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Wei is partner in the private client and tax team.

Wei focuses on sophisticated tax and wealth planning matters for high net worth individuals, their families and fiduciaries.

In cross-border planning contexts, she often advises individuals with residences, assets or connections as well as wealth planning vehicles in multiple jurisdictions.

In relation to US connection planning matters, she advises individuals who are either migrating to the US, expatriating from the US, investing in the US or looking to come into compliance with US tax and reporting obligations. She also provides advice in relation to the creation and administration of wealth planning structures to protect and grow wealth in a tax efficient manner while reflecting the long term goals in the protection and succession of wealth in multi-generational families.

Wei has been quoted in the media numerous times (including WealthBriefing Asia, South China Morning Post, and the Hong Kong Economic Times). She is a regular speaker at wealth planning conferences in Asia, especially in Hong Kong and China, and provides training to financial institutions on wealth planning and tax related issues.

Wei has been nominated as an 'Ones to Watch' individual in Legal Week's Private Client Global Elite ranking in 2019 and has also won and mentioned in a number of industry awards (Wealthbriefing Asia, China Law & Practice). She is also recognised as a leading individual in tax and trusts in Legal 500 2020, and an 'up and coming' private wealth practitioner in Chambers' HNW Guide 2020.

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TRACK RECORD

Represented the founder of a significant international company with PRC business operations in relation to pre- IPO trust structuring, taking into account US tax and PRC tax considerations.

Represented founders of a Hong Kong-listed company in property development, provision of elderly care services and start-up investments, in the design and implementation of a succession plan.

Represented a founder of a leading online shopping platform on tax and wealth planning prior to US tax residency.

Represented a founder of a transportation company in the creation of an offshore trust, the restructuring of a US domestic trust, the creation of a US qualified charitable organisation, in light of various tax and succession issues.

Represented a client with significant wealth with respect to relocating from Hong Kong to the United States, including various pre-immigration trusts, exit strategies in relation to existing business and investment structures (which involved BVI and Hong Kong advice), obtaining the proper visa status, and addressing various historic tax compliance issues.

Represented various US clients in Asia in relation to their US tax controversy and compliance matters, from individual HNW clients to global UHNW and large-profile families.

ADMISSIONS

- State of New York, 2011
- State of Connecticut, 2011
- State of California, 2016

PUBLICATIONS

'Coronavirus – Is it now time to review your estate plan?' - 13 Mar 2020, co-author

'Green card holders should be aware of tax reporting requirements', Hong Kong Economic Journal - October 2017, co-author

TALKS

'China, Hong Kong and Singapore: Succession and Estate Planning - An Overview', STEP London - 4 October 2017, co-presenter

'Family Law in China and Implications on Wealth Planning', STEP Hong Kong - 22 February 2017, co-presenter

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, JD
Tsinghua University School of Law, LLB

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

MANDARIN

DATES

JOINED: 2010
PARTNER: 2017

RECOGNITION

2016 Wealth Briefing Asia Best Tax and accountancy team

2015 Wealth Briefing Asia Legal Team

2014 Citywealth Law Firm of the Year HK

2014 Asia Pacific top ranked

2014 Asia Awards winner

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