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Session 1: Development of international trade in legal services in a changing global landscape

Mickaël Laurans

Mickaël Laurans is the current chair of the IBA's Bar Issues Commission Trade in Legal Services Committee. He is also the Head of International at the Law Society of England and Wales. He has been with the Law Society for 20 years, first leading on engagement with the Europe and CIS region (2003-2012) and then spending five years (2012-2017) in Brussels as Head of the Joint Office of the UK Law Societies (England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland). He is now back in London, leading a team representing solicitors' interests internationally.

Mickaël is an expert on international trade and the EU internal market in legal services. He is a French/British national educated in law, economics and politics at postgraduate level in both countries.

Louis Hsieh

Louis is a partner at Baker McKenzie Taipei. He specialises in telecommunication and media laws, mergers and acquisitions, and international trade. Louis is also a member of Baker McKenzie's Asia Pacific International Commerce & Trade Partner Community and Geopolitical Risks Taskforce. He has acted as legal counsel for various high-profile cross-border M&A cases. He also represented several clients to implement their China-Plus-One strategy. Louis has been recognised by Chambers Greater China Region Guide and The Legal 500 Asia Pacific. He holds an LL.M. from Columbia Law School and National Taiwan University and an LL.B. from National Taiwan University.

Session 2: Arbitration of international commercial disputes – how to keep international arbitration local and Taiwan's current challenges

Thierry Ngoga

Thierry (ArbP) is an advocate and partner at Legal Line Partners in Rwanda (A winner of the 2020 Corporate Int'l Magazine Global Award as International Arbitration Law Firm of the Year in Rwanda – 2020).

He specialises in arbitration, commercial litigation, risk & compliance. In the past 17 years, He served as the first Registrar of the Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC); he earlier served as CEO of the Bar Association and in-house counsel in different Government Ministries in Rwanda. He also served in various organisations as a board member and a visiting lecturer on arbitration.

Thierry acted as counsel and has been appointed as co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator and chairman in KIAC, ICC and Ad hoc arbitration under Rwandan, English, Nigeria, Zambia and Swiss Law with seats in London, Kigali, Nigeria, Zambia, and Paris.

Jason Wu

Jason Wu is an Executive Board Director of the Taiwan Bar Association (“TWBA”). He has been the Chair of the International Affairs Committee of TWBA for many years. Jason was the President of the Taichung Bar Association and the Director General of the Legal Affairs Bureau of Taichung City Government.

Jason began his career with Baker & McKenzie, Taipei, in 1997. He joined Justus Law Offices in 2003 and became a partner one year later. Now, he is the principal of the firm. Jason received an LL.B. and an LL.M. from National Taiwan University and an LL.M. from Duke University. He is admitted to practice law in Taiwan and New York, USA.

Jason’s major practice areas include intellectual property rights, public construction, government procurement, general corporate and commerce, and cross-border transaction/investment. He was a registered arbitrator and mediator of the Chinese Arbitration Association. He is also a certified Family Trust Planning Consultant.

Session 3: Working with large international law firms – keys to successful collaboration that local firms should know

Alison Hook

Alison has been Chair of the IBA’s Bar Issues Commission Trade in Legal Services Committee and a member of the Council of the IBA’s Section on Professional and Public Interest. She is a co-founder of Hook Tangaza and leads Hook Tangaza’s technical assistance, trade and regulatory work.

Before setting up Hook International in 2011, Alison was the Director of International at the Law Society of England and Wales, where she played a leading role in advocating for more open legal markets and working with the government to develop an export promotion strategy for UK legal services.

Earlier in her career, Alison worked for the European Commission, both in London and Brussels and for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London and Lagos. She graduated in economics from the University of Edinburgh and holds a master’s in economics from Warwick University, as well as both an LLB and an MBA from the Open University. In 2008, she was recognised in *The Lawyer Hot 100*.

Daniel Chen

Daniel Chen is currently the Chief of the International Affairs Section of the Secretariat of the Taipei Bar Association and the Owner of ShineOn Law Office. In his current roles, he oversees a wide range of local and international legal matters and manages his own boutique law firm. Before taking on these positions, he was the senior in-house counsel of the Global Legal Centre of Giant Group, which is the largest bicycle manufacturer in the world. Additionally, he worked as a lawyer at Winkler Partners, which is distinguished as the first law firm to operate as a partnership between Taiwanese and foreign attorneys.

Throughout his career, Daniel has had extensive experience in cross-border investment and dispute-resolution projects. He has served global multinational corporations as well as foreign and local business clients. His work often involves intensive collaboration with both international and local law firms, ensuring that his clients receive comprehensive legal support.

Daniel holds both his LLM and LLB degrees from the College of Law at National Taiwan University, where he received rigorous training and developed a solid foundation in legal principles and practices. As a locally trained attorney with such experiences, he has received consistent international recognition for his cross-border collaboration and communication skills in legal service projects.

Session 4: Creation of joint ventures – different forms of international alliances and their benefits

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Peggy Lee

Peggy Lee is an Of Counsel at Jones Day Taipei. She specialises in complex cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, private equity transactions, general corporate governance, capital market, and global antitrust matters. She has represented local and international clients in various industries, including energy, automotive, banking, consumer goods, manufacturing, media, pharmaceutical, real estate, and technology, on domestic and cross-border M&A, foreign investment, and general corporate matters. She has been a key team member who has assisted clients in Taiwan's offshore wind farm projects in recent years. Besides M&A, Peggy also has extensive experience in competition law, global merger filings, and defending clients in global antitrust investigations.

Peggy served as a research assistant at the Asian Centre for WTO & International Health Law and Policy during her postgraduate study times. She holds an LLM from both National Taiwan University and Columbia Law School.

Peggy has been recognised by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific as the recommended lawyer in Corporate and M&A (2021-2024), Projects and Energy (2021-2024), TMT (2023-2024), Capital Market (2019, 2022-2023), as well as the rising star in Corporate and M&A (2022-2024). She is a member of the New York State Bar Association, Taiwan Bar Association and Taipei Bar Association

Session 5: Legal services in emerging tech hubs – opportunities and challenges in Asia

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Vivian Chen

Vivian is currently the Deputy Director of the Corporate Legal Division in the Legal and IP Department at MediaTek Inc., where she oversees general corporate governance, risk management, and cross-border transactions. Additionally, she serves as the Deputy Commissioner of the In-House Counsel Committee of the Taipei Bar Association.

Earlier in her career, Vivian was an attorney at LCS & Partners in Taipei, specialising in cross-border M&A transactions and project financing deals. She holds an LLB from National Taiwan University and an LLM from Columbia Law School. She is qualified to practice law in both Taiwan and New York.

Session 6: AI regulations and their impact on cross-border legal services – an international approach

Iain Miller

Iain Miller is a partner in Kingsley Napley LLP and leads its Legal Services Regulation Team. He has practised in the field of legal services regulation for over 20 years. During that time, he has been involved in advising both regulators and the regulated in England and Wales and in other jurisdictions on all aspects of legal services regulation, including conduct and ethics. His practice is now focused on advising law firms, new entrants to the market, investors and partners in law firms. Iain is the General Editor of *Cordery on Legal Services*, Chair of the City of London Law Society's Professional Rules and Regulation Committee, and a Member of the IBA's International Trade in Legal Services Committee and its Regulation Committee. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the IBA's Professional Ethics Committee.

Chengkai Wang

Chengkai is a partner at Dentons Taiwan, specialising in corporate and M&A, cross-border transactions, labour and employment, and commercial disputes. Recognised by *The Legal*

500 Asia Pacific since 2022, he is experienced in advising multinational and local enterprises in industries across TMT, oil and energy, chemicals, automotive, and biotechnology.

His work includes guiding businesses through various stages of development, from fundraising to transaction structuring and negotiations. Chengkai is also well-versed in employment matters, proficiently handling tasks from contract drafting to complex employment disputes.

Chengkai currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Artificial Intelligence Development and Response Committee at the Taiwan Bar Association. He is also an ICC YAAF Regional Representative for North Asia for the 2024-2026 mandate and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb). Qualified to practice in both Taiwan and New York, Chengkai is adept at navigating both civil and common law systems to effectively achieve his client's objectives.

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Yuan-Yao Chung

Yuan-Yao currently serves as one of the Executive Directors of the Taipei Bar Association and holds the position of Partner at PwC Legal, a law firm officially affiliated with one of the Big Four accounting firms, PwC. Yuan-Yao obtained her LL.B. degree from National Taiwan University and earned a JD degree from Washington University in the United States. From 2018 to 2024, she was also an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the College of Technology Management, National Tsing Hua University.

Understanding the evolving landscape of legal practice, particularly in light of technological advancements and globalisation, Yuan-Yao has dedicated her time in recent years to exploring and identifying opportunities for providing legal-related or alternative legal services for corporate entities.

Angela Y. Lin

Angela Lin is the deputy CEO and a partner at the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department of Lee and Li, Attorneys-at-Law, the biggest law firm in Taiwan. Qualified to practice law in Taiwan and the state of New York, U.S.A., Angela has assisted various local and foreign clients in many large Taiwan infrastructure projects, including Independent Power Plants, the Taiwan High-Speed Rail Project, the Taiwan Fourth Nuclear Power Plant Project, the Taoyuan Airport MRT Project and Offshore Wind Power Projects. Angela's forte lies in dispute resolution, including litigation, arbitration and mediation, and she is active in local and international arbitration societies.

Angela is the LAWASIA ExCo member, Vice-chairperson of the Membership Committee of IPBA, Chairperson of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Law Committee of the Taiwan Bar Association, director of the Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei ("CAA") and the Vice-chairperson of the CAA Mediation Center.

Dr. Matt Liu

Dr. Matt Liu is a partner with Tsar & Tsai Law Firm and has been practising law since 1997. He specialises in antitrust, mergers and acquisitions, corporate, and labour and employment.

Drawing on his experience serving as an officer of the Taiwan Fair Trade Commission ("TFTC") before joining Tsar & Tsai, Dr Liu has advised clients across a wide range of industry sectors on abuse of dominance, merger control, cartel, unfair competition, and false advertising issues. He has successfully represented clients from various industries in obtaining merger clearance in Taiwan. He has also successfully represented clients in filing complaints with and defending them before the TFTC. Further, he has advised many clients to apply for immunity/leniency and respond to cartel investigations in Taiwan and foreign jurisdictions. He frequently gives antitrust speeches and compliance training to companies in Taiwan. He currently serves as a non-governmental advisor of the International Competition Network ("ICN"). He is a frequent speaker on a broad range of topics at many international and local antitrust conferences.

Dr. Liu holds an LL.B. from National Taiwan University (1994), a Master of Legal Institutions (MLI) (1999) and a Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) (2001) from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

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Victor I. Chang is a partner at LCS & Partners and heads LCS's Cross Border Practice Group. Victor serves on the Asia Pacific regional council of World Services Group, one of the largest international networks of independent law firms. Victor is also the vice chairperson of the Private Equity Committee of the Taiwan Securities Association, a supervisory committee member of the Taiwan M&A and PE Association and a member of the Startup Committee of the Taiwan General Chamber of Commerce.

Victor has over 27 years of extensive multi-jurisdiction experience in mergers and acquisitions ("M&A"), private equity fund formations, and cross-border transactions of all types, frequently involving parties from the United States, Europe, Canada, Australia, Taiwan and China. Victor has been recognised as a Market Leader, Leading Attorney and equivalent in the areas of private equity and M&A by IFLR, Chambers, Legal 500, Asia Law and Asia Business Law Journal. Prior to joining LCS in 2004, Victor was deputy general counsel of Trader Classified Media, NV, a leading classified media company traded on the Paris Bourse and had also practised for seven years in Boston with the firm of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLP. Victor is also a licensed arbitrator with the Taiwan Arbitration Association.

Jane Wang

Jane Wang is a Partner at Formosa Transnational and a member of TBA's Technology Law Committee. Her practices include IP litigation, data protection, licensing, antitrust, franchise, labour/employment, and emerging technologies.

Jane co-chairs the IP practising group of the World Law Group. She counsels a broad range of technology-related companies, both international and domestic. Jane is more than experienced in cross-jurisdictional projects. She represents clients in protecting and enforcing their intangible assets, such as patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. She defends clients in complicated disputes to ensure that clients retain their freedom to operate, including obtaining an urgent disposition from the IP Court within 24 hours for a client in a preliminary injunction case. She is named by IAM Patent 1000 as a world-class patent litigator.

Ms. Wang is a founder of the Taiwan Competition Law Institute and a founder of the Berkeley Law Taiwan Alumni. She is member of INTA, APAA, AIPPI, and LESI.