



Associate | Foreign Counsel

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KEY PRACTICE(S)

Corporate & Commercial
Advisory

Corporate, Commercial & Civil
Litigation

Employment

Mergers & Acquisitions

China Desk

Lester is a US-qualified lawyer admitted to practice in both California and Arizona, with a primary focus on employment and labor laws and related disputes. He also demonstrates adeptness in corporate advisory matters as well as offshore investments and transactions.

Lester has a proven track record in representing enterprise clients in courtrooms and mediation proceedings. His ability to navigate complex disputes underscores his commitment to achieving favorable outcomes for his clients.

Lester has previously clerked as a Judicial Extern to judge Honorable Richard L. Fruin Jr. of the LA County Superior Court.

Prior to relocating to Thailand, Lester practiced law in California. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising and Media from Pepperdine University and earned his Juris Doctor (JD) from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

Lester is fluent in English and Mandarin

ADMISSION(S)

California

Arizona

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University, B.A.

Loyola Law School, J.D.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- Advised on the establishment of Regen Capital Partners, a Cayman Islands search fund with a Thailand-focused investment mandate and a target capitalisation of up to US\$30 million, representing the first Thai-focused search fund platform established and managed by a Thai general partner.
- Advised Morning Global (QS) Holding Limited (Morning Global) on the acquisition of PT Quantum Solutions Logistics Indonesia, as part of Morning Global's complete acquisition of the Quantum Solutions group across five Asia-Pacific countries and territories.
- Assisted counsel in the closing of a Series B funding round for a Thai e-commerce company for the sum of US\$2.5 million.

- Represented a leading venture capital on its investment into a Delaware-incorporated AI cybersecurity technology company.
- Represented a leading venture capital company on its Series B investment into an enterprise AI technology company.
- Regularly advise and assist investors from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan in setting up Thai companies and making investments in Thailand.

DISPUTES

- Acted as co-counsel and successfully defending a client against all of plaintiff's claims including fraud, conversion, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, unfair competition and false advertising. See *Dong v. Zhou, et al.* 23STCV23258.
- Assisted counsel in acting for a defendant in a California Labor Commissioner's Office investigation involving over 30 employees and 3 years of back pay worth over USD 5 million.
- Regularly represented enterprises in California Workers' Compensation Appeals Board hearings.