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## Agenda

**UK-China Rule of Law Roundtable**
Auditorium, Great Britain China Centre, 15 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS

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| 1000-1035 | **Opening Session**  
Chair: Sir Martin Davidson (5 mins)  
- Mr Liam Byrne MP (Keynote 5 mins)  
- Mr Zhang Mingqi (Keynote 5 mins)  
- Lord Thomas (Keynote 5 mins)  
- Ms Christina Blacklaws (3 mins)  
- Mr Andrew Langdon QC (3 mins)  
- Ms Lise Bertelsen (3 mins) |
| 1035-1200 | **Session 1**  
_Legal frameworks in the digital age: drafting the Civil Code in China and domestic and EU law in post-Brexit UK_  
Chair: Steven Thompson QC  
Panellists: Lord Thomas, His Honour John Tanzer, Professor Wang Yi, Professor Chen Weidong  
- Issues that new laws need to address concerning the ownership of and right to use data, protection of privacy and data security  
- Big Data’s impact on criminal law theory, legislation and adjudication, as well as criminal defence  
- Corporate misuse of personal data: criminal offence or civil tort?  
- Maintaining a balance between business privacy and data protection |
| 1200-1315 | **Lunch** |
| 1315-1445 | **Session 2**  
_Overview of the legal aspects of digital property and digital business in the UK and China_  
Chair: Mr Yin Baohu  
Panellists: Professor Sun Xianzhong, Professor Guido Westkamp, Mr Craig Giles, Mr Phil Sherrell, Mr Wang Zhengzhi  
- Categorising virtual property under the Chinese Civil Code  
- Overview of UK legislation: questioning the need to reform digital property and digital business laws  
- The effects of EU Digital Single Market Strategy on companies in the UK (now and post Brexit) and on Chinese companies’ internationalisation |
| 1445-1500 | **Tea Break** |

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<td><strong>Session 3 – Judicial system reform in the digital age</strong>&lt;br&gt;[50 mins]&lt;br&gt;Chair: Lord Hodge&lt;br&gt;Panellists: Lord Justice Flaux, His Honour John Tanzer, Professor Richard Susskind, Professors Ding Lianghua, Bian Jianlin and Long Zongzhi</td>
<td>- Challenges and opportunities facing the Chinese judiciary in the Big Data age, with a focus on ‘trial-centred judicial system’ reform and evidence rules&lt;br&gt;- Delivering justice in the digital age: HM Courts and Tribunals Service digital courts reform plans and their impact on choice of law by international businesses</td>
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<td>(40 mins)</td>
<td><strong>Panel Discussion / Q&amp;A</strong></td>
<td><strong>Closing Speeches</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Zhang Mingqi, Vice-President, China Law Society&lt;br&gt;- Merethe Borge MacLeod, Executive Director, Great Britain China Centre</td>
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UK Speakers

1. **Ms Lise BERTELSSEN**, Executive Director, China-Britain Business Council

2. **Ms Christina BLACKLAWS**, Vice President of the Law Society of England and Wales

3. **The Rt Hon Liam BYRNE MP**, Shadow Digital Minister, GBCC Board Member, Former Chief Secretary to the Treasury

4. **Sir Martin DAVIDSON**, GBCC Chairman, former Chief Executive of the British Council

5. **The Rt Hon Lord Justice FLAUX**, Lord Justice of Appeal, Court of Appeal of England and Wales

6. **Mr Craig GILES**, Bird & Bird LLP

7. **The Rt Hon Lord HODGE**, Justice of the UK Supreme Court

8. **Mr Andrew LANGDON QC**, Chairman of the Bar Council of England and Wales

9. **HH John TANZER**, Director, Legal IT Strategies Ltd., Former Circuit Judge

10. **The Rt Hon Lord THOMAS**, former Lord Chief Justice

11. **Steven LIM THOMPSON QC**, Vice-Chair of the International Committee and Head of the China Interest Group, Bar Council of England and Wales;

12. **Mr Phil SHERELL**, Bird & Bird LLP

13. **Professor Richard SUSSKIND**, IT Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice

14. **Professor Guido WESTKAMP**, Professor of Intellectual Property and Comparative Law, Queen Mary University of London
UK Speaker Biographies

Ms Lise BERTELSEN  
Executive Director, China-Britain Business Council  
Lise is Executive Director at the China-Britain Business Council. With some 20 years’ experience in the China market, she has worked with a wide variety of companies, organisations and government departments within a broad range of sectors, both in China and the UK. Lise has management responsibility for CBBC’s commercial activities and services, including initiatives such as Belt and Road. Lise also leads on Government Affairs. Lise graduated from London University’s School of Oriental and African Studies with a BA Honours Degree in Chinese.

Ms Christina BLACKLAWS  
Vice President of the Law Society of England and Wales  
Christina studied Jurisprudence at Oxford and qualified as a solicitor in 1991. She has developed and managed law firms, including a virtual law firm. In 2011 she set up the Co-operative Legal Services family law offering, later becoming their director of policy. She is currently director of innovation at top 100 firm Cripps LLP. Christina holds a range of public appointments, including member of the Family Justice Council, trustee of LawWorks and council member for the Women Lawyers Division. Christina is vice president of the Law Society of England and Wales and will become president in 2018. She is an award winning published author, speaker and lecturer and frequent media commentator.

The Rt Hon Liam BYRNE MP  
Shadow Digital Minister  
Liam Byrne MP is a writer, reformer, and campaigner. A former Cabinet minister, Liam has done some of the toughest jobs in the British government. In the Home Office, he rebuilt the UK’s immigration system; in No 10 Downing Street, he helped Gordon Brown coordinate government during the global financial crisis, and in Her Majesty’s Treasury, he was Chief Secretary, charged with creating the Labour government’s fiscal consolidation plan. Before entering politics, he was an entrepreneur and a Fulbright Scholar at the Harvard Business School. Liam is the founder and chairman of the All Party Group on Inclusive Growth, and the Labour think-tank, Red Shift. Liam is one of Westminster’s leading authorities on China. He helped begin the UK-China Economic and Finance Dialogue, sits on the GBCC board, co-founded the UK-China Young Leader’s Roundtable, and authored the critically-acclaimed Turning to Face the East (Guardian Books, 2013). Liam guest-lectures at Oxford University, with Accenture.

Sir Martin DAVIDSON  
GBCC Chairman, former Chief Executive of the British Council  
Sir Martin was appointed Chairman of the Great Britain China Centre in 2014. Sir Martin worked at the British Council from 1984-2014, most recently as Chief Executive for seven years and Deputy Director-General for two years. He played a pivotal part in building the British Council up to its present strength of more than 230 people in four state-of-the-art offices, and was himself responsible for opening the South China office in Guangzhou. He has held various posts in the British Council’s Geographical Directorate with responsibilities that have included South East Europe, in a particularly troubled time in the region’s history, the Middle East, East Asia and the
Americas. In the 2014 New Year’s Honours, he was knighted for his services to British cultural, scientific and educational interests worldwide.

The Rt Hon Lord Justice FLAUX
Lord Justice of Appeal, Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Sir Julian Flaux was called to the Bar in 1978 and practised at the Commercial Bar from 1979 to 2007 specialising in disputes involving insurance and reinsurance, shipping, international trade and professional negligence. He was appointed a QC in 1994, an Assistant Recorder of the Crown Court in 1997, a Recorder in 2000 and Deputy High Court Judge in 2002.

He was appointed a High Court Judge in May 2007. He was Presiding Judge of the Midland Circuit from 2010 to 2013. He was Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court from July 2014 to December 2015 and President of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission from January to December 2016.

He was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in December 2016.

Mr Craig GILES
Bird & Bird LLP

Craig is a Partner in the Sport and Media Groups in London.

He advises on a range of commercial issues connected with sport, including sponsorship, media rights, image rights, staging agreements, agency agreements, merchandising, licensing, funding agreements, brand protection and ticketing measures. He represents clients across all major sports, including football, rugby, tennis, cricket and athletics, as well as a range of broadcasters, event organisers and sponsors.

His work also encompasses advising clients on gambling regulations, e-commerce and advertising and promotional campaigns in broadcast and non-broadcast media, including comparative advertising, prize promotions and competitions, and complaints before the Advertising Standards Authority and Ofcom.

Craig has undertaken client secondments at both The Football Association and Sport England.

The Rt Hon Lord HODGE
Justice of the UK Supreme Court

Lord Hodge joined the Supreme Court in October 2013 as one of the two Scottish Justices.

Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, Lord Hodge was the Scottish judge in Exchequer Causes and one of the Scottish Intellectual Property judges. He was also a judge in the Lands Valuation Appeal Court and a commercial judge. He is a graduate of the University of Cambridge (Corpus Christi College, BA) and of the University of Edinburgh (LLB). He was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1983 and appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1996. He was Standing Junior Counsel to the Department of Energy from 1988 to 1991, and Standing Junior Counsel to the Inland Revenue in Scotland from 1991 to 1996.

From 1997 to 2003, he was a part-time Law Commissioner at the Scottish Law Commission. He acted as the Procurator to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland from 2000 to 2005, and served as a judge of the Courts of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey from 2000 to 2005.

Mr Andrew LANGDON QC
Chairman of the Bar Council of England and Wales

Andrew is a criminal silk who regularly appears in cases of homicide, complex fraud and regulatory crime. He has appeared in some of the most notable cases on the Western Circuit including the Bristol trial concerning the murder of Becky Watts.
Ranked as a ‘Star Silk’ in Chambers 2016 Guide he is reported by them as having “... all the gravitas, demeanour and intellect that one would hope for in a QC. There is no case that he could not handle. He is passionate, persuasive, forensic and delivers in a way that most barristers can only dream of emulating.”

The Legal 500 report that ‘Juries visibly enjoy his submissions, and he is as engaging as he is persuasive’ and ‘He has a great judgement, and is a very persuasive advocate and a fantastic team player.’

A recent Court of Appeal Judgment made reference to his ‘conspicuous skill’.

Andrew was Leader of the Western Circuit from 2013-2015. Currently Chairman of the Bar Council for England and Wales, Andrew will return to practice as a criminal silk on the Western Circuit in 2018.

A passionate believer in trial by jury, Andrew regards appearing as a barrister in the criminal courts of England and Wales ‘an immense privilege that brings with it a heavy responsibility. The only recipe is hard work.’

Mr Phil SHERELL
Bird & Bird LLP

Phil is the Head of our International Media, Entertainment and Sport Sector. He is based in London.

His primary focus is on litigation in the music, publishing, broadcast and advertising sectors and on acting for brand owners, with clients such as De Beers, PRS for Music, Yahoo and the UK media monitoring industry. He provides the full range of contentious IP/media law advice, handling complex trade mark and copyright infringement litigation, defamation and privacy disputes and complaints to the UK media regulators (the ASA, IPSO and Ofcom).

Phil takes a holistic approach to brand protection, drawing on extensive expertise in reputation management strategies, trade mark and advertising law.

Cases of particular note include:

- JW Spear & Mattel v Zynga (obtaining a Court of Appeal victory for Mattel in relation to the iconic Scrabble brand);
- Metropolitan International v Google (one of the leading cases on search engine liability for defamatory content);
- Meltwater, the PRCA and the UK Media Monitoring Association v the Newspaper Licensing Agency (the Copyright Tribunal dispute which set the model for the licensing of online news content); and
- P, Q & R v Quigley (the first case to recognise the publication of false private information as an actionable infringement of the right to privacy).

Phil is the Editor of the International Comparative Legal Guide to Copyright.

Professor Richard SUSSKIND
IT Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice

Professor Richard Susskind OBE has specialized in legal and court technology since 1981. He is President of the Society for Computers and Law, Chair of the Advisory Board of the Oxford Internet Institute and, since 1988, has been IT Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales. He wrote his doctorate on artificial intelligence and law in the mid-1980s, since when he has written 10 books on the impact of technology on the law, three of which – The Future of Law (1996), Tomorrow’s Lawyers (2013) The Future of the Professions (2015) - have been translated into simplified Chinese. In 2014/2015, he chaired the advisory group of the Civil Justice Council that first recommended the introduction of online courts in England and Wales. Professor Susskind has given keynote speeches in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hangzhou.
**HH John TANZER**

Director, Legal IT Strategies Ltd., Former Circuit Judge

Having retired as a judge in 2016, John Tanzer is now Director of an IT consultancy company, Legal IT Strategies Ltd. John practiced as a Barrister from 1975 to 2001, becoming a Recorder in 1993 and was appointed as a full time Circuit Judge in 2001.

Having been one of the first to use a computer in the courtroom and to prepare cases, John was later instrumental in the digitisation process of the judiciary and the courts in England and Wales. John championed an independent judicial framework for judicial communications and resources, eventually leading to the development and roll out of eJudiciary, now universally used by the judiciary in England and Wales.

In November 2016 John was invited to speak at the World Internet Conference in Wuzhen, has visited Smart Courts in Hangzhou and Shanghai and gave a one-off lecture at Renmin University in Beijing.

**The Rt Hon Lord THOMAS**

Former Lord Chief Justice

After Rugby and 9 months as a teaching assistant at Mayo College Rajasthan, Lord Thomas read law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, the University of Chicago Law School (Commonwealth Fellow) and Gray's Inn. He practiced at the Commercial Bar in London from 1972, becoming a QC in 1984. He was an Inspector into the affairs of Mirror Group Newspapers plc when that company was owned by Mr Robert Maxwell.

He was appointed a Judge the High Court of England and Wales in 1996, a Presiding Judge of the Wales and Chester Circuit (1998-2001) and Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court in London (2002-2003). He was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal (2003), Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales (2003-6), Vice-President of the Queen's Bench Division (2008-2011), President of the Queen’s Bench Division (2011-2013) and was Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales from 2013 until his recent retirement on 1st October 2017.

He was President of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (2008-2010) and is a founder member of the European Law Institute. He is a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales, an Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, a Fellow of the Universities of Cardiff, Aberystwyth, Swansea and Bangor and an Honorary Doctor of Laws of the Universities of Wales, South Wales, the West of England and Cardiff Metropolitan University.

**Steven THOMPSON QC**

Vice-Chair of the International Committee and Head of the China Interest Group, Bar Council of England and Wales; Barrister, XXIV Old Buildings

Steven has been a barrister practising at XXIV Old Buildings for 20 years. He has a commercial practice with a particular emphasis on joint venture and business litigation, civil fraud, insolvency and aviation disputes whether being litigated, in arbitration or resolved out of Court. Steven has considerable international and offshore experience; many if not most of his cases have a cross-border or international element. He is qualified to advise and take instructions to appear in the Courts of the British Virgin Islands and often appears in Court there. He has also advised on and appeared in disputes proceeding in Courts and tribunals in Hong Kong, the Cayman Islands, Dubai International Financial Centre, Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar and the Turks & Caicos Islands.

Steven has served on the International Committee of the Bar Council of England and Wales since 2009 and is currently a Vice-Chair of that Committee. He currently chairs the Bar China Interest Group. He has made numerous trips to China with the Bar Council, with his Chambers and independently. Steven has been a mentor on the Bar Council (formerly the Lord Chancellor’s) Training Scheme for Chinese lawyers since 2004 and remains involved in running the Scheme. He recently took part in the CIETAC training as part of the BCTS pre-course in Beijing.

Most of Steven's cases have an international aspect, be it a hearing overseas, a foreign client, an offshore company structure or connected litigation or arbitration in another part of the world. Such cases require particular expertise in ensuring that the English litigation is conducted effectively for the client under the principles of private international law. Steven is regularly instructed by both London and Chinese law firms in a disputes with a Chinese aspect usually in cases involving alleged fraud or shareholder disputes.
**Professor Guido WESTKAMP**, Professor of Intellectual Property and Comparative Law, Queen Mary University of London

Guido Westkamp is Professor of Intellectual Property and Comparative Law and course director for the University of London LLM courses "Intellectual Property in the Digital Millennium", 'Intellectual Property Transactions' and 'Intellectual Property in the Creative Industries'. He is also the academic director for the MSc in Intellectual Property Management and course director for the MSc Copyright and Designs course. He further coordinates the European Intellectual Property Institutions Network (EIPIN) at CCLS.


Visiting positions include posts at the Universities of Münster (Germany), Alicante (Spain), Hong Kong, TU Dresden (Germany), Wrocław (Poland) and Skopje (Macedonia). His work includes pre-accession consultancy on Intellectual Property law in new EU member states, management of EU funded projects and professional training in Intellectual Property. He was also involved in the evaluation of the Directive on Copyright in the information society (EC Commission) and is a frequent speaker at international conferences and workshops.

Guido held a generous grant from the Westfield Trust to conduct a research project on the implications of human rights on copyright law (2008-2010).
Chinese Delegation

1. **Head of delegation**: Mr ZHANG Mingqi, Vice-President of the China Law Society; Vice-Chairman of the Law Committee, National People’s Congress

2. **Mr YIN Baohu**, Director-General of the China Legal Exchange Centre, China Law Society

3. **Mr LI Zhanguo**, Vice-President of the Law Society of Shandong Province

4. **Mr MA Xiangxian**, Executive Vice-President of the Law Society of Gansu Province

5. **Mr DING Lianghua**, Council Member of the China Law Society

6. **Professor BIAN Jianlin**, President of the China Association of Criminal Procedure Law; Dean of the Procedural Law Research Institute, China University of Political Science and Law

7. **Professor CHEN Weidong**, Law School of Renmin University of China; Executive Vice-President of the China Association of Criminal Procedure Law

8. **Professor LONG Zongzhi**, School of Law of Sichuan University; Vice-President of the China Association of Criminal Procedure Law

9. **Professor SUN Xianzhong**, Institute of Law of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Executive Vice-President of the China Association of Civil Law

10. **Professor WANG Yi**, Dean of the Law School of Renmin University of China; Vice-President and Secretary-General of the China Association of Civil Law

11. **Mr WANG Zhengzhi**, Partner, Globe-law Law Firm; Director of the External Affairs Committee of Beijing Lawyers Association

12. **Ms GU Ran**, Program Officer, China Legal Exchange Centre, China Law Society
Mr ZHANG Mingqi

Vice-President of the China Law Society; Vice-Chairman of the Law Committee of the National People's Congress

Prior to becoming the Vice-President of the China Law Society, Zhang Mingqi held positions as the Secretary (Deputy-Director level) of the Secretariat Division of the General Affairs Office of the Ministry of Justice, Deputy Director-General of Judicial Department of Internal and Judicial Affairs Committee of National People’s Congress, Director-General of the General Affairs Office of the Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China, Executive Deputy Director-General of the General Affairs Office of the Committee for Comprehensive Management of Public Security of Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CCPCC), Director-General of Comprehensive Management Supervision Department of the Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China, Vice-President and Head of the Discipline Inspection Team of All-China Federation of Trade Unions.

Mr Zhang is also a member of the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

Mr YIN Baohu

Director-General of China Legal Exchange Centre of China Law Society

Yin Baohu is the Director-General of China Legal Exchange Centre of China Law Society, as well as being a part-time Researcher at the School of Law at Tsinghua University and the Secretary-General of the Law Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits.

Previously the Deputy Director-General of the Overseas Liaison Department of China Law Society, Mr Yin has long been a part of the China Law Society’s overseas legal exchange and cooperation work. His research fields mainly consist of jurisprudence, international human rights law, political science and relations across the Taiwan Straits.

Mr LI Zhanguo

Vice-President of the Law Society of Shandong Province

Li Zhanguo is Vice-President of Law Society of Shandong Province.

He got his bachelor degree in law from Southwest University of Political Science and Law. He used to be a teacher of Police School of Shandong Province, Prosecutor and Director-General of General Affairs Office of People’s Procuratorate of Shandong Province, Prosecutor-General of People’s Procuratorate of Linyi City and Deputy Prosecutor-General of People’s Procuratorate of Shandong Province.

Mr MA Xiangxian

Executive Vice-President of the Law Society of Gansu Province

Mr Ma previously held the positions of Deputy Mayor of Linxia City in Gansu Province, Member of the Gansu Provincial Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Population, Resources and the Environment of Gansu Provincial Committee of the CPPCC.
Mr DING Lianghua

Council Member of the China Law Society

Born in 1978 in Ganzhou, Jiangxi Province, Mr Ding is also the Director of the Judicial Reform Office at the Central Judicial System Reform Leading Group Office.

Since 1994, Mr Ding has received his bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in law from the Renmin University of China Law School.

From 2001 to 2013, Mr Ding served as a clerk, judge, chief judge and deputy presiding judge at Beijing Higher People's Court, and since 2014 has held the post of Director of the Judicial Reform Office at the Central Judicial System Reform Leading Group Office.

Focusing on civil and commercial law, compulsory execution, and the judicial system, Mr Ding has authored several books including “The study on law cases and problems of civil law” and “Regulation Paraphrase of compulsory execution”. He has also had over 40 articles published on subjects such as “Jurisprudence in China”, “Private Law” and “A Review of Civil and Commercial Law”.

Prof BIAN Jianlin

President of China Association of Criminal Procedure Law; Dean of Procedural Law Research Institute of China University of Political Science and Law

Prof. BIAN Jianlin is Dean of the Procedure Law Research Institute of China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), as well as PhD supervisor in the fields of procedure law and evidence law. Prof. Bian holds additional posts as a standing council member and academic committee member of the China Law Society, Head of the China Criminal Procedure Law Research Association, Vice-Chairman of the China Branch of the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP), Deputy-Head of the China Procuratorial Research Association, Member of the Supreme People's Court (SPC) Guiding Cases Expert Committee, expert consultant of the Supreme People's Procuratorate (SPP), special inspector and legal consultant of the Ministry of Public Security, distinguished professor at universities such as Xiamen University, Chinese People's Public Security University, National Prosecutors College of the P.R.C, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, East China University of Political Science and Law and Northwest University of Political Science and Law.

From 1979 to 1991 Prof. Bian studied law at CUPL (formerly the Beijing College of Political Science and Law) and obtained his Bachelor’s degree, Master's degree and Doctorate in Law. Prof. Bian started to work at CUPL in 1986, and in the following years has held positions successively as Deputy Head and Head of the China Legal Research Institute, Executive Vice-Dean of the Graduate School, and Dean of the Procedure Law Research Institute. His main research interests and teaching areas include procedure law, evidence law, and the judicial system.

Prof CHEN Weidong

Law School of Renmin University of China; Executive Vice-President of China Association of Criminal Procedure Law

Prof CHEN Weidong, Doctor of Law, Professor and Ph.D. supervisor, Renmin Law School; Chang Jiang Scholars; Director, Litigation system and judicial reform research centre, Renmin Law School; Vice Chairman, Criminal Procedural Law Research Association, China Law Society.

Prof Chen’s research interests include criminal procedure law, evidence law and China’s judicial system. He has published monographs on reform topics such as The theory and practice of China’s procuratorial system, Reflection and Construction: On Chinese criminal evidence. Recent papers published include Citizen's participation in the administration of justice: theory, practice and reform (Chinese Journal of Law, 2015), On the judicial independence according to the law (China Legal Science, 2014), An Experimental Report on Independent Sentencing Procedure: A

Prof LONG Zongzhi
School of Law of Sichuan University; Vice-President of China Association of Criminal Procedure Law

From Chengdu city in Sichuan Province, Prof. Long has previously held positions such as Chief Prosecutor, the President of Southwest University of Politics and Law (SWUPL). Currently a professor and PhD candidate tutor at Sichuan University, Prof. Long is also a Director of the China Law Society, member of the Discipline Judging Team of the National Planning Office of Philosophy and Social Science and special expert consultant for the Supreme People's Procuratorate. His expertise includes criminal procedure law and evidence law.

Prof SUN Xianzhong
Institute of Law of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Executive Vice-President of China Association of Civil Law

Born in Shaanxi Province in 1957, Mr Sun served in the People's Liberation Army from 1976 to 1980. From 1980 to 1984, he studied at Northwest University of Political Science and Law, and received a bachelor's degree in law. From 1984 to 1990, he studied at the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and received his master's degree and a doctorate degree in law science. In 1992, he became Associate Professor at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and between 1993-1995 studied at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law following receipt of a postdoctoral fellowship from Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung. He returned to China in 1995 to take up his current position at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. In 1999, he was named "Jurist of the Year" by the China Law Society. From May to November 2005, he was hired as a guest Professor at the University of Münster in Germany. In 2016, he was hired as an expert advisor for the codification of Civil Law by the Legislative Affairs Commission of the National People's Congress Standing Committee. He has published eight monographs independently, more than one hundred papers and over ten translations of academic journals. Since 2013 he has been a Deputy in the National People's Congress.

Prof WANG Yi
Dean of Law School of Renmin University of China; Vice-President and Secretary-General of China Association of Civil Law

Professor WANG Yi, Dean of Renmin Law School, is an eminent scholar of contract law and tort law as well as a well-known and popular teacher among colleagues and students. Professor WANG joined Renmin Law School in 2005 and has excelled in leadership roles within Renmin University previously as Vice-Dean for International Relations and currently as the Director of the Planning and Strategy Department of Renmin University of China. He is the Vice President & Secretary-General of the China Civil Law Society and Deputy Director of the Civil and Commercial Law Research Centre of Renmin University of China, a key research base which is supported by the Ministry of Education. His research and teaching focuses on general principles of civil law, contract law, property law, tort law, and principles and research methods of civil law. He has close connections to legislation and legal practice, actively participating in the codification work on China's Civil Code, as well as practicing as an arbitrator for the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission and several municipal arbitration commissions in China. He was also a visiting scholar at Freie Universität, Berlin from November 2003 to March 2004, at Harvard Law School from September 2011 to February 2012 and at the University of Oxford Faculty of Law from November 2016 to February 2017. He was awarded Chang Jiang Scholar by the Ministry of Education of China in 2014 and the Sixth National Ten Outstanding Young Jurists in 2011.
Mr. WANG Zhengzhi

Partner of Globe-law Law Firm; Director of External Affairs Committee of Beijing Lawyers Association

Mr. Wang Zhengzhi is the Senior Partner at Beijing Globe-Law Law Firm (Globe-Law), Arbitrator at the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, as well as at the Beijing, Xian and Hefei Arbitration Committees. He previously studied at the University of Science & Technology of China, Anhui University, Tsinghua University, Temple University in Philadelphia, USA and the German Ministry of Economic Affairs. He holds a double degrees in law and literature from Anhui University and a master's degree in law from Temple University.

Mr. Wang studies intellectual property theory and legislation. He has previously proposed some significant conceptions such as IP collocation, IP index and IP Check-up among others. His IP collocation system has been adopted nationwide and his thought of IP index has subsequently been approved and publicized for eight consecutive years by the State Intellectual Property Office and included as reference literature by the World Intellectual Property Organization. Mr. Wang undertook projects from the Department of Intellectual Property Protection, Ministry of Commerce, the State Intellectual Property Office, Jiangsu Province, State Administration of Foreign Experts and published Intellectual Property Rights of China's Time-Honored Brands, China's Intellectual Property Index (publication series, the 8th version has been published), Company Legal Risk Prevention and Management, and Contemporary Legal Issues. Mr. Wang has been involved in the Beijing Exhibition IPR Protection Measures, Protection of China’s Time-Honored Brands by the Ministry of Commerce and other legislative measures. He currently serves as member of the drafting group of the Patent Law Fourth Amendment (in charge of patent administrative protection issue) and member of the drafting group synchronizing the coverage of the two laws at the Counterfeit and Infringement Office.

GU Ran

Program Officer of China Legal Exchange Centre of China Law Society

Gu Ran received her master's degree in 2010 and has since acted as Program Officer at the China Legal Exchange Centre of the China Law Society. She is now in charge of international legal exchange.