



KEWEI ADDS CORPORATE SENIOR CONSULTANT ANGELA ZHAO TO CHINA JOINT OPERATION WITH HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS

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[Kewei Law Firm](#) has appointed [Angela Zhao](#) as a senior consultant in Shanghai, further expanding its corporate expertise in the firm's joint operation with Herbert Smith Freehills.

Angela advises multinational and Chinese clients on corporate transactions and regulatory issues. She specialises in cross-border M&A transactions, restructurings, divestitures, joint ventures and foreign direct investment in China.

Herbert Smith Freehills is one of only eight 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.

"Transactional and regulatory advice is a key offering to our clients, and Angela strengthens our skills in both cross-border and domestic markets," said Kewei international partner [Gavin Guo](#). "She is highly regarded for her client empathy and critical thinking, making her a trusted legal specialist from general corporate advisory to high-profile transactions."

Angela will work closely with Herbert Smith Freehills' regional and global corporate teams, who provide a bespoke international offering for some of the world's largest companies.

"Our seamless work with Kewei supports growth in our firm network along China investments corridors in Asia and beyond, and has been hugely successful since its launch in 2019," said [May Tai](#), Herbert Smith Freehills' Asia managing partner. "We're thrilled to offer clients access to an integrated service inclusive of international and local law expertise, including lawyers such as Angela."

The joint operation, Herbert Smith Freehills Kewei, formally launched in August 2019. Since then it has provided an integrated legal service for matters related to Asia, Europe, Middle East, Africa, America and Australia.

"This is a continued expansion of our capabilities in China with Kewei, answering the growing demand from the firm's clients for corporate expertise in China matters," said May. "Over the past two years, the success of our joint operation with Kewei has exceeded all our expectations, and Angela's appointment is just the latest expansion of the team, following the appointment of partner [Peng Lei](#) in October."

"A Herbert Smith Freehills alumna, Angela embodies our client-first approach that supports longstanding growth for clients in the region," said May.

ABOUT ANGELA ZHAO

Angela advises on complex transactions particularly in pharma and healthcare, consumers, manufacturing and industrials, logistics and automobile sectors.

Fluent in Mandarin and English, Angela obtained a bachelor's degree in law from Southwest University of Political Science and a master's degree in law from Xiamen University.

Prior to joining Kewei, she worked for Herbert Smith Freehills.

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