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Experience in practice :

Ms. Li Luping is an Equity Partner at Beijing DHH (Shanghai) Law Firm and serves as the Director of the Russia & CIS Business Department. She holds both a Chinese lawyer's license and a foreign lawyer license issued by the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation. Ms. Li is a member of the inaugural Legal Daily Lawyer Expert Pool and part of the legal advisory team for the Consular, Economic and Commercial, and Education Sections of the Chinese Embassy in Russia. She also acts as an arbitrator for Beihai Arbitration Commission and serves as a Part-time Lecturer at Shanghai University of Political Science and Law.

A graduate of East China University of Political Science and Law and the Faculty of Law at Moscow State University, Ms. Li specializes in overseas direct investment, cross-border trade and financing, and trade-related dispute resolution.

Since 2017, she has been based at the firm's Moscow office as a resident lawyer, providing ongoing legal counsel to multiple Chinese enterprises and supporting Chinese companies investing in Russia with professional legal services. She also develops solutions for trade disputes between Chinese and Russian companies. As a member of the legal advisory team for the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office, Consular Department, and Education Office of the Chinese Embassy in Russia, Ms. Li offers legal consultations and formal opinions to the Embassy.

Representative cases (in chronological order)

- Participated the establishment of the coal-to-olefin joint venture between China National Power Investment Corporation and Total France ;
- Participated the establishment of NIT's Hong Kong finance company ;
- Advised a medical technology company for the establishment of an investment project in a hospital in Irkusk Region, Russia ;
- Provided legal services as a member of the permanent legal advisor team of SPIC and China Heavy Duty Gas Turbine Technology Co. ;
- Advised a land transaction and funding plan for Qinghai Sanjiang Group International Trade Company on an agricultural investment project in Russia ;
- Provided permanent legal counsel to Yutong Bus, review contracts and provide full legal services in respect of guarantees, mortgages, etc. ;
- Advised Hong Kong Centurion Finance & Leasing Company on a sales finance guarantee project in Russia ;
- Provided permanent legal counsel to Xinhua News Agency's Asia-Europe Bureau, providing solutions to asset management, intellectual property disputes, and tax issues ;
- Legal support to FAW Eastern Europe Ltd. in the review of dealership agreements and the development of finance leasing business ;
- Permanent legal counsel for Sichuan Airlines JSC in relation to local Russian taxation, international tax arrangements, etc. ;
- Acted for a state-owned enterprise in Shandong in a claim dispute with a partner in Russia for the successful dismissal of a claim ;
- Advised a trading company in Shandong on its investment dispute with its partner in Russia and the corresponding bankruptcy and liquidation project ;
- Providing permanent legal counsel to the Pingdu City Development Group of Shandong Province and its primary and secondary subsidiaries, and providing project legal services for the acquisition and merger projects of the main bodies of the companies ;
- Cooperation framework construction and agreement review for the cooperation project between Qingdao Ocean Science Research Centre and the Russian Sershov Institute ;
- As a member of the legal services team of Vanke's Russian property project company, provided legal support in the review of agreements and internal company audits for the preliminary work of the relevant cooperation projects ;
- Acted as legal advisor to the Shanghai Institute of Optical Precision Machinery of the Chinese Academy of Sciences on the establishment of a Russian branch office ;

- Provided comprehensive solution to the tax planning problems of a construction and engineering company in Shandong in Russia ;
- Represented an exporter of medical devices in Zhenjiang in the first and second instance of a trade dispute arbitration with Russia, which was fully upheld by the court ;
- Acting as permanent legal advisor to the Russian subsidiary of Feng Shen Company Limited (stock code: 600469) ;
- Shareholder liquidation objection, tax planning and due diligence for listed overseas companies for Huali Technology Co. ;
- Legal services for the filing of bankruptcy claims and negotiation of trade disputes for Golden Dragon Bus in Russia ;
- Due diligence services for an offshore subsidiary branch of Zhongman Oil.
- Provided verification services for: the petroleum transaction between Jiangsu Zhengxuan Petroleum Machinery Co., Ltd. and a Russian entity; the liquefied natural gas transaction between a Shandong international trade enterprise and the Russian Kuban Oil Refinery; the light cycle oil transaction verification between a Hong Kong group company and the Russian Orsknefteorgsintez Refinery; the light cycle oil transaction between a Shanghai international trade company and an oil company in the Samara region of Russia; the petroleum coke transaction between a Shanghai international trade company and an oil company (plant) in the Orenburg region of Russia.
- Served as the perennial legal advisor for multiple subsidiaries of Southern Economic and Trade Group, providing comprehensive legal support for their domestic and international agricultural product and coal bulk trade.
- Served as the perennial legal advisor for the Russian subsidiary of Xinghan Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd.
- Served as the perennial legal advisor for the Russian subsidiary of Yatu High-Tech Materials Co., Ltd.
- Provided project consulting services for the German law firm Luther.
- Served as the perennial legal advisor for the Russian subsidiary of Qeeka Home.
- Served as the perennial legal advisor for the Chinese subsidiary of the Russian RNK Oil and Gas Company.
- Provided specialized transaction review services for a transaction between a state-owned enterprise in Anhui and a Russian aluminum company.
- Provided litigation response consulting services for Schneider Electric in Russian arbitration court proceedings.
- Represented Shenzhen Creality 3D Technology Co., Ltd. in a Russian customs dispute case.
- Provided sanctions risk assessment services for an overseas acquisition project for Beijing Huairou State-Owned Assets.
- Provided comprehensive services for the overseas recourse business of China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation.
- Provided full-process legal services for a Russian project of PetroChina Jilin Chemical Engineering Company.
- Provided sanctions risk assessment legal services for China MCC22 Group Corp., Ltd.

Contributions:

- Advisory and Guidance for the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese Embassy in Russia:
 - Organized and drafted an investigative legal opinion on Russian investment restrictions and the practice of nominee shareholders.
 - Organized and drafted an interpretive guide on overseas warehouse issues.
 - Contributed to drafting a guide on entity establishment in Russia for Chinese enterprises, submitted to the Economic and Commercial Office and the Ministry of Commerce.
 - Organized and drafted a report on China's overseas interests in Russia.
 - Regularly organized and compiled a "Legal Weekly" bulletin for the Embassy.
 - Participated in research on the top ten Russian law firms and accounting firms.
- Meetings and Training Sessions:
 - Organized and participated in a three-day legal awareness lecture series on Russian law for Chinese enterprises in Russia, held from May 29 to 31, 2018.
 - At the request of the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese Embassy in Russia, organized and invited Russian lawyers to conduct a "Trade Remedies Seminar" on June 21, 2018.
 - Participated in organizing a training session titled "How Foreign Enterprises Can Operate in Russia While Mitigating Sanctions Risks," held in collaboration with a partner law firm on June 5, 2018.
- Other Contributions:
 - Drafted a research report on the applicable regional laws, dispute resolution institutions, and tax immigration policies of the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) in Kazakhstan, in response to client needs.
 - Participated in organizing the "Entering Russia: Essential Legal Issues and Risk Warnings for Economic, Trade, and Investment Activities" lecture series, serving as the lead speaker for two topics: "Signing and Performing Sino-Russian Trade Contracts: A Litigation and Dispute Perspective" and "A Guide to Enterprise Fund Transfers into Russia."
 - Participated in compiling the handbook "Legal Help in Russia: 100 Daily Questions + 20 Post-Pandemic Q&As," responsible for the trade, finance, and currency sections.
 - Organized and participated in creating "100 Q&As on Chinese Law for Russian Enterprises," responsible for the "Market Access for Traded Products" and "Customs and Inspection & Quarantine" sections.
 - Contributed to the handbook "100 Q&As on Legal Issues in International Commercial Contract Disputes Under the COVID-19 Pandemic," responsible for the Russia chapter.
 - Participated in the drafting and information collection for the legislative proposal of the "Several Provisions of Pudong

New Area on Promoting the Development of Barter Trade."

Publications :

- International Investment Arbitration Clauses as a Protection Mechanism for Foreign Investment
- Exploring New Directions in Manufacturing Sales with Features of Russian Financial Leasing Law
- Exploring Russian Financial Lease Funding Solutions from the Structure of Case Transactions" (Third Prize at the 2020 T&H Lawyers Group Annual Academic Conference for Lawyers)
- "Compliance Tips for Chinese Companies' Representative Offices in Russia - A Tax System Perspective on the Compliance of Chinese Companies' Representative Offices in Russia
- "Have you stepped into the trading certificate hole? --The Russian trade transaction certificate system from the perspective of bankruptcy claim filing
- "The ABCs of Real Estate Transactions in Russia"
- "A Comparative Study of the 50% Rule Across Three Jurisdictions from a Sanctions Compliance Perspective" published in the International Law Committee Newsletter of the Shanghai Bar Association, February 2025 Issue

Awards:

- Member of the Legal Daily expert pool
- Legal advisor to the Chinese Association of Moscow, Russia;
- Arbitrator, Beihai Arbitration Commission, Beihai International Arbitration Commission

- Part-time Lecturer at Shanghai University of Political Science and Law

- Guest Professor at the Law School of Shenyang Normal University