

Simon Chan, Esq.

Partner

chan.simon@dorsey.com

Hong Kong – (852) 2105-0273



Simon is a trusted boardroom adviser, valued for 30 years of legal experience, commercial judgment, strategic negotiation and effective execution to close complex cross-border M&A and international capital markets deals around the globe.

As the Head of Corporate in our Hong Kong office, Simon brings three decades of U.S., Asia regional and Hong Kong legal experience to bear on the transactions that matter most to his clients — complex cross-border public and private mergers and acquisitions, international corporate finance, and multi-jurisdictional corporate / deal structures that must hold up under the laws of multiple countries at once. His clients include multinational corporations, banks, financial institutions, conglomerates, technology companies, private equity funds, investment funds, family offices, and entrepreneurs on transactions that span the U.S., the People's Republic of China (PRC), and markets across Asia.

A significant portion of Simon's practice is devoted to cross-border M&A — both inbound and outbound — where he regularly serves as lead counsel or special U.S. counsel on acquisitions, divestitures, privatizations, and corporate reorganizations involving entities incorporated in the U.S., Hong Kong, the Cayman Islands, and the PRC. He has advised on several award-winning M&A transactions since the late 1990s, including billion-dollar deals for globally recognized companies across the consumer, technology, and industrial sectors.

Simon's international capital markets practice covers Hong Kong and US stock markets initial public offerings, secondary listings, , convertible notes, rights issues, and concurrent Rule 144A and Regulation S offerings. He regularly acts as U.S. counsel to HKEX-listed issuers, IPO sponsors, and underwriters, advising on U.S. securities law compliance, international sanctions law, and cross-border due diligence for listing candidates with operations in the U.S., the U.K., and other overseas jurisdictions.

Education

- Harvard Law School Executive Education (LLF Program, 2017)
- Peking University (Chinese Law Certificate Course, 2010)
- Tsinghua University (Chinese Law Certificate Course, 1995)
- University of Hong Kong (P.C.L.L., 1996)
- University of Hong Kong (LL.B., 1995)
 - Honors

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Hong Kong
- England & Wales (non-practising)

Simon advises clients on economic sanctions, corporate governance, foreign investment review, and the U.S. securities law aspects of cross-border transactions. He also helps clients navigate complex regulatory issues involving trade restrictions, investment screening, and emerging technologies, including AI.

As a trusted advisor, Simon advises on dispute avoidance and managing complex cross-border disputes, with hands-on experience spanning proceedings and judgment enforcement across the PRC, Hong Kong, the United States, the United Kingdom, and India.

Simon's leadership extends beyond his legal practice through his roles as Chairman of the AmCham Law Committee and Vice Chairman of the HKGCC Americas Committee, as well as other leadership positions in industry organizations. He is a sought-after public speaker on legal, business, and technology issues, fostering dialogues between business leaders, policy makers and international stakeholders. Simon was our Hong Kong Office Head from 2016 to 2023.

Select Experience

- Represented The Coca-Cola Company (NYSE: KO) in the sale of its bottling businesses for still beverages in Mainland China to Swire Group and China Oil and Foodstuffs Corporation and in a follow-on complex cross-border restructuring regulatory compliance under U.S., PRC, and Hong Kong laws.
- Advised an artificial intelligence company founded by AI tech billionaire on complex corporate structure and deal documentation involving regulatory compliance with trade and technology restrictions and investment screening and approval issues. The deal was valued at US\$1 billion within 12 months.
- Advised Hong Kong's leading publicly listed electrical and mechanical engineering company in outbound M&A involving equity interest in a leading New York-based independently owned vertical transportation company.
- Advised private equity firm in the global auction sale of a multi-million-dollar real estate development project in Beverly Hills, California.

Languages

- English
- Cantonese
- Mandarin

Professional Affiliations

- Chairman, Law Committee, The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
- Elected Vice-Chairman, Americas Committee, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- Chair, AI and Digital Economy Working Group, Practice Management Committee, Law Society of Hong Kong
- Member, Greater China Legal Affairs Committee, Law Society of Hong Kong
- CPD Accreditation Sub-Committee, Law Society of Hong Kong
- *Pro Bono* & Community Work Recognition Committee, Law Society of Hong Kong

Accolades

- *China Business Law Journal*, The A-List in China, 2025-2026
- *IFLR 1000*, M&A Practices, 2023, 2025
- *IFLR 1000*, Capital Markets, 2025
- *Asian Legal Business*, Hong Kong Law Awards, M&A Deal of the Year, 2024
- *China Business Law Journal*, Deals of the Year, M&A Category, 2023
- Corporate INTL Global Awards, Cross Border M&A Lawyer, 2019

Select Presentations

- Organizer and Moderator of the AmCham HK luncheon featuring, Mr. Paul Lam, Secretary for Justice of Hong Kong. The topic was Rule of Law and its Importance to Hong Kong's Competitiveness, September 8, 2026
- Organizer and Moderator of the AmCham HK, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and Hong Kong Bar Association lunchtime discussion on "Resolving Disputes in Hong Kong: What Multinationals Need to Know About Arbitration, Courts & Risk". The event featured Simon Chan, Jose Maruellet, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association, and Kiran Sanghera of the HKIAC, June 2, 2026
- Seminar Chairperson and Moderator of the Law Society of Hong Kong's Seminar on Legal AI: Ethics, Opportunities & Risks, November 18, 2025
- Presenter for the Dorsey External Webinar on New U.S. Trade and Investment Policies, April 8, 2025, Webinar Format
- Presenter for the Qianhai Rule of Law Talk 2025 on New Challenges and Opportunities Under New Global Economic & Trade Situation (前海法治講堂：全球經濟與貿易新格局下的挑戰與機遇), Shenzhen Qianhai May 27, 2025
- Moderated Gary Locke at our Dorsey China Offices Meeting, September 10, 2024
- Panel speaker, GoGBA Seminar for Legal Sector, organized by the HKTDC and Greater Bay Area Development Office, July 23, 2024
- Webinar presenter, "Legal Training & Update on Global Offerings & HKEX IPOs," January 2024
- Presenter and panel speaker, "International Legal & Regulatory Compliance" at the Legal Summit 2023, July 18, 2023
- Presenter, Special Training Session for Hong Kong Stock Exchange "US Securities Laws Issues concerning Process of De-Listing of Chinese Concept Stocks", September 2, 2022
- Webinar presenter, "Legal Tools for Managing Cross-border Risk in a COVID-19 World," Live Web Broadcast, March 26, 2020
- Panel speaker, "How to prepare your business for IPO," organized by the TiE IPO Club, May 8, 2018
- Webinar moderator, "M&A in Asia: Beyond the Trends," Live Web Broadcast, November 16, 2017
- "CRS, Forex Control and AML in PRC: A New World for Cross-border Capital Movement," seminar in Hong Kong, June 27, 2017
- Webinar moderator, "Hong Kong IPO Trends 2017," with Hong Kong Stock Exchange representative, Live Web Broadcast, February 17, 2017

Insights

June 6, 2026

Simon Chan Mentioned by The Standard

March 25, 2026

Simon Chan Quoted on M&A in Law Asia Publication

September 17, 2025

Simon Chan Quoted on Hong Kong's New Corporate Governance Code

July 1, 2025

Hong Kong Stock Exchange's Enhancements to Corporate Governance Requirements Take Effect on July 1, 2025

March 12, 2025

Taking Forward Reforms to the Hong Kong Listing Regime

January 25, 2024

Dorsey Advises Sponsor in UBTECH ROBOTICS IPO

June 2023

Dorsey Partner Simon Chan Featured in Asian Legal Business June 2023 Edition

February 28, 2023

Dorsey Legal Arcade: Video Game Industry Legal Updates Volume 1, Issue 4

January 2023

The Legal500 Interview with: Simon M. Y. Chan, Esq., Hong Kong Office Head

October 2022

HKGCC Member Profile Interview – October Issue of the Bulletin Magazine 2022

September 29, 2021

Dorsey Legal Arcade: Video Game Industry Legal Updates Volume 1, Issue 2

February 2, 2021

Dorsey Represents R&F Properties in Sale of 70% Stake in the Integrated Logistics Park near Guangzhou Airport 德汇代表广州富力地产股份有限公司出售价值约 10 亿美元的广州国际机场富力综合物流园 70% 权益

March 26, 2020

Trying to Manage Cross-Border Risks in a Volatile and Uncertain Time

August 31, 2018

Private Equity and Venture Capital Pre-IPO Investments are now used by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to Validate Pre-Revenue/Profit Biotech Companies

March 12, 2018

Hong Kong Offers New Capital Markets Opportunity for Life Sciences and Healthcare Companies