

Simmons & Simmons China TMT & IP webinar series

Agenda and speakers

November 2020 – January 2021



Agenda

Date	Beijing Time	Topic	Language	Speakers
10 November 2020 Tuesday	4-5pm	Foreign direct investment regime in Europe	English and brief Chinese translation	<p>Satyen Dhana (UK, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Dr Stephan Ulrich (Germany, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Leo Verhoeff (The Netherlands, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Koen Platteau (Belgium, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Host: Jingyuan Shi (China, Simmons & Simmons)</p>
17 November 2020 Tuesday	4-5pm	EU/UK Data Protection Legal Updates	Chinese	<p>Alexander Brown (UK, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Jingyuan Shi (China, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Jenny Liu (China, Simmons & Simmons)</p>
19 November 2020 Thursday	4-5pm	Trade secret and patent litigation in UK for Chinese companies	English and brief Chinese translation	<p>Priya Nagpal (UK, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Host: Jingyuan Shi (China, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Ryo Lu (China, Simmons & Simmons)</p>
24 November 2020 Tuesday	8-9pm	US/China Trade and Investment Laws: Sanctions, Export Controls, and CFIUS	English and brief Chinese translation	<p>Marwa Hassoun (US, Arent Fox)</p> <p>David R Hanke (US, Arent Fox)</p> <p>Matthew Tuchband (US, Arent Fox)</p> <p>Kakar Aman (US, Arent Fox)</p> <p>Host: Jingyuan Shi (China, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Ryo Lu (China, Simmons & Simmons)</p>

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3 December 2020 Thursday	4-5pm	The latest developments in Japanese foreign investment restriction laws, game and data laws	English and brief Chinese translation	<u>Makiko Yamamoto</u> (Japan, TMI Associates) <u>Seiro Hatano</u> (Japan, TMI Associates) <u>Masakatsu Nagashima</u> (Japan, TMI Associates) Host: <u>Jingyuan Shi</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Yuchen Lai</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons)
9 December 2020 Wednesday	4-5pm	Mutual legal assistance between Hong Kong and other jurisdictions and its impacts	English and brief Chinese translation	<u>Michelle Ta</u> (Hong Kong, China, Simmons & Simmons) Host: <u>Jingyuan Shi</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Jenny Liu</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons)
16 December 2020 Wednesday	4-5pm	Patent litigation in Germany for Chinese companies	English and brief Chinese translation	<u>Dr Thomas Gniadek</u> (Germany, Simmons & Simmons) Host: <u>Jingyuan Shi</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Jenny Liu</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons)
23 December 2020 Wednesday	4-5pm	Patent litigation in Europe for Chinese companies (FRAND latest situation and others)	Chinese	<u>Jingyuan Shi</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Jenny Liu</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons)
30 December 2020 Wednesday	4-5pm	Employment law trends – A common law perspective	Chinese	<u>Wendy Wong</u> (Hong Kong, China, Simmons & Simmons)

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5 January 2021 Tuesday	4-5pm	Foreign Direct Investment, Business Structures and Data Protection Laws in India	English and brief Chinese translation	<p><u>Rishi Anand</u> (India, DSK Legal) <u>Jitendra Soni</u> (India, DSK Legal)</p> <p>Host: <u>Jingyuan Shi</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Ryo Lu</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons)</p>
7 January 2021 Thursday	4-5pm	Cross-border acquisitions: IP issues (from European technology and medical perspectives)	English and brief Chinese translation	<p><u>Angus Mclean</u> (UK, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Lydia Torne</u> (UK, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Host: <u>Jingyuan Shi</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Ryo Lu</u> (Hong Kong, China, Simmons & Simmons)</p>
14 January 2021 Thursday	4-5pm	Trends in game and e-sports law (European, Middle East and Asian perspectives)	English and brief Chinese translation	<p><u>Elia Kim</u> (Japan, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Caroline Henzell</u> (UK, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Raza Rizvi</u> (UAE, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Host: <u>Jingyuan Shi</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Yuchen Lai</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons)</p>
19 January 2021 Tuesday	4-5pm	Case updates on global data sanctions	English and brief Chinese translation	<p><u>Lawrence Brown</u> (UK, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Christopher Götz</u> (Germany, Simmons & Simmons)</p> <p>Host: <u>Jingyuan Shi</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Yuchen Lai</u> (China, Simmons & Simmons)</p>

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21 January 2021 Thursday	4-5pm	Case study in internet patent litigation in China	Chinese	<u>Shasha Chen</u> (China, Fairisky)
26 January 2021 Tuesday	4-5pm	IP protection strategy of games	Chinese	<u>Dandan Zhou</u> (China, Fairisky)
28 January 2021 Thursday	4-5pm	Pathway to Hong Kong capital markets for TMT companies	Chinese	<u>Claudia Yiu</u> (Hong Kong, China, Simmons & Simmons) <u>Christopher Ma</u> (Hong Kong, China, Simmons & Simmons)

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Jingyuan Shi (China)

Partner, TMT, Simmons & Simmons

Jingyuan holds an LLB from Fudan University and an LLM (IP and IT law) from London School of Economics (Distinction). She is a PRC qualified lawyer and a practising solicitor in England and Wales. Jingyuan focuses on TMT sector and has been based in Shanghai, Beijing, London, Hong Kong and Shenzhen for her practice. She has in-depth knowledge of the TMT industry from various perspectives, primarily advising compliance (especially on global data and competition), cross border investment (strategy and financing), startup financing and IP. Ranked in Chambers Asia and Legal500 Asia from 2017-2020, clients have quoted Jingyuan as being "well versed in assisting tech start-ups with early stage investments", "knows the business very well and has a wealth of experience; offers very clear and well thought out advice; super smart, and totally proactive."



Alexander Brown (UK)

Partner, TMT sector head, Simmons & Simmons

Alexander Brown graduated from University of Cambridge and is a practising solicitor in England and Wales. Alex has over 20 years of experience in advising clients on data protection and data privacy issues. He is regularly ranked in Chambers and Legal500 for his depth and breadth of TMT knowledge and recognised as expert in the field. Alex has been advising multinational European financial institutions and telecom companies on data compliance, GDPR, data monetisation, IT outsourcing and regulatory matters and gained reputations among clients. Alex has contributed to the publications concerning data protection and privacy law, these are highly appreciated by legislators, scholars and practitioners in this field. Clients once described him as a "real genius, providing real helpful practical advice" (Chambers UK). Legal500 appraised him as "intuitive and savvy" (2019).



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Koen Platteau (Belgium)

Partner, Competition, Simmons & Simmons

He has over 20 years' experience in Brussels and is the country head of Simmons' Belgium office. Koen advises clients on EU and Belgian competition law matters and has significant experience in merger control, cartel and abuse of dominance cases, compliance programmes, competition litigation/arbitration and state aid matters. He also advises more broadly on EU law matters such as free movement and various regulatory issues. His broad ranging practice spans the energy, life sciences and TMT sectors. He regularly advises and represents clients before EU institutions, the Belgian Competition Authority, the EU Courts in Luxembourg and national courts. Clients appreciate that Koen is "flexible in the way he responds to requests." and "available, approachable and I can feel that he has taken time to understand us as a client" (Chambers). Koen has published the European Union law section in Global Legal Insights to: Merger Control 5th Edition. He graduated from Ghent University.



Raza Rizvi (UAE)

Partner, TMT, Simmons & Simmons

Raza is the head of regional TMT practice which covers Middle East and Africa. Raza has particular expertise around the legal, regulatory and policy impact of emerging tech and sector convergence through "first of their kind" projects. Under his leadership, our Middle East TMT team recently named TMT Law Firm of the Year at the Middle East Legal Awards 2020. His core practice includes advising on complex commercial arrangements, data rights and obligations (as a Certified Information Privacy Professional), sector-specific regulation, competition laws and the commercialisation of intangible assets in the Middle East. His clients include well known game developers Activision Blizzard and Electronic Arts. He is regularly ranked by Legal500 and Chambers as a leading TMT and FinTech lawyer, a client said Raza "has a very well-rounded perspective; he obviously puts quite a lot of thought into things and is able to see them from a regulatory angle as well as from a purely commercial and transactional perspective." (Chambers 2020).



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Leo Verhoeff (The Netherlands)

Partner, Corporate and Commercial, Simmons & Simmons

Leo heads the Private Equity group in The Netherlands and is head of the International Private Equity group of the firm. He specialises in corporate law with an emphasis on private equity, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and corporate governance. Leo is fluent in Dutch, English and Spanish. His client base includes global private equity firms, banks, and international and domestic corporations among others active in various sectors. Leo has developed a consistent and impressive track record in assisting private equity firms and management teams in buy-outs. He is ranked as Band 1 lawyer in Chambers for Corporate and M&A (The Netherlands). Clients praised him as "great in negotiations and very good with people," and is therefore a "number-one" choice. (Chambers Europe). Leo graduated from Utrecht University.



Dr Stephan Ulrich (Germany)

Partner, Corporate and Commercial, Simmons & Simmons

Stephan heads our German (Dusseldorf, Munich, and Frankfurt offices) corporate practice. He specialises in national and cross-border acquisitions, disposals and joint ventures, private and public mergers and acquisitions and the full range of ECM and corporate law advice. Stephan has acted for a wide range of both national and international clients from various industry sectors including ICT companies. Stephan is a non-executive member in a number of boards, including at the Hospital group Franziskus Stiftung. He is a permanent associate of GmbHRundschau, a leading journal on company law, and is responsible for the corporate section of its GmbH Report. He is listed as a Top Corporate Lawyer in WirtschaftsWoche 2019 and in the JUVE handbook 2017/2018 as an M&A expert. Clients praise him as being "very solution-oriented and competent" (Legal500). He studied law at the Universities of Muenster and Berlin (Dr. jur.) as well as Université Nanterre (Maître en Droit).



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Dr Thomas Gniadek (Germany)

Partner, IP Litigation, Simmons & Simmons

Thomas is an IP litigation partner in our Munich office. His practice focuses on counselling and representation in patent litigation, trade secrets litigation and other tech-related litigation. In particular, his expertise comprises litigating patents in the fields of telecommunications, video, audio and voice coding, IT, hardware and software, consumer electronics, automotive, mechanics, 3D printing, metal manufacturing, medical devices as well as biotech; regularly including standard essential patents (SEP). Thomas advises on technology related know-how and trade secrets protection. He gives advice on the licensing of patents and IP rights, on employee inventions law and on technology related unfair competition and anti-trust law (SEP/FRAND). He helps clients manage risks and arriving at practical solutions without involving the courts. Thomas has a wealth of experience in providing comprehensive freedom-to-operate (FTO) analyses and representing clients in complex out-of-court negotiation scenarios. The JUVE handbook 2019/2020 ranks Thomas as a "frequently recommended lawyer" and describes his negotiation style as "pragmatic and solution-oriented". WirtschaftsWoche 2019 lists Thomas as one of the most renowned patent law attorneys in Germany. Clients appreciate his "assertive litigation style".



Priya Nagpal (UK)

Partner, IP Litigation, Simmons & Simmons

Priya is a barrister in the Intellectual Property (IP) group and has over 14 years' experience of IP litigation. Priya leads complex, often business-critical litigation from pre-action and clearance stages through to trial. Priya's expertise spans the range of IP rights including patents, trade marks, copyright, database rights and designs. Priya regularly appears on behalf of her clients, conducting advocacy in the High Court, IP Enterprise Court and UK Intellectual Property Office. Priya has represented many household names, specialising in multi-jurisdictional litigation across the e-commerce, media, life sciences and technology sectors. Her cases typically involve technical subject matter given her scientific background. Priya's other area of expertise includes television format litigation (having worked with acclaimed producers), as well as litigation in the IP Enterprise Court and alternative litigation funding solutions for high-growth companies and SMEs. Priya graduated from University of Bristol (LLB and BSs Chemistry).



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Matthew Tuchband (US)

Counsel, Export Control and International Trade,
Arent Fox

Matthew advises the firm's US and foreign clients on foreign trade and banking compliance with all aspects of economic sanctions and embargoes administered by the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Prior to joining Arent Fox, Matthew served for 21 years at the Treasury Department's Office of the Chief Counsel for Foreign Assets Control, including the last 14 years as the Deputy Chief Counsel. Matthew was involved in almost every important sanctions development of the last two decades, including the extension of OFAC jurisdiction over transactions by foreign financial institutions, the formation and evolution of the "50 percent" rule, the increasing use of "secondary sanctions," and major shifts in sanctions on Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Ukraine/Russia, and Venezuela, among others. Considered uniquely skilled in the uses and limitations of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), Matthew was involved in drafting over 65 sanctions-related Executive Orders signed by the President. For his work, Matthew received the Secretary's Honor Award, the Legal Division's Excellence in Management Award, and several Meritorious Service Awards, among others. Matthew graduated from Brandeis University (BA) and Georgetown University (JD).



Marwa Hassoun (US)

Partner, Export Control, Arent Fox

Marwa advises US and non-US companies on international regulatory issues, including civilian and military export controls, economic sanctions, anti-boycott regulations, and customs regulations. Her practice includes drafting license applications, ruling requests, protests, commodity jurisdiction and classification requests, advisory opinion requests, disclosures, and other submissions to various government agencies, including the Directorate of Defense Trade Control (DDTC), the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Census Bureau, and the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Marwa has experience in various industries, including aerospace, space, defense, arms, telecommunications, electronics, information technology, chemicals, and industrial manufacturing. Marwa graduated from UC Berkeley (JD) and University of Minnesota (BA). Marwa currently serves on the board of directors for the California Global Trade & Logistics Advisory Committee. Marwa is affiliated with the American Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Arab American Lawyers Association of Southern California, as well as Women in International Trade - Los Angeles.



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David R. Hanke (US)

Partner, National Security, Arent Fox

Dave is a leading national security and public policy lawyer for domestic and foreign companies, especially those navigating the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and its implementation of the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act (FIRRMA). Dave represents clients at the intersection of business and national security on matters and advises companies on U.S. Government policy regarding strategic technology issues, such as 5G telecommunications infrastructure, and helps clients interface effectively with federal agencies and Congress. He is regularly invited to speak at industry, think tank, and academic conferences and quoted in major national news stories. Prior to joining Arent Fox, Dave spent over 12 years on Capitol Hill, serving in a variety of senior national security staff positions, including as a Professional Staff Member on the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) and as Counsel for National Security Affairs to Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), then-Senate Majority Whip. While working on Capitol Hill, he was the primary staff architect of FIRRMA and the chief strategist behind its 2018 enactment. He was also the original staff architect of Senator Cornyn's "secure 5G" legislation (a version of which was later introduced as the Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2019). Dave graduated from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (JD) and Indiana University (BS).



Aman Kakar (US)

Associate, National Security, Arent Fox

Aman has experience in a wide range of international trade issues, including trade remedy, export compliance and enforcement actions. Aman has represented sovereign and corporate clients in a variety of anti-dumping and countervailing duty issues, including major investigations and reviews before the Department of Commerce (DOC) and investigations before the International Trade Commission (ITC). Because these matters often result in appeals to national courts and bi-lateral and multi-lateral tribunals, he has appeared before the Court of International Trade, the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and NAFTA, and other dispute resolution panels. Prior to joining Arent Fox, Aman was a staff attorney at the US Department of Commerce in the Office of Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement & Compliance. He advised International Trade Administration officials on statutory and regulatory requirements, judicial precedent, and agency practice during the course of antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings and regulatory rulemaking processes. Aman graduated from University of Pittsburgh School of Law (JD) and University of Maryland (BS).



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Makiko Yamamoto (Japan)

Partner, IP and Corporate, TMI Associates

Makiko is a partner of TMI Associates, Simmons' associate law firm in Japan. Makiko focuses on corporate law and intellectual property law. She is particularly experienced in cross-border transactions and has participated in a large number of Japanese companies' overseas investments and foreign investment projects in Japan. Makiko graduated from Keio University (LLB) and the University of Cambridge (LLM) in UK. She worked in the Intellectual Property and Corporate team of Simmons London Office for a long time until she returned to Japan in 2014. Makiko became a visiting scholar at Musashino University in 2018 and concurrently serves as an outside business director of SIGMAXYZ, a business consulting company listed in Japan. In 2019, she became an outside director of Musashi Seimitsu Industry Co., Ltd. and served as a member of the company's audit and supervision committee. In 2020, she was appointed as an outside director of ASICS, a well-known Japanese sports brand. She is a practising lawyer in Tokyo, Japan (since 2000), a practising lawyer in England and Wales (since 2012), and a practising lawyer in Fukuoka, Japan (since 2020).



Seiro Hatano (Japan)

Partner, IP and Corporate, TMI Associates

Seiro is a partner of TMI Associates, Simmons' associate law firm in Japan, and a visiting associate professor at the University of Tokyo Law School. He graduated from the University of Tokyo Law School (LLB) and Queen Mary University of London (LLM), and has more than 15 years of legal practice experience. Seiro was seconded to the Intellectual Property Office of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan. He has extensive experience in the information, communications and technology (ICT) industry, including data protection and data security. Seiro has also worked for international telecommunications companies and electronics companies. He often provides contentious and non-contentious legal advises to domestic and international clients on ICT-related matters, including providing data protection (such as global personal data management) advice to large multinational companies. Seiro is a practising lawyer in Tokyo, Japan.



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Masakatsu Nagashima (Japan)

Senior Associate, IP, TMI Associates

Masakatsu is a senior IP associate of TMI Associates, Simmons' associate law firm in Japan. He graduated from Waseda University School of Law (LLB) and University of California, Los Angeles School of Law (LLM). Masakatsu is qualified to practise in Tokyo, Japan and California, USA, focusing on intellectual property law, internet-related law, and entertainment law (including game/e-sports law). Masakatsu worked for a Japanese entertainment company in Los Angeles. In the gaming/e-sports industry, he provides extensive advice to domestic and foreign game publishers, including assisting clients in setting up companies in Japan, providing clients with copyright/trademark issues in games, sponsorship/license agreements and related regulations service. He is also committed to the legal development of the Japanese e-sports industry and is very active in the industry.



Michelle Ta (Hong Kong, China)

Managing Associate, TMT, Simmons & Simmons

Michelle is a senior lawyer in Simmons' Hong Kong office. She has a breadth of experience across technology transactions, IT outsourcing, software and IP licensing, and privacy and data protection, and she has also made achievements in the field of financial technology. She has provided a series of data-related consulting services for virtual banks, and is currently seconded to a virtual bank in Hong Kong to provide long-term legal support. Michelle is an experienced cyber security legal advisor who once worked for a global information technology service giant as the company's cyber security services legal expert. She was recognised as one of the ten finalists in the Australian Financial Review BOSS Young Executive of the Year competition in 2017. Michelle is dual-qualified in Hong Kong SAR and Australia. She graduated from University of Melbourne (LLB) and holds a second Bachelor degree with double majors in Biochemistry and Biotechnology.



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Fanwen Kong (China)

Partner, Patent Litigation, Fairsky

Fanwen's practice focuses on patent invalidation, administrative litigation, patent infringement and technological secret litigation, anti-trust and unfair competition litigation. Fanwen graduated from the Academy of Military Medical Sciences (MMed). He started his career life as a neurosurgeon for 10 years with the Affiliated Hospital of the Academy of Military Medical Sciences and then switched to practice law as a patent attorney from 2005. Since then, he has focused on patent cases and trade secret disputes in the fields of machinery, electronics, medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry. Fanwen studied US patent litigation in the US. His client includes a large number of domestic clients, and some cases represented by Fanwen were selected as the top ten cases of the year by Hunan Provincial Higher People's Court, Hubei Provincial Higher People's Court, Anhui Provincial Higher People's Court, and Shanghai Higher People's Court, respectively. He is a member of the Patent Law Committee of Beijing Lawyers Association, an appointed expert in the Expert Advisory Committee of Supreme Court's Intellectual Property Case Guidance Research (Beijing) Centre. He has contributed to many professional publications including "China Intellectual Property News", "China Foreign Trade", "Electronic Intellectual Property", "LANDSLIDE Magazine", "Intellectual Property Strategy and Practice" etc.



Satyen Dhana (UK)

Partner, Competition and Compliance, Simmons & Simmons

Satyen is head of Competition and Trade group of our office based in London. He specialises in EU, competition and regulatory law and has extensive experience of their application within a wide range of industries. His clients include Siemens, Vodafone, Sky, Fox and Disney. He has advised on both UK and EU competition investigations and sector enquiries/market investigations, as well as Phase 1 and Phase 2 UK and EU merger investigations. He is ranked as Next Generation Partner in Legal500 and praised by clients as "excellent", provides "high-quality service" and is "always willing to go the extra miles"; and Chambers, where Satyen is ranked a Rising Star, commenting Satyen provides "particularly insightful and valuable" advice and complimenting that "he really understands the law and can apply it in a practical context." "He cuts through the chaff and gets straight to the point."



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Angus Mclean (UK)

Partner, IP, Simmons & Simmons

Angus is an intellectual property specialist and head of FinTech at Simmons & Simmons. He has a particular focus on advising clients on the IP aspects of commercial and corporate transactions in a range of sectors including financial institutions and TMT. He also specialises in copyright and breach of confidence/trade secrets disputes arising out of employee moves. He is recognised as a Leading Individual for FinTech in Legal500 2018 and one of only four Thought Leaders in Europe for FinTech in Who's Who Legal 2018. Clients complimented Angus as an "excellent" lawyer with "extraordinary enthusiasm" (Legal500), able to "accommodating clients' urgency and schedule, and bringing great results to clients" (Who's Who Legal 2018). He is recognised by Legal500 as the most significant legal member in FinTech. Angus graduated from University of New Castle (LLB).



Lydia Torne (UK)

Managing Associate, IP, Simmons & Simmons

Lydia specialises in intellectual property transactions, including licensing, collaboration agreements, joint ventures, consortium agreements, commercialisation arrangements, monetisations and intellectual property aspects of corporate transactions and financings. Lydia is experienced in advising in a wide range of sectors, but has a particular focus on healthcare and life sciences and digital health. Lydia also specialises in life sciences regulatory compliance, advising on a wide range of issues including product classification, interactions with healthcare professionals, clinical trials (including data protection issues), market access, supply chain requirements, marketing and pharmacovigilance. Lydia has been named as a Rising Star by Managing Intellectual Property IP Stars, and a Next Generation Lawyer by Legal500 and is singled out for her "deep technical understanding". Lydia has written and spoken extensively about IP and data protection issues related to digital health solutions. Lydia graduated from UCL (LLB) and holds a diploma in IP at University of Oxford.



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Christopher Götz (Germany)

Partner, TMT, Simmons & Simmons

Christopher is a partner in our Munich office who specialises on IT and data protection law. He has wide ranging expertise in all legal aspects relating to IT, cloud computing and data protection. He advises with a focus on complex IT - outsourcing and cloud computing projects, on cross - border data transfers between (group) companies, on IT security matters, on projects relating to (big) data and artificial intelligence, as well as on software licensing agreements (including open source software). Christopher has carried out numerous GDPR compliance projects. Christopher's legal expertise plays a vital role for any technology or data driven M&A transaction. His clients belong to various sectors, particularly TMT, financial industry and asset management. His clients include, amongst others, worldwide operating telecom and IT service providers, DAX 30 listed companies and start-ups. Christopher graduated from University of Munich (LLB) and Yeshiva University (LLM). He is a practising solicitor in Germany and New York (US).



Jenny Liu (China)

Legal Executive, TMT, Simmons & Simmons

Jenny is a member of our Greater China TMT team. She worked in our Beijing, Hong Kong and London offices and is now based in our Shenzhen office. She focuses her practice in the TMT sector in Greater China. She works primarily on regulatory compliance, data protection, cyber security, intellectual property, start-ups' financing, VC/PE investments as well as cross-border M&A transactions and general corporate matters. Jenny is a regular contributor to the official Simmons & Simmons WeChat account, providing thoughts and legal updates in the industry. Jenny has an LLB from Peking University, and a master of law from China University of Political Science and Law (specialised in IP law). She is a PRC qualified lawyer.



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Lawrence Brown (UK)

Partner, ICT, Simmons & Simmons

Lawrence is a partner in our UK Information, Communications & Technology (ICT) group. He advises clients on complex (and frequently regulated) technology transactions and on cross-border data protection matters. Highlighted in the Legal500 2018 for his “methodical approach”, he has a deep understanding of the laws and regulations that apply to technology and financial services sector clients and is therefore able to provide them with sector-specialised advice. He has particular experience in advising on large-scale cloud services and other technology transactions. Regularly acting both for customers and suppliers, he helps the parties get to the point quickly in negotiations. As co-lead of our Data Protection Cross-Border group, Lawrence is responsible for driving forward collaboration in this area. He has a particular focus on issue-spotting and developing user-friendly processes and products to help clients to tackle complex data-related matters. Lawrence graduated from University of Bristol (BA Modern Languages).



Wendy Wong (Hong Kong, China)

Managing Associate, Employment, Simmons & Simmons

Graduated from University New South Wales (LLB and BBA), Wendy is a practising lawyer in Hong Kong. She has completed secondments to Simmons’ offices in London, Beijing and Shanghai, focusing on employment law. Wendy is involved in both contentious and non-contentious employment law matters in Hong Kong and mainland China. She has experience in all areas of employment law, including but not limit to drafting and reviewing employment contracts, Labour Tribunal claims, data privacy, discrimination and harassment. Wendy has been named as a Rising Star for Labour and Employment (Hong Kong) by Legal500 and is described as having “an excellent reputation among financial services clients which she advises on contentious and non-contentious domestic and PRC-related employment matters”.



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Ryo Lu (Hong Kong, China)

Registered Foreign Lawyer, TMT, Simmons & Simmons

Ryo is a member Corporate and Commercial team based in Hong Kong. Her expertise includes cyber security and data compliance, cross-border M&A, restructuring, and foreign / domestic investment. She has extensive experience in advising M&A, restructuring, cyber security and data compliance projects for TMT, life sciences, banking and finance, chemical, traditional services and retail sectors. Before joining Simmons, she acted in numerous complex litigations, representing multinational companies and domestic companies in multi-party contract disputes and computer software copyright disputes.

Ryo is the co-author of Bloomberg BNA's "China's New Foreign Exchange Investment Rules". She writes regularly for Simmons WeChat official account and contributed to "Getting the Deal Through" in the China chapters of Fintech and TMT.

Ryo graduated from East China University of Political Science and Law (LLB) and George Washington University (LLM), and is qualified in Mainland China and New York (US).



Yuchen Lai (China)

Paralegal, TMT, Simmons & Simmons

Yuchen Lai is a member at our Shenzhen office and is a PRC qualified lawyer.

Yuchen focuses her practice in the telecoms, media and technology (TMT) sector, working mainly for international and Chinese tech firms, including leading intelligent hardware manufacturers and Internet companies. She advises on a wide range of compliance issues such as data and wider regulatory compliance, as well as corporate transactions. Yuchen is also a regular contributor to Simmons & Simmons publications.

Before joining the firm, Yuchen was a senior journalist with a large media organisation in China. During her 12-year career in journalism where she was based in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Beijing and Tibet, Yuchen focused on legal reporting, especially China's overseas trade issues. She was an award-winning reporter on China's NGOs and charities. Yuchen graduates from Sun Yat-sen University (BA) and London School of Economics (MSc).



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Caroline Henzell (UK)

Supervising Associate, Litigation, Simmons & Simmons

Caroline is a supervising associate in our Litigation and Arbitration group in London and co-heads the firm's Gaming and Esports team. She has a background in handling commercial disputes with a particular interest in contentious data security, reputation management and TMT sector focused work. She has also spent time internally seconded to our Competition and Anti-trust team where she handled contentious competition matters and has advised on various sports related issues, both transactional and contentious. She regularly produces content for the firm's Insights website, with recent highlights including the establishment of our regular Gaming and Esports Download Bulletin. Caroline studied History at Durham University and completed post-graduate studies to convert to law. She further obtained a Postgraduate Certificate in Sports Law from De Montfort University and the British Association of Sport and Law, and sits on the England National Boxing Disciplinary Panel.



Elia Kim (Japan)

Associate, Corporate and Commercial, Simmons & Simmons

Elia is an associate in our Corporate and Commercial group in Tokyo. He co-heads the firm's Gaming and Esports team. He regularly supports Japanese clients on a wide range of transactional and commercial matters. Elia has particular experience advising Japanese companies on cross-border M&A, joint ventures and other investment transactions. He also advises on a variety of commercial contracts across a range of sectors, with a particular focus on TMT matters. Prior to joining Simmons & Simmons, he previously worked for a large firm in New Zealand and spent time on secondment at a large insurance provider listed in Australia. He graduated University of Auckland (LLB and BCom) and is qualified as a New Zealand lawyer. Elia was chosen to represent New Zealand on the inaugural Young Lawyers' China Delegation to Beijing and Shanghai.



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Rishi Anand (India)

Partner, Corporate and Commercial, DSK Legal

Rishi is a corporate and commercial lawyer. He has significant experience in domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, foreign direct investments, joint ventures, general corporate, restructuring and reorganizations, with a focus on complex, high-end corporate transactions. Having worked at leading law firms in Singapore, China and India, he brings a unique mix of international and entrepreneurial experience into his practice. Rishi has experience in advising leading e-Commerce platforms, data companies, technology company, global investment banks and financial institutions.

Rishi graduated from Symbiosis Law School (LLB), National University of Singapore and East China University of Political Science & Law (LLM). He is also an assistant professor of law at Symbiosis Law School. Rishi was named '40 under 40 Rising Star 2019' and recognized as 'Notable Practitioner' by IFLR1000 2021.



Jitendra Soni (India)

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Jitendra is a corporate, transactional and technology lawyer. His practice mainly consists of acting for promoters, management teams, corporate clients and institutional investors on a wide range of domestic and cross-border transactions including acquisitions, disposals, joint ventures, mergers, restructuring, venture capital financing, private equity investments, primary and secondary equity issues and other corporate transactions.

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