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Stella specialises in international commercial arbitration and China-related disputes.

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## BACKGROUND

Stella was born and brought up in China. She obtained a bachelor's degree in law from the University of Bristol in the UK and qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong. She speaks Mandarin, English, Cantonese and basic Japanese.

She has an interest in social responsibility and caring for vulnerable groups. She is involved in legal pro bono works and participates in various charitable and volunteering events.

## KEY SERVICES

[Dispute Resolution](#)  
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## KEY SECTORS

[Oil and Gas](#)  
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## EXPERIENCE

Stella has experience in complex cross-border disputes in areas including M&A, construction, international sales of goods, joint ventures, and general corporate. She has represented clients in arbitrations under various institutional rules as well as ad hoc arbitration. Her clients include State-owned companies, private companies in different sectors, and financial institutions.

Stella has worked in the firm's Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong offices and has extensive knowledge of international arbitration in Greater China. She is the current co-chair of HK45.

She has a unique sense of the legal and culture differences between Chinese and international companies and is well positioned to provide the clients with effective and practical legal solutions.

Stella's experience includes advising:

- a major PRC state-owned oil company in a highly complex SIAC arbitration for misrepresentation claims
- a subsidiary of a PRC state-owned oil company in an SCC arbitration for claims against a Russian company arising from an oil machinery manufacture and supply contract; successfully defended the same company in the subsequent set-aside proceedings brought by the respondent in Stockholm; advised the same client in the enforcement proceedings
- a PRC state-owned enterprise in an ICC arbitration arising out of a contract for the sale and purchase of solar power equipment
- a private Chinese company in two SIAC arbitrations in Singapore against US companies regarding China joint venture disputes in textile industry governed by Chinese law
- a subsidiary of a PRC state-owned oil company in a SIAC arbitration and defending claims brought by a European company for breach of a confidentiality agreement, concerning the alleged use of the European company's proprietary information in the construction of a petrochemical project in mainland China