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OVERVIEW

David K.Y. Tang is a partner and his law practice concentrates in the areas of foreign investment, cross-border financings, mergers and acquisitions, and real property related transactions. He has more than 40 years of transactional experience in the Greater China market.

Among his activities, David served on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco from 2002–2008 and as its chair from 2006–2008. He serves as the Trustee of the Blakemore Foundation, is a member of the Advisory Council of Asia Society Northern California and Seattle and of the World Justice Project Leadership Council. He currently chairs the American Bar Association Task force on Trade in International Legal Services.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Seattle, WA
  - Corporate Law, 2010-2026
  - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2023-2026
  - Real Estate Law, 2013-2026
- Named a Thought Leader by *Who's Who Legal*
- Named in the *China Business Law Journal*'s A-List: China's Elite Lawyers (Foreign Firms), 2018-2024

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Policy

- Former Chair and Board, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, San Francisco
- Member, Council on Foreign Relations, New York
- Leadership Council, World Justice Project
- Advisory Board, Asia Society of Northern California and Seattle

- Member, Committee of 100
- Former Chair, American Bar Foundation, Chicago
- Former Board, National Committee on United States-China Relations, New York
- Board and former Chair, Washington Council on International Trade, Seattle
- Former Board, National Bureau of Asian Research, Seattle
- Former Chair, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce
- Former Board Chair, Evergreen State College

Legal

- Former Council, The American Law Institute
- Former Chair, Anglo-American Real Property Institute
- Former Board of Governors, American College of Real Estate Lawyers
- President's Award, Asian Bar Association of Washington
- Faculty, Practising Law Institute, ALI-ABA, American Conference Institute and various Bar programs
- Former Board and Treasurer, Legal Foundation of Washington

American Bar Association

- Chair, Standing Committee on International Trade in Legal Services
- Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary
- Standing Committee on Membership
- Rules and Calendar Committee
- Nominating Committee
- House of Delegates
- Asian Law Initiative
- Former Chair, Multi-jurisdictional Practice Committee
- Special Committee on the Common Law
- Special Committee on the Future of the Legal Profession (1996 – 1999)
- Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (Chair 2001 – 2002)

Bar Memberships

- American Bar Association

- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Washington State Bar Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., Columbia Law School, 1979 *(Certificate with Honors, Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law)*
- Certificate, The Hague Academy of International Law, 1976 *(The Hague, Netherlands)*
- A.B., Harvard University, 1975 *(magna cum laude)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington

LANGUAGES

- Chinese
- English

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 10 February 2025, January 2025 Accolades
- 18 May 2016, Investing in India? Take a Look at the Amended India-Mauritius Tax Treaty Before You Do
- 26 November 2013, The Shifting Balance of Global Energy Supply

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Investing In India? Time To Rethink Structures," *Law360*, 3 June 2016

NEWS & EVENTS

- 7 November 2024 - 10 November 2024, 2024 NAPABA Convention, Hosted by National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 30 April 2021, K&L Gates Adds Tax Partner in Shanghai

- 5 January 2021, David K.Y. Tang and Virginia Tam named in China Business Law Journal's A-List 2020
- 11 November 2020, The U.S. Post-Election Trade, Tax, and Policy Agenda: What It Means for U.S.-Asia Business
- 27 October 2020, Eric Yoon Elected President of Foreign Law Firm Association of Korea
- 3 August 2020, K&L Gates Enhances Funds and M&A Practices with New Partner Trio in Hong Kong
- 1 January 2019, K&L Gates, Singapore's Straits Law Practice January 1 Combination Strengthens Firm's Global, Local Offerings
- 23 August 2018, K&L Gates and Singapore's Straits Law Practice Receive Legal Services Regulatory Authority Approval Following Combination Discussions
- 10 May 2018, K&L Gates Welcomes Energy, Infrastructure and Resources Partner to Seoul Office
- 5 December 2016, K&L Gates Boosts China Corporate Practice with Addition of Two New Shanghai Partners
- 17 May 2016, K&L Gates Bolsters Asia Practice with New Corporate Partner in Taipei
- 15 April 2016, K&L Gates Adds Corporate, Disputes Partners in Beijing, Hong Kong

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate Governance

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Goods and Services
- Resort, Hospitality, and Leisure

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represent an educational testing company with establishing operations in China and extending operations in Japan and Korea.
- Advising a manufacturing company on technology transfer issues in China.
- Represent a US university in establishing a branch campus in China.
- Represent a food and beverage company in establishing sales, online sales, distribution, processing operations and labeling and regulatory issues in China.
- Represent a cruise company with regulatory and commercial issues in establishing operations in Asia.
- Advising a US university with joint research and exchange programs.

- Represent a CRO company with regulatory compliance in China.
- Represent a technology company in establishing a data center in China.
- Represent a major US foundation in application for Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor status for the right to invest in equity and debt in the China market and registration as foreign non-government organization.
- Advising an international NGO on registration and operations in Asia.
- Advising a multinational company on developments and effects of US-China trade tension.