

## **XIAOYU ZHANG**

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### **EDUCATION**

**VERMONT LAW & GRADUATE SCHOOL, 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: Contract, Corporate Law, Securities Regulations, Corporate Finance, Mergers and Acquisitions, Bankruptcy, Negotiation  
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 AND GRADUATE SCHOOL, VT, U.S.A.**

June 2020 – Present

*Director of Partnerships, Adjunct Professor*

Cultivating and maintaining partnerships between Vermont Law and Graduate School (VLGS) and other universities, 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 VLGS. Organizing and participating events and activities to increase VLGS domestic and international students enrollment and international visiting scholar exchange. Building institutional product offerings including designing training courses and research projects. Designing new degree program and course syllabus to explore new market for VLGS. 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 VLGS community including the alumni and employer networks to foster innovation, collaboration, and assessing unmet needs in the workplace.

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; Climate Change and Just Transition 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 & GRADUATE 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 VLGS 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. Providing 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. Selecting and managing outside counsels. Drafting company bylaws and management regulations. Conducting due diligence for M&A projects. Working closely with overseas 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

*Associate, 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**

- “*To Promote Ecological Civilization through Procuratorial Public Interest Litigation in China*”, Xiaoyu Zhang, work in progress, April 2023.
- “*The New Roles of Chinese Procuratorates in Environmental Governance*”, Jinglin Song, Xiaoyu Zhang, work in progress, April 2023.
- “*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**

- “*Challenges and Opportunities Brought by China’s Foreign Legal Education Policy*”, 2023 International Education Abroad and LL.M. Administrators Conference, April 2023 (forthcoming)
- “*Introduction of U.S. Environmental Law*”, lecture, Shantou University, April 2023 (forthcoming)
- “*Case Study – CERCLA and Watershed Protection*”, lecture, Ningbo University, March 2023
- “*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