

# Anissa Ng

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## PROFILE

Corporate Associate (PQE 2) at Sidley Austin with a proven track record in advising clients on complex corporate and regulatory matters. Qualified in Hong Kong (2022).

## QUALIFICATIONS AND CPD

**The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong** 2014 to 2020

### Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL)

#### Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation

- Achieved upper second-class honors (2:1)
- CGPA: 3.5/4.0; Dean's list (2019)
- Completed a Chinese law summer program at Tsinghua University
- Completed a 3-week intensive entrepreneurship bootcamp at Fudan University

**University of California, Berkeley, US** 2016 to 2017

- Year-long exchange program. Studied US law, entrepreneurship, and programming

**Stephen Perse Sixth Form College, Cambridge, UK** 2012 to 2014

- GCE A-level: A\*A\*A in History, Economics, and Mathematics

**University of Pennsylvania (via Coursera)** 2022

- Certificate in Cryptocurrency and Blockchain: An Introduction to Digital Currencies
- Certificate in FinTech: Foundations, Payments, and Regulations

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Sidley Austin, Hong Kong**

**Corporate Associate** Aug 2022 to Present

- **Public M&A:** Lead M&A deals related to HK Takeovers Code. Advise on privatization and acquisition of shares in public companies that trigger mandatory general offer obligations, and obtain waivers from the SFC for such obligations.
- **Listed companies' regulatory compliance:** Advise more than 10 HKEX-listed companies as external legal counsel. Address clients' queries on Listing Rules and HK Takeovers Code, draft announcements, circulars, and submissions to HKEX, liaise with HKEX, and review transactional documents and financial reports.
- **General commercial:** Draft and review SPAs, NDAs, engagement letters, and prepare shareholder resolutions, board resolutions, and closing documents.
- **Fund formation:** Advise on the establishment of two private open-ended fund companies in Hong Kong.
- **Virtual asset-related regulatory:** Draft publications regarding the regulations on virtual asset-related activities.
- **Debt capital markets and restructuring:** Advise on debt issuance to professional investors under Listing Rules and advise PRC property developers on offshore debt restructurings.

## **Selected deals**

- Represented the offeror in the successful privatization of Sinosoft Technology Group Limited (previous stock code: 1297).
- Represented Country Garden Services Holdings Company Limited (stock code: 6098) in its proposed acquisition of shares in Hopefluent Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 733), which triggered a mandatory general offer under the Takeovers Code.
- Represented Sany Heavy Equipment International Holdings Company Limited (stock code: 631) in its RMB2.98 billion acquisition of a petroleum equipment business and advised on the Listing Rules implications.
- Represented the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange listing of its US\$150 million floating rate catastrophe-linked capital at risk notes.
- Represented Shanshan Brand Management Co. Ltd. (stock code: 1749) in a land bid.
- Represented Zhongliang Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 2772) in its US\$1.2 billion restructuring involving issuance of convertible bonds and senior notes as scheme consideration.
- Represented Labixiaoxin Snacks Group Limited (stock code: 1262) in its capital reorganization, loan capitalization by connected persons, and successful application to the SFC for a waiver from the obligation to make a mandatory general offer under the Takeovers Code.
- Represented Gaoyu Finance Group (stock code: 8221) in its successful resumption proposal after trading in its shares was suspended due to insufficient operational levels and asset value.
- Represented an SGX-listed company in its successful pre-A1 enquiry submission for a proposed spin-off of a hotel business.

## **Trainee Solicitor**

Aug 2020 to Aug 2022

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Seat rotations: Corporate (12 months), Disputes and Regulatory (6 months), Investment Funds and Restructuring (6 months)

## **Financial regulatory advisory and data privacy work**

- Advised Alipay on local regulatory risks due to users residing in certain jurisdictions. Drafted an analysis of the Hong Kong Stored Value Facility (**SVF**) licensing regime and its applicability to overseas SVF issuers. Liaised with local counsels, reviewed legal opinions, and proposed follow-up questions. Produced a user-friendly client memo on regulatory risks across 9 jurisdictions.
- Advised a US bank on Hong Kong data privacy laws and credit card regulations regarding the issuance of cross-border commercial credit cards, virtual credit cards, and anti-money laundering compliance.
- Drafted the Sidley biannual regulatory newsletter covering the HKMA/SFC joint circular on virtual asset-related activities, new OFC and LPF regimes, AML/CFT Guidelines revisions, and the latest SFC enforcement actions.
- Assisted in editing the Hong Kong chapter of "Payment Services: Law and Practice."

## **Transactional work**

- M&A
  - Advised on a joint venture investment bid for a leading global property management company. Prepared a red-flag due diligence report in relation to the target's leases, material contracts, litigation record, and banking facilities.
  - Assisted in Nefab Group AB's acquisition of Reflex Packaging Group, a major provider of sustainable thermoformed cushioning. Conducted due diligence interview with the target's management and drafted the due diligence report covering corporate documents, financials, material contracts, and IP.
  - Coordinated closing, prepared closing checklists, instrument of transfer, directors' resolutions, shareholders' resolutions, and related documents.

- Listing Rules and Takeovers Code compliance
- IPO
  - Advised on initial public offerings as either issuer counsel or sponsor counsel. Developed extensive drafting and project management skills in managing A1 submissions and successful listings, which include:
    - Mega Genomics Limited (stock code: 6667)
    - SCE Intelligent Commercial Management Holdings Limited (stock code: 606)
    - China Youran Dairy Group Limited (stock code: 9858)
    - Leading Holdings Group Limited (stock code: 6999)
- Funds
  - Advised on the establishment of a limited partnership fund in Hong Kong.
  - Drafted advice on the formation, management, and tax considerations in the context of an OFC domiciled in Hong Kong.

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**Program Assistant at International House Berkeley, California, US**

Sep 2016 to May 2017

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- Worked with a team of 15 to serve over 600 residents from 70 countries.
  - Led, organized and hosted events including formal dinners, a winter ball, boat parties, yoga classes, and weekly coffee socials.

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**Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, Hong Kong:** Summer Intern with the Real Estate team

2018

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**Eversheds Sutherland, Hong Kong:** Summer Intern with the Banking team

2017



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**Simmons & Simmons (Representative Office), Shanghai:** Legal Intern with the Employment team

2016

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**LANGUAGES AND OTHER SKILLS**

-  Native in English and Cantonese; fluent in Mandarin.
-  Web development (HTML, CSS, JavaScript); beginner-level proficiency in Python.