

HD K&L Gates Bolsters Beijing Office with Corporate/**M**&A Partner Addition

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Beijing - The Beijing office of global law **firm** K&L Gates has added Frank Voon as a partner in its corporate/**M**&A practice. He joins the **firm** from Allen & Overy LLP.

Voon has extensive experience in the areas of cross-border **M**&A, corporate reorganizations, and joint ventures. He has been advising foreign entities investing in **China** for more than a decade and actively advises **Chinese** companies on their outbound investments. Voon worked in Australia and Singapore prior to moving to **China** in 2004.

David Tang, K&L Gates' Managing Partner, Asia, said: "Frank's cross-border experience further strengthens our growing corporate practice in the region. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge about **China**, which will be invaluable to our clients doing business in this complex market."

Active in Greater **China** for more than three decades, K&L Gates now has one of the largest footprints of any international law **firm** in **China**. Voon is the seventh new partner to join K&L Gates' Asia Pacific offices in 2014, with the **firm** also having added Tokyo/**Hong Kong** finance partner Philip Hyde, Sydney investment management partner Liz Gray, **Hong Kong** real estate counsel Joyce Mok, and **Hong Kong** corporate and **transactional** associate Mandy Yim during March. With 11 offices and 400 lawyers across Asia and Australia, K&L Gates has the largest presence among fully integrated U.S. law firms in the Asia Pacific region.

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COMPANY BACKGROUND

ACTIVITIES

K&L Gates LLP comprises more than 2,000 lawyers who practice in 48 offices located on five continents: Anchorage, Austin, Beijing, Berlin, Boston, Brisbane, Brussels, Charleston, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Doha, Dubai, Fort Worth, Frankfurt, Harrisburg, **Hong Kong**, Houston, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, Miami, Milan, Moscow, Newark, New York, Orange County, Palo Alto, Paris, Perth, Pittsburgh, Portland, Raleigh, Research Triangle **Park**, San Diego, San Francisco, Sao Paulo, Seattle, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, Spokane, Sydney, Taipei, Tokyo, Warsaw, Washington and Wilmington.

BUSINESS NEWS ROUND UP

28 March 2014: K&L Gates Delivers Groundbreaking \$60 **Million** Jury Win for Aftermarket Equipment Servicer

[**Company** Release] Newark - Following a six-and-a-half month trial, a New Jersey federal jury Thursday returned a \$20 **million** antitrust verdict (which will be automatically trebled to \$60 **million**) in favor of K&L Gates LLP telecom client Continuant, Inc./Telecom Labs, Inc. (TLI), independent servicers of telephone equipment. TLI had been accused by Avaya, a large manufacturer of telephone systems, of improperly accessing and maintaining systems manufactured by Avaya.

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25 March 2014: K&L Gates Named Among Client Service "Power Elite"

[**Company** Release] Boston - Global law **firm** K&L Gates LLP has again been recognized for its superior client service, earning a ninth-place ranking for the strength of its client service from a field of 650 law firms in BTI's 2014 Client Relationship Scorecard released today. Based on surveys of more than 500 corporate counsel at Global 500, Fortune 1000, and **billion**-plus dollar companies, the report shows K&L Gates outperforming more than 95 percent of the market serving large corporate clients in building and maintaining client relationships, earning the **firm** a designation among the industry's "Power Elite" category of most service-oriented firms. Through the survey, BTI asked corporate counsel across more than 15 industries to identify - in an unprompted and unaided manner - their current law firms, also evaluating the strength of their relationships with those firms and how well the firms consistently satisfy the client's expectations. In addition to achieving one of the highest rates of Clientopia - defined by BTI as "the ideal state of a client relationship where a law **firm** is both the leading primary provider and first **firm** recommended to peers" - among all firms, K&L Gates also was identified by clients as a leading law **firm** in nearly a dozen industries, including banking, chemicals, **energy**, financial services, high tech, industrial manufacturing, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, professional services, retail trade, and transportation. K&L Gates' ranking among the "Power Elite" follows other recent recognitions from BTI that have included the **firm** being named for a second consecutive year among the top 30 law firms for client service in the 2014 BTI Client Service 30 report and noted as a "Powerhouse" **firm** in both the areas of Class Actions & Torts and Securities & Finance Litigation in the organization's annual Litigation Outlook survey.

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25 March 2014: K&L Gates Advises Marathon Asset Management on **Acquisition** of EUR280M European Loan Portfolio

[**Company** Release] London - Global law **firm** K&L Gates LLP has advised global credit manager Marathon Asset Management on the **acquisition** of a EUR280m continental European **commercial property** loan portfolio from Lloyds Banking **Group**. Known as Project Aberdonia, the **transaction** covers a portfolio secured by 82 properties primarily in France and Germany, and follows last year's **acquisition** by Marathon Asset Management of the Lloyds Project Chamonix loan portfolio. A K&L Gates team of 18 lawyers across five offices advised Marathon Asset Management on the **transaction**.

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17 March 2014: K&L Gates Adds Tokyo/**Hong Kong** Finance Partner

[**Company** Release] Tokyo and **Hong Kong** - Global law **firm** K&L Gates welcomes Philip Hyde as a partner in the finance practice. Hyde, who will work out of both K&L Gates' Tokyo and **Hong Kong** offices, joins the **firm** from Hogan Lovells International LLP. Hyde has more than 20 years of experience advising a range of financial institutions on debt capital markets and finance-related **transactions**, including structured finance, restructuring, derivatives, and securitizations.

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13 March 2014: K&L Gates Portland Associate Selected as 2014 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow

[**Company** Release] Portland - Global law **firm** K&L Gates LLP has named Portland corporate/**M&A** associate Shiau Yen **Chin**-Dennis as its representative to the 2014 class of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellows. **Chin**-Dennis is one of more than 170 attorneys from around the U.S.

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