

## Charles (Qiong) Wu

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Charles handles complex mergers, major IPOs, and high-stakes investments, and serves as outside general counsel for Asia-based companies navigating U.S. business landscapes.

### OVERVIEW

Charles brings extensive experience in corporate and transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, public and private offerings of securities, compliance with securities laws, joint ventures, corporate governance, and commercial contracts. He represents clients across diverse industries such as insurance, manufacturing, technology, life sciences, e-commerce, energy, financial services, and real estate. Charles also serves as outside general counsel to Asia-based companies and investors conducting business in the United States. He guides clients through significant transactions, including IPOs, demutualizations, and major investments.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Acted as company counsel in the subscription rights demutualization of Members Mutual Holding Company and the related IPO of Vericity, Inc.
- Acted as counsel to a standby purchaser in the subscription rights demutualization/IPO of ICC Holdings, Inc.
- Acted as counsel to Hannover Re in its convertible note investment in a health care startup.
- Represented State National in the initial public offering of its common stock and listing on NASDAQ.
- Represented National General Holdings Corp. in the initial public offering of its common stock and listing on NASDAQ.
- Counseled Assured Guaranty Ltd. (NYSE: AGO) in its initial public offering on NYSE.
- Represented Professional Diversity Network, Inc. (Nasdaq: IPDN), in securities law matters.
- Represented Fufeng Group in connection with its proposed \$700 million greenfield investment in the U.S.

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## **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

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- University of Chicago Law School, J.D., *comments and developments editor, The Chicago Journal of International Law*, 2003
- University of Illinois, Master of Urban Planning, 2000
- Tongji University, Shanghai, China, M.S., 1996, engineering
- Tongji University, Shanghai, China, B.S., 1993

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Illinois

### **LANGUAGES**

- Mandarin Chinese