

# Amigo L. Xie

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## OVERVIEW

Dr. Amigo L. Xie is a seasoned lawyer with over 20 years of experience in the Greater China market, focusing on corporate and M&A, data privacy, employment, real estate, pre-merger control, foreign investment control, supply-chain compliance, and China-related regulatory and compliance tasks. Amigo also advises multinational corporations and local businesses across diverse industries, including information technology, fast-moving consumer goods, life science, healthcare and digital assets.

Amigo is a prolific author, with a particular focus on data protection, digital regulation, and emerging legal developments in China. His work has been featured on leading legal platforms and journals, including *LexisNexis*, *The National Law Review*, *Lexology*, *JD Supra*, and *Concurrences* (award nominated).

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* as a Recommended Lawyer
  - Corporate (including M&A) in Hong Kong, 2024-2026
  - Corporate and M&A: Foreign Firms in China, 2025
- Named to *Lawdragon*'s 500 Leading Global Cyber Lawyers, 2024-2025

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Council Member, China Society of International Economic Law
- Chair Professor, Chen An International Law Development Foundation, Xiamen University
- Visiting Professor, Institute of International Economic Law, Xiamen University Law School
- Member, All China Lawyers Association (ACLA)
- Member, Shanghai Bar Association (SBA)

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “International Data Transfers under Chinese Law”, PrivSec China, GRC World Forums, Virtual Forum, March 2022
- Speaker, “China's Data Protection Officer Recruitment Drive: How Ready is the People's Republic of China for Half-a-Million DPOs?”, PrivSec Global, GRC World Forums, Virtual Seminar, February 2022
- Speaker, “Latest Developments in China-U.S. Trade: CFIUS, Export Controls & Sanctions”, Finance Law Research Center, Xiamen University Law School, Seminar, December 2019
- Speaker, “VIE structure and Foreign Investment Law in China”, International Economic Law Institute, Xiamen University Law School, Seminar, December 2018

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Xiamen University Law School, 2002
- LL.M., Xiamen University Law School, 1999
- LL.B., Xiamen University Law School, 1997

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of People's Rep. of China

## LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Cantonese)
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English
- Taiwanese

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- November 2026, Global Data Protection Insights
- 16 July 2026, China: China's A-Share Market Expands Closing-Price Trading: Implications for Funds and Institutional Investors
- 8 July 2026, China: China Announced Proposed Penalties on Cross-Border Securities Business: What Overseas Institutions Should Watch?

- 2 July 2026, China: A Real Opening-Up, or Opening-Up With Boundaries? Where Is China's Capital Market Heading?
- April 2026, Global Data Protection Insights
- 1 August 2025, China's New DPO Registration Requirement: What You Need to Know
- 30 October 2024, Clarifications of Legal Bases for Cross-Border Data Transfers in Landmark Judgment by the Guangzhou Internet Court in China
- 18 April 2024, Safe Harbors Part II–China's Safe Harbor Rules Lower the Barrier for Cross-Border Data Transfer
- 9 April 2024, Safe Harbors Part I–From Regulating to Facilitating: Key Developments in China's Safe Harbor Rules
- 7 December 2023, Regulating AI: Part II—The Potential Impact of Global Regulation of Artificial Intelligence
- 30 October 2023, An Endeavor to Facilitate Free Movement of Data From China
- 5 October 2023, China Will Issue Safe Harbor Rules to Facilitate Cross-Border Data Flow
- 20 July 2023, China Standard Contract That Impacts Transferring Personal Information From China
- 10 July 2023, Beijing CAC Approved the First China SCC Filing
- 29 June 2023, Gateway to Privacy: China Data Transfers and What You Need to Know
- 5 March 2023, Key Dates for China's Standard Contractual Clauses Compliance
- 20 December 2022, The CAC Assessment Collection – Part 3: Steps and Timeline of a CAC Assessment
- 9 December 2022, The CAC Assessment Collection – Part 2: What Must Be Done Before Applying for a CAC Assessment?
- 6 December 2022, The CAC Assessment Collection – Part 1: What You Should Consider Before Exporting Data From China
- 22 July 2022, What You Need to Know About China ‘Binding Corporate Rules' Under the New Certification Specifications
- 30 June 2022, The NFT Collection: A Brave NFT World – A Regulatory Review of NFT's (Part 2)
- 10 January 2022, What is Required Under the PIPL: A PRC-Based Representative or a Personal Information Protection Officer?
- 9 November 2021, What Multinational Companies Need to Know about Collecting Personal Information from Their Employees in China
- 19 October 2021, Overview of the New Implementing Rules on Critical Information Infrastructure in China and Key Takeaways

- 29 September 2021, China Antitrust Update: First Case Requesting Restoration to Pre-Concentration Status
- 22 July 2021, Key Takeaways and Q&As to Understand China's Effort to Establish Its Own Legal Regime of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
- 9 July 2021, China's New Data Security Law Bolsters Its Data Security Legal Regime
- 17 March 2021, COVID-19: Can you Require Your Employees to get the COVID-19 Vaccine in China?
- 22 January 2021, Relationship Between a Security Agreement and the Underlying Primary Agreement – A New Development
- 29 December 2020, Observations on New Measures for China's Security Review of Foreign Investment
- 10 November 2020, Observations on the People's Republic of China Draft Law on Personal Information Protection: A Cross-Border Perspective
- 26 June 2020, Market Entry and Real World Data – China's Medical Device Industry
- 4 June 2020, Pre-Merger Control Filing in China Concerning Variable Interest Entity Structures
- 19 March 2020, COVID-19: Certain Labor Law Considerations in China
- 16 March 2020, China's 'New' Foreign Investment Law

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "China: Cross-Border Data Transfer Without Consent," *Computer Law Review International (CRi)*, May 2025
- "Clarifications of Legal Bases for Cross-Border Data Transfers in Landmark Judgment by the Guangzhou Internet Court," *Pratt's Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Report*, February 2025, Vol. 11, No. 2
- "From Regulating to Facilitating: Key Developments in China's Safe Harbor Rules—Part II," *The Global Regulatory Developments Journal*, November–December 2024, Vol. 1, No. 6
- "From Regulating to Facilitating: Key Developments in China's Safe Harbor Rules—Part I," *The Global Regulatory Developments Journal*, September–October 2024, Vol. 1, No. 5
- "Key Takeaways From China's Amended Anti-Monopoly Law," *Law360*, 9 August 2022
- "China's Data Protection Officer Recruitment Drive: Are You Ready?" Privacy Law Bulletin, 2022, Vol. 19, No. 2, *LexisNexis*, April 2022

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 14 May 2025, K&L Gates Advises MSA Safety Incorporated on €175 Million Acquisition of M&C TechGroup Germany
- 17 March 2025, K&L Gates Receives Excellence Award for Representation of Wabtec in Acquisition of Bloom Engineering

- 11 July 2022, K&L Gates Advises DIC Corporation on Acquisition of Chemical Manufacturing Operations in China
- 11 May 2022, K&L Gates Advises Silicon Motion Technology Corporation on US$3.8 Billion Cross-Border Take-Private Acquisition by MaxLinear, Inc.
- 15 March 2022, PrivSec China, Hosted by PrivSec
- 15-16 February 2022, PrivSec Global, Hosted by PrivSec
- 18 September 2020, K&L Gates Advises Red Ventures on USD $500 Million Acquisition of CNET Media Group From ViacomCBS
- 5 December 2016, K&L Gates Boosts China Corporate Practice with Addition of Two New Shanghai Partners

## OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "DIC Corporation's Acquisition of Guangdong Tong Tak New Materials," *Global Legal Chronicle*, 12 July 2022
- Mentioned, Trust and data law in MENA among key themes explored at PrivSec Global February 2022 day two, *GRC World Forums*, 17 February 2022

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Antitrust and Competition
- Commercial Ownership, Leasing, and Management
- Data Protection, Privacy, and Security
- Human Resource Advice and Compliance
- Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions

## INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Goods and Services
- Digital Assets and Blockchain Technology
- Healthcare
- Life Sciences
- Technology

## EMERGING ISSUES

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

### Corporate, M&A

- Advised a Hong Kong-listed company on its private bidding for acquisition from a Japanese listed company of a Spain-based multinational life sciences company that is a global provider of freeze dryers, sterilizers, clean-room facilities, and related equipment for pharmaceutical companies and research laboratories.
- Advised Investor AB Limited, a subsidiary of Investor AB, a Swedish-based fund that is managed by a US team on its sell-down of 75,617,838 shares in NSFocus Information Technology Co. Ltd., an internet and application security company after its lock-up period through block trading, centralized competitive trading, and share transfer agreement.
- Advised Columbia Sportswear Company, a leading sportswear brand owner, on its joint venture and the relevant asset transfer in China with and following buyout of the joint venture by exercising its call option from Swire Resources Limited, its Great China distribution agent.
- Advised CEFC China on its acquisition of the Florentinum office building, a LEED platinum certified property and the first development of Penta Investments completed in the Czech Republic.
- Advised Shanghai Electric Group Co., Ltd. on its acquisition from DBAG Fund of Broetje Group, which is a supplier in the aerospace industry with a product portfolio covering the entire process chain for assembly of aero structures and their related components.
- Advised a Cayman Islands company invested by several venture capital investors on its disposal of its cable TV business in China to a state-owned enterprise and exit from a VIE structure.

### Data and Privacy Protection

- Advised a multinational corporation on its data compliance regarding the disposal of its global business related to designing, developing, manufacturing, marketing, distributing or otherwise selling vitrification media, embryo culture media, andrology products, proteins, oils, reagents, enzymes, disposables, equipment and laboratory supplies used in assisted reproductive technology and cytogenetics.
- Advised a US-based multinational lifestyle brand company on its data compliance and data security regarding its cross-border business as well as its greenfield investment in China on the sale of its lifestyle products and services to individual consumers in China.
- Advised a multinational vessel and corporate registration and seafarer certification services provider on its data compliance practices in China.
- Advised a US-listed company that supplies an online marketplace globally on its China-based employees and customers personal information and privacy policies.

## Merger Clearance, CFIUS and Foreign Investment Control

- Advised Cummins on its pre-merger filing in China for its joint venture with Enrichment Technology Company Limited.
- Advised a China-based private equity fund managed by a state-owned private equity fund manager on potential CFIUS risk issues related to its investment in total AI solutions business in the US.
- Advised a China-based private equity fund managed by a state-owned private equity fund manager on BIS Entity List risk issues related to its investment in a divestment business.
- Advised a multinational corporation that supplies engines and power generation products on potential China foreign investment control risk issues related to its acquisition of a supplier of bus e-drive solutions.

## Supply Chain Compliance

- Advised a US-based multinational company on a strategic supply agreement for next-generation satellites with a Chinese state-owned enterprise, addressing US export controls, China export controls, US sanctions, and US and China supply chain compliance considerations.

## Human Resources Management

- Advised a multinational company on its termination of employment with senior management in China based on international investigations.
- Advised a biotechnological start-up in China on its ESOP for its China-based and US-based employees, contractors, and consultants.
- Advised two US-listed companies on the registrations of their respective ESOPs for their China-based employees.

## Real Estate

- Advised a leading US-based multinational e-commerce company on its easement arrangement and follow-up construction work in a northwest city in China.
- Advised a Fortune 500 company on its removal of production lines from south China to north China and its construction-lease arrangement with its biggest customer in north China.