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Bonnie Kong is a partner in the Corporate practice of Paul Hastings and is based in the firm's Hong Kong office. Ms. Kong has considerable experience with Hong Kong public takeovers, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, reverse takeovers, IPOs, spin-offs, and securities and investment projects in the Greater China and Japan. Ms. Kong advises companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on general compliance matters under the Hong Kong Listing Rules and other companies and securities laws. She also advises asset management and investment management companies and private equity funds on SFC licensing and regulatory compliance matters. Prior to joining Paul Hastings, Ms. Kong has worked at the Hong Kong and Tokyo offices of other international law firms. She speaks fluent English, Mandarin and Cantonese, and conversational Japanese.

Recent Representations

Experience Mergers and Acquisitions

- Tongfang Securities Limited, on its US\$51 million subscription of interest in Haitong Freedom Multi-Tranche Bond Fund.
- China Smarter Energy Group Holdings Limited, an investment holding company principally engaged in the clean energy and investment businesses, on its US\$134 million acquisition of Ningxia Guxin Electricity Investment Company Limited, which owns a 300 MW grid-connected solar power project in Ningxia, China.
- Ningbo Meishan Bonded Port Area Chifeng Investment Management Co., Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong-listed New Focus Auto Tech Holdings Limited, in its proposed US\$104 million acquisition of 100% equity interests in Inner Mongolia Chuangying Automobile Co., Ltd.
- China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company and China COSCO Shipping Corporation Limited in the landmark restructuring, comprising a series of asset acquisitions and disposals among its parent companies and its subsidiaries. The restructuring represents a substantial reconfiguration of two of China's

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Practice Areas

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Admissions

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Languages

Chinese (Cantonese)
Chinese (Mandarin)
Japanese

Education

Tsinghua University, LL.B.
2009
University of Auckland,
B.Com. 2003
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2003

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leading state-owned enterprises which, on a combined basis, will become the world's fourth largest container-shipping company. This transaction was awarded "Deal of the Year 2016" by Asia Business Law Journal.

- Haitong International (BVI) Limited in its cash acquisition of Japaninvest Group PLC effected by means of a UK Scheme of Arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006. This marks the first UK Code takeover of a company listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange by a Hong Kong-listed entity, and involved the firm working with regulators in three jurisdictions and resolving complex issues that had never been considered before.
- Evergrande Real Estate Group Limited, China's second largest property developer by sales, in its US\$1.6 billion acquisition of Pioneer Time Investment Limited from Chinese Estates Holdings Limited. The principal asset of the target is a Grade A office and commercial building in the core area between Admiralty and Wan Chai in Hong Kong.
- Profit Plus Global Limited, a joint venture formed between China Everbright Limited and Everbright Real Estate Limited, in its US\$1.3 billion acquisition of all the shares of SEA (BVI) Limited, which indirectly owns Dah Sing Financial Center, a Grade A commercial building in Hong Kong.
- CDH Investments in its US\$744 million placing of shares in WH Group, the world's largest pork producer and processor. Morgan Stanley was the placing agent.
- CDH Investments in its US\$900 million sale of shares in WH Group, the owner of the world's largest pork producer and processor Smithfield Foods Inc.
- CDH Investments in its disposal of Hao Chang Limited, a company with equity interests in a PRC company which owns and operates two coal mines in the Shanxi Province in China, to Up Energy Development Group Limited for US\$400 million.
- New Focus Auto Tech Holdings Limited in its US\$46.15 million investment in Shenzhen Jiahong Trading Development Co., Ltd., a company which is principally engaged in car dealership business and other automobile-related businesses in the PRC.
- Tongfang Kontafarma Holdings Limited in its acquisition of certain interests in Beijing Ziguang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., a company which is principally engaged in the manufacturing and sales of prescription drugs, for US\$44 million.
- Alpha Professional Development Limited as the sole investor of the restructuring of a Hong Kong and Singapore listed company Z-Obee Holdings Limited. This transaction included US\$25.9 million of agreement arrangement, equity restructuring, share subscription, and public offering.
- China Strategic in its proposed acquisition of Taiwan Nan Shan Life Insurance

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from AIG for US\$2.15 billion.

- Digital Garage, a company whose shares are listed on the JASDAQ, in the US\$43 million pre-IPO investment of SMCC, Credit Saison and JCB in Econtext Asia Limited.
- San Want Media in its US\$23 million investment in ATV.
- Want Want Group in its investment in Iwatsuka Confectionery, whose shares are listed on the JASDAQ.

IPOs and Capital Markets

- Hong Kong Shanghai Alliance Holdings Limited, a Hong Kong-listed company, in its sale of Central Park, a 27-storey commercial building in Shanghai, to a leading private equity fund. (provided Hong Kong Capital Markets assistance)
- COSCO SHIPPING Development Co., Ltd. in its non-public issuance of US\$1.7 billion A shares to not more than 10 specific target subscribers, including China Shipping (Group) Company. The transaction involved several complex legal issues under the Takeovers Code.
- China Everbright Limited in its issuance of US\$600 million (RMB\$4 billion) panda bonds denominated in RMB.
- Daiwa Capital Markets and CCBI in the US\$200 million global offering of HDRs and secondary listing of SBI Holdings – the first Japanese company listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and offering HDRs.
- Econtext Asia in its US\$58 million global offering and spin-off listing from Digital Garage, Inc., whose shares are listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- A Japanese fashion apparel retailer in its proposed global offering and listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange – the first Japanese company proposing to list its shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.
- UBS and Merrill Lynch in the US\$2.06 billion global offering and spin-off listing of CITIC Dameng from CITIC Resources.
- UBS and BOCI in the US\$1.47 billion global offering and listing of Sinotrans Shipping.
- Want Want Group in its US\$1.05 billion global offering and listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.
- BYD Electronic in its US\$987 million global offering and spin-off listing from BYD Company.
- BNP Paribas in the US\$270 million global offering and spin-off listing of CITIC Telecom International Holdings Limited from CITIC Limited.
- Citigroup in the spin-off listing of Xinyi Solar from Xinyi Glass by way of introduction.
- Huadian Fuxin Energy Corporation, a leading diversified clean energy company in China, in its US\$222 million placing of its H shares. UBS, HSBC and Merrill Lynch Far East Limited were the underwriters.

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- New Focus Auto Tech Holdings Limited in its issue of US\$25 million convertible bonds due in 2017 to Haitong International Finance Products Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Haitong International Securities Group Limited.
- China Strategic in its US\$1 billion placing of convertible bonds and US\$508 million placing of shares.
- Allianz in its US\$1.59 billion placing of shares of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited (ICBC).
- ABN AMRO and BNP Paribas in the US\$162 million placing of shares of Peace Mark Holdings.
- Controlling shareholder of Want Want Group in the listing of US\$114 million DRs on the Taiwan Stock Exchange – the first DRs of a Hong Kong issuer listing in Taiwan.

General Corporate and Regulatory Compliance

- Advised companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, including COSCO SHIPPING Development Co., Ltd., Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited, Bank of China Limited, China Everbright International Limited, China Everbright Limited, China Vanke Co., Ltd., Huadian Fuxin Energy Corporation Limited, New Focus Auto Tech Holdings Limited, SBI Holdings, Tongfang Kontafarma Holdings Limited, Want Want Group, and WH Group Limited on matters relating to the compliance with the Hong Kong Listing Rules, the Takeovers Code, the Securities and Futures Ordinance, the Companies Ordinance, and other Hong Kong laws and regulations.
- Advised a number of asset management and investment management companies and private equity funds on SFC licensing and regulatory compliance matters.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand (2003)
- Barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia (2003)
- Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong (2006)
- Solicitor of the High Court of England and Wales (2008)

Education

- University of Auckland, New Zealand, Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)
- Tsinghua University, Bachelor of Chinese Laws
- University of Hong Kong, Postgraduate Certificate in Laws
- Keio University, Japanese

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News

February 01, 2019

COSCO SHIPPING Development to Buy Back A-Shares and H-Shares for up to RMB300 Million

February 01, 2019

WH Group to Undergo Internal Restructuring

August 09, 2018

CIMC-TianDa Acquires Controlling Interest in Shenyang Jietong Fire Truck

March 06, 2018

CS Finance Merges with COSCO Finance

September 29, 2017

SoftBank Vision Fund Invests in ZhongAn Insurance's US\$1.5 Billion Hong Kong IPO

May 22, 2017

CDH Investments Sells US\$744 Million Shares in WH Group

February 01, 2017

China Shipping Seeks to Raise US\$1.7 Billion through Proposed Non-Public Issuance of A-Shares

October 31, 2016

CDH Investments Enters into US\$800 Million Placing Agreement for Shares of WH Group

August 25, 2016

CDH Investments Sells US\$900 Million Stake in WH Group

August 11, 2016

China Everbright's Disposal of 49% Share Capital of Everbright Securities (International) Limited

August 05, 2016

Paul Hastings Advises on Z-Obee Restructuring

August 05, 2016

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Junfun Investment's Acquisition of Majority Shareholding of Grand Concord International

July 29, 2016

China Everbright issues \$600M Panda Bonds

March 01, 2016

Allied Cement's Chinese Pharmaceutical Company Acquisition

February 29, 2016

China Everbright's US\$1.3 Billion Acquisition of Hong Kong Grade-A Commercial Building

February 03, 2016

COSCO's Highly Complex Restructuring with China Shipping

January 18, 2016

Evergrande's US\$1.6 Billion Acquisition of Hong Kong Commercial Property Asset

November 28, 2014

Paul Hastings Represents Haitong International in Acquisition of Japaninvest Group PLC

Rankings & Awards

February 27, 2017

Paul Hastings Awarded Asia M&A Firm of the Year