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A partner in Sonnenschein's Corporate Practice Group, Yabo Lin chairs the firm's Asia Pacific Practice. He has counseled clients on domestic and international mergers and acquisitions, securities matters, venture capital, and licensing transactions exceeding \$5 billion in value. Within the last two years, Mr. Lin has served as lead counsel in major representations involving two tender offers totaling \$600 million, two private securities placements totaling \$800 million, and three Luxembourg Stock Exchange listing transactions. He was also one of the lead counsel in the \$700 million acquisition (and later divestiture) of equity interest in a leading publicly-held provider of telecom/utility infrastructure services.

Born and raised in China, Mr. Lin was a licensed attorney in China before coming to the U.S. Among his numerous China-related projects, Mr. Lin assists U.S. companies in the venture capital, securities, investment banking, high tech and manufacturing business sectors. He counsels U.S. companies in matters involving their acquisitions, funding, licensing, joint ventures, operations, intellectual property issues and cross-border disputes in China. He also advises a Chinese renewable energy company listed on the London Stock Exchange on its U.S. operations.

In 2005, the President of American Bar Association appointed Mr. Lin to its six-member board of the Asia Law Initiative Council, where he continues to serve with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2006, Mr. Lin received the highest honor given, the Trailblazer Award, from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) for "making substantial and lasting contributions to the Asian Pacific American Community." He was included in the "Best Lawyers under 40" by NAPABA in 2004, and in the "40 under Forty" by Ingram's in 2006.

Mr. Lin is also a board member of the Edgar Snow Memorial Fund, an adjunct professor at Sun Yat-Sen University, and an advisor to the Government of Guangdong Province in China.

Education

Washington University Law School, J.D., 1997

Articles Editor, *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy*

McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice, 1994

Sun Yat-Sen University, LL.M., International Law, 1993

Fudan University in Shanghai, China, B.A., 1989

Practice Area(s)

Corporate Practice

Venture Capital/Emerging Growth Company Group

Asia Pacific Practice

China Practice

Antitrust, Competition & Marketing Practices

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities

Admitted to Bar

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