
- “*The Memory of Songsban Mountain*” (2018), Henan University Press, translation author.
- “*A Chinese Anthology of 30 Prose Works of Songsban Mountain*” (2012), Henan University Press, translation author.
- “*100 Poems of Songsban Mountain*” (2011), Henan University Press, translation author.
- “*The Well Spring of Songsban Mountain*” (2011), Henan University Press, translation author.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “*U.S.-China Comparative Environmental Public Interest Litigation*”, lecture, Wilson College, April 2022.
- “*Introduction of China’s Environmental Governance*”, lecture, Dartmouth College, Feb., 2022
- “*Environmental Public Interest Litigation and Ecological Environmental Damages Liability Development in China*”, presenter, online seminar hosted by Winston & Strawn LLP, Oct 2021,
- “*U.S. Legal Professional Ethics and Practice*”, online lecture, Yango University, June 2021
- “*Introduction to CERCLA*”, online lecture, Huazhong Agricultural University, Dec, 2021
- “*Legal Careers and Application to the U.S. Law School*”, online lecture, Gansu University of Political Science and Law, Feb, 2021
- “*CERCLA and U.S. Watershed Protection*”, presenter, U.S.-China Watershed Governance and Public Interest Litigation Seminar, Zhengzhou, Henan, hosted by the National Prosecutors College of China, May, 2019
- “*The Development of China’s Environmental Public Interest Litigation*”, Presenter, Vermont Law School, April 2018