



KEWEI WELCOMES TOP DISPUTES PARTNER TO CHINA JOINT OPERATION WITH HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS

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[Kewei Law Firm](#) has appointed [Weina Ye](#) as an international partner in Shanghai, further strengthening its disputes expertise in the firm's joint operation with Herbert Smith Freehills.

A leading disputes lawyer in regional and local markets, Weina specialises in international arbitration, cross-border commercial dispute resolution and dispute avoidance. She has extensive experience in representing and advising Chinese and multinational clients in the resolution of high-value and complex disputes in sectors including TMT, manufacturing, energy, infrastructure and hotel and relating to M&A transactions, joint ventures and other types of commercial contracts.

Herbert Smith Freehills is one of only a few international law firms permitted to integrate China law advice with international legal services through its [joint operation with Kewei](#) in the Shanghai Free Trade Zone.

"Weina's proven record in commercial disputes, international arbitration and dispute avoidance is a strong addition to our expanding disputes practice," said Kewei international partner [Gavin Guo](#). "Her skills in securing favourable results and settlements will be valuable to clients navigating complex disputes matters, especially in these challenging times."

The joint operation, Herbert Smith Freehills Kewei, formally launched in August 2019. Since then it has greatly expanded its disputes and regulatory practice, through the hire of [Cathy Liu](#) as partner in October 2019 and the promotion of competition specialist [Frances Xu](#) to partner in November 2019.

"Weina's deep expertise in both China and international jurisdictions makes her an indispensable resource for clients operating both locally and internationally," said [May Tai](#), Herbert Smith Freehills' Asia Managing Partner. "Her promotion coincides with further relaxation of government regulations on foreign arbitration institutions carrying out arbitration business in the Shanghai Free Trade Zone."

"Our focus on local talent development continues to expand our market-leading disputes practice," said May. "A Herbert Smith Freehills alumna, Weina embodies the legal excellence that our joint operation provides, and her move to our joint operation with Kewei only strengthens our disputes offering in Asia."

About Weina Ye

Weina has extensive experience in advising Chinese and multinational clients on the resolution and avoidance of complex and high value cross-border commercial disputes. She also regularly represents clients in international arbitration cases.

Her experience covers a range of commercial disputes in sectors including TMT, manufacturing, energy, infrastructure and hotel and relating to M&A transactions, joint ventures and other types of commercial contracts.

Fluent in English and Mandarin Chinese, Weina is qualified to practice in the PRC (non-practicing) and in England and Wales. Prior to joining Kewei, she worked in Herbert Smith Freehills' London, Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai offices.

2019年8月，Weina加入Kewei，担任高级合伙人，负责处理复杂的跨境商业纠纷。

Weina拥有广泛的经验，为国内和国际客户提供复杂的、高价值的跨境商业纠纷的解决和避免。她还经常在国际仲裁案件中代表客户。

她的经验涵盖了包括TMT、制造业、能源、基础设施和酒店在内的各种商业纠纷，以及涉及M&A交易、合资企业和其他类型的商业合同。

Weina精通英语和普通话。她具备在中国（非执业）和英国及威尔士执业的资格。在加入Kewei之前，她曾在Herbert Smith Freehills的伦敦、香港、北京和上海办公室工作。

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Weina’s title will be 'International Partner' to meet regulatory requirements in Mainland China. Her appointment is effective from 1 May 2020.

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The firm's Mainland China practice comprises 35 partners and lawyers in offices in Beijing and Shanghai, with an additional 100 partners and lawyers in Hong Kong. The Greater China practice includes the largest and leading international disputes practice in the region as well as particular strengths in cross-border M&A, capital markets, energy and infrastructure, technology, media and telecoms, financial services regulatory, and investigations.

Kewei offers top-quality China lawyers with international experience, a strong client list, and an innovative managed legal services business. International partner [Gavin Guo](#) and partner [Stanley Xie](#) lead the firm. www.kewei-law.cn

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