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# Convergence in China: IP and Technology Trends in China and Cross-Border Transactions

## 24-25 April 2014

Shanghai

A conference presented by the IBA Intellectual Property, Communications and Technology Law Section, supported by the IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum

#### **Topics will include:**

- Cloud computing in China
- Sourcing trends in China
- Video game development
- Mobile apps
- IP development and enforcement in China and cross-border

#### Who should attend?

Legal professionals from private practice, including lawyers as well as patent and trademark attorneys, academics, in-house counsel of Chinese and international corporations as well as practitioners in the administration and law enforcement.



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# Programme

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## Thursday 24 April Venue – Intercontinental Shanghai Expo Hotel

#### 1300 - 1800 Registration

1400 – 1430 Welcome remarks by Conference Co-Chairs

#### 1430 - 1500 Opening address

Michael Greene A&L Goodbody, Dublin; Chair, IBA Legal Practice Division

Li Zhiqiang Jin Mao PRC Lawyers, Shanghai; Council Member, IBA; Representative of the All China Lawyers Association

#### 1500 - 1615 SESSION 1

#### **Cloud computing in China**

This session is an introduction to the field of cloud computing in China and lays the groundwork for many technologies discussed in later sessions. The session will commence by reviewing the various types of cloud computing environments on the continuum of deployment models from private to public clouds, the benefits and risks related to such technology, and the legal and commercial issues associated with offering a range of infrastructure and other technologies on an 'As-a-Service' basis. Among examples of platforms that operate in a cloud will be a review of the legal issues relating to social media utilities like Weibo, not only from a social network perspective but also in the context of collaboration and communication tools for large commercial projects. The inherent cross-border nature of cloud computing and social networks will also be discussed.

Moderators Diane Mullenex Trevor W Nagel Panellists

Grace Chen Bird & Bird, Beijing Wei Lui CBC Capital, Shanghai Kimberly Nobles K&L Gates, Irvine, California Marcus Vass Bird & Bird, Hong Kong

#### 1615 - 1645 Coffee/tea break

#### 1645 – 1800 **SESSION 2**

#### Sourcing trends in China

This session will highlight the legal and commercial issues regarding Chinese corporations undertaking major IT and network outsourcing projects as well as addressing the issue of China as an off-shore location for IT services provided as part of global sourcing arrangements.

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Panellists Kevin Cheung Hewlett-Packard, Shanghai Wei Yu Global InfoTech Group, Shanghai Alex Zhang White & Case, Shanghai

#### 1900 – 2200 Conference dinner

3F Terrace, Ballroom 1&2, Intercontinental Shanghai Expo Hotel Intercontinental Shanghai Expo, 1188 Xueye Road, Pudong, Shanghai

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0800 - 1700 Registration

#### 0900 - 1015 SESSION 3

#### Video game development

This session will pick up a broad range of commercial and legal issues relating to video gaming. Topics to be discussed will include IP concerns relating to the development of video games, privacy and data protection, technology transaction arrangements regarding the distribution of games, and communications issues relating to wireless operations and general platform concerns.

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#### Panellists

Julien Barès CEO 2K Games China, Shanghai Alexandra Néri Herbert Smith Freehills, Paris; Vice-Chair, Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee Bryan Tan Pinsent Masons, Singapore

1015 - 1045 Coffee/tea break

#### 1045 – 1200 SESSION 4 Mobile apps

The aim of this session is to outline and discuss the development and commercialisation of apps from an IP, technology and communications point of view. The session will focus among others on apps enabling mobile banking and payment as well as other 'hot apps' in China.

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#### Panellists

Lam Chung Nian WongPartnership, Singapore; Conference Coordinator, Communications Law Committee Peng Tan Fangda Partners, Shanghai

#### 1200 – 1330 Conference lunch

Shaoxing Restaurant 2 Floor Shanghai World Expo Exhibition & Convention Center, Shanghai, China

#### 1330 - 1515 SESSION 5 (PART 1)

# IP development and enforcement in China and cross-border

High-level speakers from China and other jurisdictions will discuss recent developments regarding IP protection and enforcement in China and cross-border and show the interplay with Chinese antimonopoly laws. This will include discussions of the current Chinese Patent Law and its proposed amendment as well as its effects on patent litigation and the amount of damages which can be obtained. Furthermore the session will focus on how patents and trademarks can be protected and enforced in China. Both judicial and administrative IP enforcement will be highlighted.

#### 1330 - 1345 Keynote

#### Keynote speaker

**Yongqing Hong** Deputy Director General, Shanghai Municipal Administration of Intellectual Property, Shanghai

Moderator Albert L Jacobs Jr

Speakers 1345 – 1430 Trademarks in China and their enforcement Linda Chang Rouse, Shanghai

1430 – 1515 **Recent changes in Chinese Patent Law Daniel Xinhua Wang** *China Science Patent & Trademark Agent Ltd, Beijing* 

1515 - 1530 Coffee/tea break

#### 1530 - 1745 SESSION 5 (PART 2)

# IP development and enforcement in China and cross-border

Moderator Albert L Jacobs Jr

Speakers

1530 – 1615 Patent litigation in China and the pitfall for the unwary

Joseph Shang Dacheng Law Offices, Shanghai

#### 1615 – 1700 The interplay between the Patent Law and the Anti-Trust Law in China

Zhaohui (Zoe) Wang Jun He Law Offices, Shanghai

1700 – 1745 Trials of patent cases and damages in China Judge (TBC)

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# Information

#### Date

24–25 April 2014

#### Venues

Intercontinental Shanghai Expo Hotel 1188 Xueye Road, Pudong Shanghai 200125, China Tel: +86 (0)21 3858 1188 Fax: +86 (0)21 3858 1158

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#### Language

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- Lunch on 25 April
- Tea and coffee during breaks
- Invitation to conference dinner on 24 April

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The term 'intellectual property', as it is commonly referred to today, includes a diverse range of areas of law. The main areas are: patents, trademarks, copyright, trade secrets and unfair competition. Allied to these are a number of related areas including data protection, database protection, privacy, design rights, domain names and the like. In the entertainment law area the key focus is on the creation, provision and delivery of content in relation to print, films, broadcasts, cable programmes, musical works and sound recordings. There is also involvement with media law including defamation and privacy and authors' rights in a more general sense. The IBA IP and Entertainment Law Committee provide Members with a forum in which to discuss all this and more.

#### **Technology Law Committee overview**

The Technology Law Committee of the International Bar Association brings together lawyers practising aspects of the law particularly relevant to modern technologies. They have in common that they deal with developing bodies of law coming to grips with the new questions posed by new technologies. The mandate of the Technology Law Committee is broad and includes virtually any kind of technology.

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