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OVERVIEW

Yi Ying is a partner in the firm's Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation practice group. Yi's practice focuses on antitrust investigations and litigation, merger clearance, and other commercial litigation matters. Yi represents clients in investigations by various antitrust agencies, including experience before the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and state agencies. He is also involved in cases in both federal and state courts.

In addition to defending clients in price-fixing cases brought by the US government agencies, Yi routinely represents clients in cartel investigations brought by antitrust enforcers in a variety of non-US jurisdictions, including, among others, the European Commission, the China State Administration of Market Regulation (SAMR), the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC), and the Korea Fair Trade Commission (KFTC). His clients include both US and non-US companies, individual executives, as well as foreign sovereign entities.

Over a decade, Yi has successfully advocated or defended clients in complex criminal and civil antitrust and general commercial litigation. His litigant experience includes both settlement negotiations and trial appearances, reflecting his approach to dispositive motions, fact gathering, and trial counseling for clients before agencies and courts.

Yi also has extensive experience in guiding clients in merger filings before enforcers in other major jurisdictions, such as Europe, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan, and Korea.

Yi's clients benefit from his exceptionally deep knowledge of corporate, export control, and white collar compliance, based on his secondment to a multinational enterprise, where he designed and implemented a comprehensive compliance program.

Yi is also qualified as a Certified Information Privacy Professional for Europe (CIPP/E) and a Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM) by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). He is committed to serving pro bono clients on behalf of the Firm.

Yi is a frequent speaker and has widely published articles on various legal topics. He served as a special writer for a Chinese national newspaper focusing antitrust and white-collar enforcement. Yi has also published news alerts and analyses on national legal news platforms and law journals, such as *Law360*, *Concurrences* (award nominated), and *Washington Legal Foundation*.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Yi obtained his civil law degree (conventional course in Japanese) from a top-tier college in Tokyo, and, upon graduation, was recruited by one of the largest Japanese conglomerates as a management trainee at its headquarter. Prior to his law school study in the United States, Yi also worked at a Magic Circle law firm, represented clients in several M&A and IPO deals. Prior to joining the firm, Yi served as a counsel for a leading international law firm, based in Washington, D.C and Shanghai.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of International Association of Privacy Professionals (CIPP/E and CIPM).

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Antitrust Investigation and Litigation in the US" (in Mandarin), China Antitrust Summit, 19 December 19 2018, Beijing, China
- Presenter, "Export Control and US Sanctions" (in Mandarin), Hubei Province Bar Association, 13 November 2018, Wuhan, China
- Panelist, "Legal Service for One Belt, One Road" (in Mandarin), National Overseas Investment Forum, 11 November 2018, Wuhan, China
- Panelist in two sections, 18 October 2014, EU Competition Law Seminar
  - "US Economic Theories and Judicial Approaches on Price Signaling Cases"
  - "Recent Developments on China's Merger Control Process"
- Organizer and presenter, "Recent Developments and Anticipation of Anti-Monopoly Law Enforcement," 19 September 2014, Shanghai, China
- Presenter, "Introduction to U.S. Antitrust Law" (in Mandarin), The Shanghai Bar Association, 11 September 2014, Shanghai, China
- Speaker, "The Impact of China's Newly Introduced Labor Contract Law on Foreign Investors" (in Japanese), The Japanese Institute of International Business Law, Inc., 31 July 2007, Tokyo, Japan

EDUCATION

- J.D., The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, 2009
- LL.B., Waseda University, 2004
- UCEAP, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), 2004 *Political Science*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Illinois
- Bar of New York
- Bar of People's Rep. of China

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Japanese
- Shanghainese

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Key Takeaways From China's Amended Anti-Monopoly Law," *Law360*, 9 August 2022
- "What To Expect From China's Antitrust Consolidation," Law360 and Concurrences (award nominated), 5 April 2018
- "Blocked Shipping Alliance Reveals Modest Improvement in Chinese Antitrust Review Transparency," Washington Legal Foundation Legal Backgrounder, 22 August 2014
- "A Look at 1st M&A Deals Under China's New Review Process," Law360, 8 August 2014

NEWS & EVENTS

- 14 December 2021, K&L Gates Adds Antitrust, Employee Benefits Partners to Washington, D.C., Office

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust and Competition
- Commercial Disputes
- Data Protection, Privacy, and Security
- International Trade, Investment Controls, and National Security
- Technology Transactions and Sourcing
- White Collar Defense and Investigations

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Antitrust Investigations and Litigation

- Represented Maruyasu, a major Japanese auto parts manufacturer, in a DOJ antitrust investigation and criminal and follow-on civil litigation (shortlisted in Law360's 2018 Competition Group of the Year)
- Representing Hytera in a complaint against Motorola Solutions for unlawful monopolization
- Advised a leading international shipping company in a DOJ antitrust/cartel investigation
- Advised a national pharmaceutical company regarding a subpoena filed by the New York Attorney General
- Represented CertainTeed, a top U.S. home construction company, in civil antitrust litigation
- Represented an executive of a leading Japanese auto parts manufacturer in a DOJ cartel investigation
- Defended a multinational airline company in an investigation of alleged market allocation and price fixing

Merger Clearance

- Advised Saudi Aramco for its US$69.1 billion acquisition of Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC)
- Prepared filing for a leading Finnish mining company, Metso Corporation, in its combination with Finnish rival Outotec
- Represented DIC Corporation, a Japanese fine chemicals company, in its €1.15 billion acquisition of BASF's global pigments business.
- Advised Midea Group in its joint venture with Electrolux Group
- Represented Anthem Inc. in its acquisition of Cigna Corp. before the FTC and the DOJ
- Represented Toyota Industries Corporation, a top Japanese lift truck manufacturer, in its US$760 million acquisition of Cascade, the largest U.S. lift truck attachments manufacturer
- Represented a top US food service company in a multibillion merger deal

Commercial Litigation/Export Control/White Collar/Corporate Compliance

- Advised a Chinese company regarding a potential violation of US sanction regulations and follow-up legal compliance
- Designing antitrust, white collar, and export control policies and training materials for a global company seeking to standardize its compliance procedures around the world
- Represented an international bank regarding an investigation conducted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Advised a multinational company regarding an investigation prompted by former China State Administration for Industry and Commerce in charge of general trade issues

- Represented a leading US auto parts company in an FCPA investigation initiated by the DOJ