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Profile

Mr. Zhang's practice focuses on intellectual property matters, particularly technology-based intellectual property matters. Prior to joining Grandway, Mr. Zhang was a partner and head of the patent practice at a leading law firm in China. During that time, Mr. Zhang focused on IP litigation and non-contentious matters, handled hundreds of legal matters, served many Fortune 500 companies, appeared in dozens of court cases, and was awarded "2020 ALB China's Top 15 IP Attorneys" for his outstanding performance and reputation.

Previously, Mr. Zhang worked at the China National Intellectual Property Administration ("CNIPA"), where he worked in the Patent Re-examination Committee, the Planning and Development Department, and the Examination and Business Management Department. He was the Director of the Legal Affairs Department, responsible for the administrative examination, administrative litigation, official investigation and property protection work of the CNIPA. He was one of the first public prosecutors of the CNIPA, a second-level patent examiner, and participated in the examination and litigation work of thousands of patent examination, invalidation, reexamination and litigation cases, and appeared in court nearly 300 times. Mr. Zhang has also participated in the research and formulation of the 12th, 13th and 14th Five-Year Plans of the CNIPA, and is familiar with the work of administrative affairs of state organs with a high level of legal policy.

Prior to joining the CNIPA, Mr. Zhang has handled hundreds of legal matters in a wide range of fields, including civil, criminal, administrative and arbitration.

Mr. Zhang also has some experience in technical work, having worked in technical work for nearly three years.

The cases handled by Mr. Zhang are mainly technical cases, especially patent and technical secret cases, including the fields of electricity, communication, chemistry, medicine and machinery, etc. The types of cases include patent application, patent re-examination, patent invalidation, patent litigation, patent analysis, patent portfolio building, and civil and criminal cases of technical secrets, etc.

Mr. Zhang has also handled trademark and copyright cases. He has participated in dozens of intellectual property cases (mainly in the field of trademarks) as a People's Juror in the Beijing Court, and has also participated in the establishment of the China Cultural and Creative Copyright Protection Collaborative Alliance, which actively assists copyright holders in enforcing and defending their rights.

Education background

Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, B. E.

Southwest University of Political Science and Law, L.L.M

Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, J.S.D

Areas of expertise

IP litigation and non-contentious matters, including IP-related antitrust and technical standards issues, with a focus on technical IP matters, in particular patents, technical standards and trade secrets.

Membership

Member of CCPIT Legal Advisory Committee on Economic and Trade Friction (IP),

Expert of the CNIPA,

Director of China Intellectual Property Society(CIPS),

Member of IP Appraisal Professional Committee,

Deputy Director of Trade Secrets Committee of PPAC,

Observer of Intellectual Property Professional Committee of National Lawyers Association,

Deputy Director of Patent Law Committee of Beijing Lawyers Association,

Deputy Director of Intellectual Property Working Committee of China Light Industry Enterprise Management Association,

Part-time postgraduate tutor of Peking University Law School and Tongji University International IP law School,

Global Senior Tutor of WIPO.

Working Language

Chinese, English

Served clients / Service performance

Patent Litigation:

- Represented a world-renowned home appliance company in Guangdong in a series of patent infringement disputes;
- Represented a well-known domestic Internet company in a series of patent infringement disputes;
- Represented an up-and-coming catering company based in Beijing and its sister companies in a series of patent infringement disputes;
- Represented a certain environmental protection equipment company in Tianjin in a series of patent invalidation administrative disputes and patent infringement litigations;
- Represented a well-known domestic semiconductor company in a series of administrative disputes over patent invalidation;
- Represented a domestic medical enterprise and a well-known Japanese enterprise in a series of patent invalidation administrative disputes and patent infringement litigations;
- Represented a well-known foreign company in a series of administrative disputes over patent invalidation;
- Represented a material company in Shanghai in a series of invalid administrative disputes;
- Represented a well-known domestic collagen enterprise in a patent infringement dispute;
- Represented a domestic listed battery manufacturing company in a patent infringement dispute;
- Represented a Chinese company(TOP 500) in a patent invalidation administrative dispute;
- Represented a well-known global comprehensive multinational group in an administrative mediation for infringement disputes;
- Represented a game company in a patent administrative litigation and patent infringement litigation.

Patent Invalidation and Stability Analysis:

- Provided patent invalidation and patent stability analysis legal services for a number of well-known domestic battery manufacturing enterprises;
- Provided patent invalidation legal services for a well-known domestic Internet enterprise against a series of patents;
- Provided patent invalidation and patent stability analysis legal services for a number of domestic medical device companies;
- Provided patent invalidation legal services for a new catering company and its brother company in Beijing;

- Provided legal services for a material company in Shanghai on patent stability analysis;
- Provided patent invalidation services for a well-known foreign company on a series of patents;
- Provided patent invalidation and patent stability analysis legal services for a number of science and technology companies;
- Provided patent invalidation, patent stability analysis and public opinion legal services for a well-known domestic collagen enterprise;
- Provided patent invalidation legal services for a number of well-known home appliance companies.

Patent Application and Reexamination:

- Provided domestic and international patent portfolio building and patent application services for a certain environmental protection equipment company;
- Provided patent application legal services for several domestic science and technology enterprises;
- Provided patent application and patent reexamination services for a number of well-known domestic food manufacturers;
- Provided patent application services for a domestic toy manufacturer;
- Provided patent portfolio building services for a high-tech demonstration project enterprise in Jilin Province in several countries;
- Provided patent application services for a number of domestic universities;
- Provided patent application services for a well-known foreign enterprise;
- Provided patent application services for a well-known foreign bank.

IP Due Diligence and FTO:

- Provided IP due diligence and FTO legal services to a leading domestic AI company for its Hong Kong IPO;
- Provided IP due diligence legal services for a domestic capital management company;
- Provided IP due diligence legal services for a well-known domestic bank;
- Provided IP due diligence legal services for a domestic investment company project;
- Provided IP due diligence legal for a domestic intelligent equipment company in the C and D rounds of financing;
- Provided IP due diligence legal services for a domestic liquor holding limited company;
- Provided FTO legal services for a state-owned holding company.

Copyright Services:

- Participated as one of the initiators in the establishment of the China Cultural and Creative Copyright Protection Collaborative Alliance, and provided copyright legal services to the Alliance and its members;
- Represented a leading individual in the domestic nesting dolls industry in copyright defence on major e-commerce platforms;
- Represented a series of cases of infringement disputes of a musical work and successfully reached a settlement with the right holder for the client;
- Provided legal services to a well-known medical device listed company headquartered in Beijing in its software copyright infringement negotiations with an internationally renowned software service provider and facilitated a settlement between the two parties.

Trademark Litigation and Non-contentious Matters:

- Represented a leading domestic enteric protein enterprise in trademark invalidation, trademark opposition and trademark cancellation, assisted the client in the determination of well-known trademark for the main mark, and helped the client to improve its trademark portfolio;
- Represented Yuxi International Trade Co., Ltd. in a trademark infringement litigation and won the case;
- Represented a well-known domestic medical and aesthetic company in trademark review, administrative first instance, second instance and retrial litigation;
- Represented Beijing Huimei Mingxiao Health Management Co., Ltd. in trademark application, trademark evaluation and other business, helping the client to complete its trademark portfolio building;
- Represented a well-known computer company in Beijing in trade mark application, trade mark evaluation, trade mark administrative litigation, etc., helping the client to complete its trademark portfolio building;
- Provided assistance in trade mark opposition, trade mark assessment and administrative litigation for a mineral water and liquor producer in Sichuan, helping the client to improve its trademark portfolio;
- Provided assistance for the core trademark litigation business of a leading enterprise in the domestic optical field, helping the client to perfect its trademark portfolio;
- Provided trademark consulting for a well-known high-end furniture brand, assisting the company in perfecting its trademark portfolio;
- Represented a well-known banking and financial institution in its trade mark application and assessment business;
- Represented a catering company in Beijing in its trademark application and trademark evaluation business, helping the client to improve its trademark portfolio;
- Represented a well-known company in the alcohol industry in the due diligence of trademark, copyright and other intellectual property rights of the target company, helping the company to complete the acquisition.