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Greg navigates complex international litigation, corporate transactions, and arbitration, leveraging his more than 35 years in U.S.-China relations and substantial experience in the energy, maritime, and foreign trade industries.

OVERVIEW

Greg brings an extensive background in domestic and international commercial, corporate, and litigation matters. He advises international companies on their business operations in China and assists Chinese companies with their international ventures and outbound investments. Greg's clients span the energy, construction, maritime, and foreign trade sectors, benefiting from his deep understanding of their unique challenges and opportunities.

Greg's practice includes handling complex commercial and international litigation and arbitration, addressing disputes in international trade, project conflicts, maritime issues, and class actions. He represents clients in both U.S. multidistrict litigation and Hong Kong courts, offering a broad geographical legal perspective.

Greg's notable experience includes advising on corporate transactions, such as initial public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and the purchase of significant assets like offshore drilling rigs.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Advised Changjiang Corporate Finance (HK) Limited on the HK\$219.9 million IPO and listing on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for Canadian-based Persta Resources Inc.
- Represented a Hong Kong-listed company in acquiring the controlling interest in a U.S. biotech firm specializing in protein engineering.
- Guided Beijing Cenway Bio-energy Technology Co., Ltd., in acquiring a biodiesel plant in Houston.
- Advised a leading Chinese state-owned petroleum company on purchasing a jack-up offshore drilling rig in Singapore.
- Negotiated settlements for a U.S.-based offshore service vessel operator in a US\$100 million dispute with a PRC shipbuilder.
- Defended a major Chinese state-owned petrochemical company against a US\$2 billion claim in U.S. Federal Court.
- Advised multiple companies on recovering substantial funds lost to wire fraud, including obtaining freezing orders and judgments.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy
- International
- Maritime, Shipping + Logistics
- Mergers + Acquisitions

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Contracting
- Construction
- Corporate
- Energy
- International
- Litigation + Trial
- Maritime, Shipping + Logistics
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Privacy + Cyber

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, State Bar of Texas (Member, Committee on Computerization of the Profession)
- Member, Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Member, The Law Society of Hong Kong

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Worked for five years in the ocean transportation business dealing firsthand with a key element of the growing trade between the U.S. and China.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., *Texas Law Review*
- University of Washington, B.A., *Chester Fritz Scholarship*

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Hong Kong

LANGUAGES

- Mandarin Chinese

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, “New Chinese Regulation Blocks Extraterritorial Application of Foreign Law,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, February 5, 2021.