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PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate/Securities
Banking/Finance
Energy

EDUCATION

JD, 1998, University of
Notre Dame Law School
LLM, 1995, International
Law, University of Notre
Dame Law School
LLB, 1992, International
Economic Law, East
China University of
Politics and Law

ADMITTED

District of Columbia
2006
New York 1998

LANGUAGES

English
Mandarin
Taiwanese

Weihong Leyden has significant experience representing U.S. and international companies in corporate and securities matters, including capital markets transactions, venture capital/emerging company work, mergers and acquisitions and fund formation.

She has represented issuers and underwriters in initial and follow-on public offerings and Rule 144A/Regulation S private placements. Weihong has also represented a number of start-up companies in structuring their business, handling day-to-day corporate matters, and conducting various rounds of financing. She also advised venture capitalists, institutional and individual investors in their investments in start-up companies.

Weihong has represented buyers and sellers in mergers and acquisitions and the investment banks in the review of fairness opinions. She has advised various sponsors in forming funds for investments in Asia and Latin America.

Weihong has also represented numerous companies and financial institutions in a broad range of financing transactions, including project financing and debt financing. Her practice in project finance involves the representation of lenders, sponsors and project companies in the due diligence review, and the drafting and negotiation of the financing and project documents in connection with the development of power plants, cogeneration facilities and other infrastructure projects. Her practice in debt financing includes term and revolving credit loans, secured and unsecured loans, acquisition loans, working capital loans and equipment loans.

Weihong's practice includes counseling a number of U.S.-based companies seeking to enter the China market and helping Chinese companies gain access to international capital markets. She practiced in New York and Hong Kong prior to joining Andrews Kurth.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Representation of underwriters in connection with the \$45 million initial public offering and \$68 million follow-on public offering of a NASDAQ-listed company.
- Representation of sellers in connection with the proposed sale of their limited liability company interests in several companies to affiliated buyers for cash and stock consideration with an aggregate value of approximately \$54 million.

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- Representation of an Indian venture fund in connection with its formation of a \$180 million venture capital fund for investment in emerging companies in India.
- Representation of a European renewable energy company in connection with its asset spin-off and Series A, B and C convertible preferred stock financing.
- Representation of a U.S. software company in connection with its \$18.5 million Series D convertible preferred stock financing.
- Representation of a U.S. venture capital firm in connection with its initial venture capital investment in a Chinese semiconductor company.
- Representation of a travel services and management company in connection with its \$1.1 million Series A convertible preferred stock financing and \$500,000 convertible note financing.
- Representation of a public investment firm in connection with its initial venture capital investment in a business process outsourcing company in India.
- Representation of a major Chinese juice producer in seeking investment from potential international strategic investors.
- Representation of a Chinese Internet start-up company in connection with its \$2.4 million Series A preferred stock financing from U.S. venture capital firms.
- Representation of a Chinese real estate company in forming a joint venture with an international financial institution for real estate investments in China.