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Jacob focuses his practice on cross-border matters involving the intersection between the United States, Europe, and China, offering practical insights into the legal, regulatory, and commercial challenges for multinational companies doing business in Asia and the West.

Jacob represents multinational clients in litigation, arbitration, and regulatory matters, including government and internal investigations and international trade advisory. His litigation practice has included securities-related litigation and complex commercial litigation, as well as international arbitration before CIETAC and litigation matters in China and Hong Kong. Jacob has conducted numerous internal investigations in China and the U.S., including investigations related to shareholder demands in the U.S., carbon-copy investigations of multinational companies after FCPA settlements, and annual internal investigations for multinational companies.

Jacob also advises companies on U.S. trade compliance, including anti-dumping and countervailing duties and the Uyghur Forced Labor Protection Act.

Key Matters

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

- Advised energy project on the scope of Commerce circumvention inquiry into potential expansion of countervailing and anti-dumping duties to solar modules from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- Advised on compliance measures to address issues with Uyghur Forced Labor Protection Act.
- Represented a U.S.-listed company to conduct an internal investigation in response to shareholder demands and advise on subsequent steps.
- Represented U.S.-listed company to develop its compliance program related to China's Personal Information Protection Law.
- Represented a European multinational company in a multijurisdictional dispute with its China distributor involving arbitration and litigation in China and Hong Kong.
- Represented a multinational pharmaceutical company in an internal investigation in China related to a potential conflict of interest in transactions of senior management.
- Represented a U.S.-listed Chinese company in its international data compliance review and remediation.
- Represented a multinational auto-parts company in its internal investigation of whistleblower complaints related to local employee relationships with vendors.
- Represented a multinational technology company in an anti-bribery investigation by the Chinese government.
- Represented a multinational medical-device company in its internal investigation of misconduct by senior management and related potential tax-compliance issues.
- Represented a U.S. manufacturer of steel products in a Chinese-government anti-money laundering investigation.
- Represented a Chinese multinational company in restructuring its organization for new investment.

Recent Experience

Secured Settlement for Fox on Brink of Trial in High-Profile Defamation Litigation Brought by US Dominion Voting Systems

Recognitions

- Recognized as a Mondaq Thought Leading Author for FinTech – China, Mondaq Autumn 2022 Awards

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Activities

- Member – American Chamber of Commerce Shanghai
- Committee Member – Shanghai International Football League
- Member – International Association of Privacy Professionals

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Credentials

EDUCATION

Jacob received his B.S. from University of Idaho in 2000 and his J.D. from University of California Los Angeles in 2014.

ADMISSIONS

- California

LANGUAGES

- Mandarin

Related Insights & News

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Chapter Co-author, "The Increase in Global Sanctions Warrants Caution in China Private Equity," *Private Equity in Hong Kong and China* (4th Edition), June 2023
- Co-author, "How Multinationals Can Withstand US-China Trade Conflicts," *Law360*, March 16, 2022
- Co-panelist, "International Trade: 2021 Year End Review and Predictions for 2022," Winston & Strawn Webinar, January 20, 2022
- "China's New Export Control Law: Implications for the Increasingly Challenging U.S.-China Trade Relations," Winston & Strawn Webinar, 2020
- "Cross-border Compliance after the International Criminal Judicial Assistance Law," 2019 Annual China Compliance Week: Anti-Corruption and Compliance Conference, Shanghai
- "The DOJ's China Initiative," 2019 China Cross-Border Compliance Roundtable, Shanghai
- "US Export Controls and US Litigation," Jiangsu CCIP & MOFCOM, March 2018
- "Global Data Compliance," IAS 2017, Beijing

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China and Hong Kong Expand Protections Over State Secrets

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China Adds Additional Entities to the Unreliable Entity List

JUNE 11, 2024

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New Legal Issues to the Strategic Implications for the Reconfiguration of the Global Presence of Multinational Enterprises

MAY 22, 2024

WEBINAR

International Trade 2023 Year In Review and Predictions for 2024

JANUARY 4, 2024

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China's CAC Changes Course on Cross-Border Transfers with Draft Regulations
OCTOBER 5, 2023

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The Long Reach of China's Anti-Monopoly Law
OCTOBER 4, 2023

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China's Amended Civil Procedure Law Expands Jurisdiction Over Foreign Disputes
OCTOBER 3, 2023

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Chinese E-Commerce Company Sues Amazon Europe Under China's Anti-Monopoly Law
OCTOBER 2, 2023

BLOG
Mobile Apps Seeking to Operate in China Must Conduct Filings with the MIIT Before April 2024
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

BLOG
China Places Export Controls on Raw Materials Used in Semiconductor Manufacturing
JULY 10, 2023

BLOG
China's Regulations on Cross-Border Transfers of Personal Information Now in Effect
JULY 6, 2023

NEWS
2022 Pro Bono Impact Report
MAY 1, 2023

Capabilities

- Litigation/Trials
- International Arbitration
- ITC – Section 337
- Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance
- Privacy & Data Security
- International Trade
- Technology, Media & Telecommunications

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