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Simon is known for helping clients find practical solutions for challenging situations in today's unpredictable world.

Simon is a senior partner and Corporate Group Head in Dorsey's Hong Kong office. He served as the Office Head from 2016 to 2023. With close to three decades of international legal industry experience, Simon advises clients on groundbreaking M&A transactions, international capital markets deals, and complex legal situations. Simon has worked on several award-winning M&A deals and international capital markets transactions since the late 1990s. His practice focuses on cross-border M&A, international corporate finance deals, and sophisticated multi-jurisdictional legal matters. A major portion of his practice is devoted to advising multinational corporations, banks, financial institutions, conglomerates, technology companies, private equities, investment funds, family offices, and entrepreneurs. Our clients rely on Simon to solve complex legal and business problems.

Having worked in the U.S. and Hong Kong for close to 30 years, and advised clients across China and Asia, Simon has a track record of successfully fixing legal problems for multinational corporation and local clients. He is well versed in corporate governance, dispute avoidance and managing complex disputes with the help of our litigation team. He also served as appeal panel adjudicator of Hong Kong's statutory appeal tribunals for housing, transportation and immigration. Simon is the current elected Chairperson of the Law Committee of American Chamber of Commerce and the elected Vice-Chair of the Americas Committee at the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. Simon is included in The A-List 2025-26 in China by Law.asia's *China Business Law Journal*.

Select Experience

Known for his practical problem solving skills for multinational clients, Simon acted as lead counsel for a range of transactions, including:

Education

- Harvard Law School Executive Education (LLF Program, 2017)
- Peking University (Chinese Law Certificate Course, 2010)
- Tsinghua University (Chinese Law Certificate Course, 1995)
- University of Hong Kong (P.C.LL, 1996)
- University of Hong Kong (LL.B., 1995)
 - Honors

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Hong Kong
- England & Wales (non-practising)

Select M&A & Corporate Advisory Matters:

- Advised Atlanta based world No 1 beverage company on capital maintenance compliance rules following a complicated cross-border M&A involving USA, PRC and Hong Kong.
- Advised Hong Kong/ Macau based fashion house in securing a New York Supreme Court judgment against New York based debtor.
- Advised on the U.S. securities laws and U.S. tender offer compliance issues of a takeover involving a leading Hong Kong based Family Office worth around U.S.\$ 4.5 billion.
- Advising a Hong Kong publicly traded company on an outbound M&A in the United Kingdom

Professional Affiliations

- Committee Chair, Law Committee, The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
- Elected Vice-Chairman, Americas Committee, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- Chair, AI and Digital Economy Working Group, Practice Management Committee, Law Society of Hong Kong
- Member, Greater China Legal Affairs Committee, Law Society of Hong Kong
- CPD Accreditation Sub-Committee, Law Society of Hong Kong
- Pro Bono & Community Work Recognition Committee, Law Society of Hong Kong

Accolades

- *China Business Law Journal*, The A-List in China, 2025-2026
- *IFLR 1000*, M&A Practices, 2023, 2025
- *IFLR 1000*, Capital Markets, 2025
- *Asian Legal Business*, Hong Kong Law Awards, M&A Deal of the Year, 2024
- *China Business Law Journal*, Deals of the Year, M&A Category, 2023
- Corporate INTL Global Awards, Cross Border M&A Lawyer, 2019

Languages

- English
- Cantonese
- and Mandarin

Select Presentations

- Seminar Chairperson and Moderator of the Law Society of Hong Kong's Seminar on Legal AI: Ethics, Opportunities & Risks, November 18, 2025
- Presenter for the Dorsey External Webinar on New U.S. Trade and Investment Policies, April 8, 2025, Webinar Format
- Presenter for the Qianhai Rule of Law Talk 2025 on New Challenges and Opportunities Under New Global Economic & Trade Situation (前海法治講堂：全球經濟與貿易新格局下的挑戰與機遇), Shenzhen Qianhai May 27, 2025
- Moderated Gary Locke at our Dorsey China Offices Meeting, September 10, 2024
- Panel speaker, GoGBA Seminar for Legal Sector, organized by the HKTDC and

Greater Bay Area Development Office, July 23, 2024

- Webinar presenter, "Legal Training & Update on Global Offerings & HKEX IPOs," January 2024
- Presenter and panel speaker, "International Legal & Regulatory Compliance" at the Legal Summit 2023, July 18, 2023
- Presenter, Special Training Session for Hong Kong Stock Exchange "US Securities Laws Issues concerning Process of De-Listing of Chinese Concept Stocks", September 2, 2022
- Webinar presenter, "Legal Tools for Managing Cross-border Risk in a COVID-19 World," Live Web Broadcast, March 26, 2020
- Panel speaker, "How to prepare your business for IPO," organized by the TIE IPO Club, May 8, 2018
- Webinar moderator, "M&A in Asia: Beyond the Trends," Live Web Broadcast, November 16, 2017
- "CRS, Forex Control and AML in PRC: A New World for Cross-border Capital Movement," seminar in Hong Kong, June 27, 2017
- Webinar moderator, "Hong Kong IPO Trends 2017," with Hong Kong Stock Exchange representative, Live Web Broadcast, February 17, 2017
- Seminar on "China Outbound M&A Legal Risk and Opportunities," China CFO World Summit in Shenzhen, May 10, 2016
- Seminar on "Hong Kong Legal & Judicial System and Legal Profession of Hong Kong," The Law Society of Hong Kong, March 7, 2016
- "Pre IPO Consideration & Preparation in Hong Kong," seminar in Hong Kong, January 25, 2016
- "U.S. Economic Sanctions and Non-U.S. Companies," seminar in Hong Kong, November 20, 2015
- "Application of Hong Kong Listing Decision LD76 of 2013 and applicable U.S., EU and UN Economic Sanction Rules, for Hong Kong listing applications," seminar in Hong Kong, November 19, 2015
- Co-Chair and moderator of the Hong Kong Law Society and International Bar Association Young Lawyers Conference entitled "The Fundamentals of International Legal Business Practice," September 2, 2015
- The Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies In-house Seminar on "Application of U.S. Securities Laws on Hong Kong Listing Candidates And Companies Already Listed on HKEx," March 27, 2015
- Hong Kong panel speaker, "Offshore 2020 – Looking Forward: An Industry on the Move," October 7, 2014
- Panel speaker, "Hong Kong – An International Hub for Legal & Arbitration Services," Seminar in Cambodia, organized by the Department of Justice of Hong Kong, February 20-21, 2014
- Keynote speaker, "Startup Saturday 2014 Conference : Crowd-funding," January 25, 2014
- "Offshore 20:20: Opportunities and Challenges Facing the Offshore Industry," Hong Kong panel speaker, November 1, 2013
- "Assessing Asia Via Hong Kong & Non-competes," seminar in Minneapolis, October 1, 2013
- "Asia Deal Trend – A Paradigm Shift," roundtable in New York, September 25, 2013
- "Private Equity and Venture Capital Primer," seminar in Hong Kong, September 28, 2012
- Panel speaker, "Going Global for the Chinese Wind Energy Industry," Bloomberg

Insights

June 6, 2026

Simon Chan Mentioned by The Standard

March 25, 2026

Simon Chan Quoted on M&A in Law Asia Publication

September 17, 2025

Simon Chan Quoted on Hong Kong's New Corporate Governance Code

July 1, 2025

Hong Kong Stock Exchange's Enhancements to Corporate Governance Requirements Take Effect on July 1, 2025

March 12, 2025

Taking Forward Reforms to the Hong Kong Listing Regime

January 25, 2024

Dorsey Advises Sponsor in UBTECH ROBOTICS IPO

June 2023

Dorsey Partner Simon Chan Featured in Asian Legal Business June 2023 Edition

February 28, 2023

Dorsey Legal Arcade: Video Game Industry Legal Updates Volume 1, Issue 4

January 2023

The Legal500 Interview with: Simon M. Y. Chan, Esq., Hong Kong Office Head

October 2022

HKGCC Member Profile Interview – October Issue of the Bulletin Magazine 2022

September 29, 2021

Dorsey Legal Arcade: Video Game Industry Legal Updates Volume 1, Issue 2

February 2, 2021

Dorsey Represents R&F Properties in Sale of 70% Stake in the Integrated Logistics Park near Guangzhou Airport 德汇代表广州富力地产股份有限公司出售价值约 10 亿美元的广州国际机场富力综合物流园 70% 权益

March 26, 2020

Trying to Manage Cross-Border Risks in a Volatile and Uncertain Time

August 31, 2018

Private Equity and Venture Capital Pre-IPO Investments are now used by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to Validate Pre-Revenue/Profit Biotech Companies

March 12, 2018

Hong Kong Offers New Capital Markets Opportunity for Life Sciences and Healthcare Companies