

Kevin Cao

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OVERVIEW

Kevin Cao is a Corporate and M&A partner in the firm's Palo Alto office and a key member of the firm's Asia and Latin America practices. His experience spans venture capital financings, reorganizations, M&A transactions and corporate governance. Kevin has represented a diverse range of domestic and international clients across industries, including technology, banking, energy, aviation, real estate, and consumer products. In his public company practice, Kevin has advised NYSE and NASDAQ-listed companies and their insiders on SEC reporting and compliance.

In addition to his corporate and transactional practice, he has advised clients with respect to corporate governance disputes, with a focus on founder disputes, disputes between stockholders and entity control disputes involving foreign founders or investors.

Highly regarded by his international clients doing business in the United States, Kevin serves as a trusted advisor for complex cross-border legal needs in the areas such as transfer pricing agreements, complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts, US insolvency proceedings, global IP strategies and portfolio management, data privacy, FDA compliance, CFIUS and export controls, antitrust, and anti-money laundry.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Kevin has been practicing corporate law at top international law firms, starting in Pennsylvania and later in the San Francisco Bay Area, for over 10 years. As a bilingual and multicultural business lawyer originally from Shanghai and trained in the US (J.D.) and China (LL.B.), he has unique background and extensive experience that have enabled him to establish, connect and strengthen business relationships for international clients conducting business globally.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Pro bono representation - Cyber Civil Rights Legal Project
- Pro bono representation – Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, Chinese Investment in the United States: Market Entry, Compliance, and Geopolitical Risk, Hosted by UC Law San Francisco, 25 February 2026

EDUCATION

- J.D., Case Western Reserve University School of Law
- LL.B., East China University of Political Science and Law
- M.L.I. (Master of Legal Institutions), University of Wisconsin-Madison

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- Bar of New York
- Bar of Pennsylvania

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Chinese (Shanghai)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "K&L Gates partners Geoff Locher and Kevin Cao explore Pittsburgh's rapidly growing tech startup ecosystem," *Pittsburgh Business Times*, 1 March 2026

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 June 2026, K&L Gates Advises StemCyte on US$14 Million IPO on Taiwan Stock Exchange
- 7 November 2024 - 10 November 2024, 2024 NAPABA Convention, Hosted by National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- 19 December 2022, K&L Gates Adds 40 Lawyers to Firm's Partnership

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Commercial Disputes

- Mergers and Acquisitions

INDUSTRIES

- Life Sciences