



Dispute Resolution

Seyfarth was founded in 1945 by three lawyers and has grown to more than 900 lawyers across 17 offices in the United States, Australia, China, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom. We act for many of the world's largest companies. Our clients span the globe and include companies headquartered in the US and outside of the US, both publicly traded and privately held.

Comprised of more than 200 attorneys, our litigation practice helps clients with every aspect of their dispute resolution needs, nationally, and internationally. Our litigators have significant depth and breadth of resources, a commitment to deliver high quality, cost-effective services, and a detailed understanding of our clients' industries and business concerns.

Seyfarth's attorneys are experienced, innovative, and aggressive in their pursuit of strategic outcomes. Our dispute resolution approach includes a thorough assessment of our clients' needs and concerns; assignment of attorneys with demonstrated skills and experience in the appropriate areas; client participation in planning and decision-making; thorough case preparation; effective use of paralegals and other resources; and consideration of alternative dispute resolution and arbitration processes.

Dispute Resolution Practice Overview – Shanghai

The firm's attorneys are experienced in dispute resolution practices in China as well as many other jurisdictions around the world. We represent clients from a variety of industries—from start-up companies to the world's largest and best known brands.

We are highly experienced in identifying and minimizing risks. We proactively suggest dispute resolution strategies to address our clients' problems arising from

various kinds of business and legal disputes. Our lawyers are well-versed in litigation and arbitration, as well as alternative dispute resolutions such as negotiation, mediation, and reconciliation. We also maintain strong connections with local governments, multinational corporations, Chinese state-owned enterprises (SOEs), and many large Chinese law firms. The skills and experience of our dispute resolution lawyers help clients minimize risks when disputes arise.

Wan Li, the chief representative and managing partner of Seyfarth's Shanghai office, brings more than 20 years of China experience to the firm. He has a deep understanding of how to assist clients with Chinese law, as well as their business needs. He has represented virtually all types of clients in a variety of dispute resolution issues.

Attorneys throughout the firm represent international companies in litigation, arbitration, and all other avenues of dispute resolution.

We provide a full-range of dispute resolution services including:

Domestic Dispute Resolution: Our lawyers are experienced in assisting with domestic Chinese dispute resolution. We have enabled a number of the world's largest companies to achieve successful results in disputes arising in China, including some of the most difficult and complex Chinese employment matters. We work to resolve disputes as quickly and effectively as possible. Our dispute resolution practice covers the following sectors:

- Commercial disputes
- Intellectual Property disputes
- Employment disputes
- Corporate disputes
- Real Estate disputes

International Dispute Resolution: We work with a network of attorneys across the globe and are experienced in representing business throughout Asia and elsewhere. Attorneys in the Shanghai office are qualified to represent clients in several jurisdictions for litigation and arbitration. Together with our global network, we can provide strong local support representing clients in foreign jurisdictions as well as in cross-border disputes.

Alternative Dispute Resolution: Lawyers from Seyfarth's Shanghai office provide experienced and innovative approaches to alternative dispute resolution. We have strong connections with local government officials and know how to utilize this resource to find alternative resolutions to disputes. Our goal is to help our clients resolve matters quickly with the least possible disruption to their business.

Negotiation and Mediation: We help both domestic and multinational clients negotiate with adverse parties to reach settlement agreements that satisfy our clients' needs and avoid the costs and risks of litigation.

Accolades

U.S. News & Best Lawyers 2021 "Best Law Firms" Rankings

Seyfarth earned National rankings in key dispute areas: Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation, ERISA Litigation, Antitrust Litigation, Franchise Litigation, and Labor and Employment Litigation.

Benchmark Litigation Firm of the Year

Benchmark Litigation selected Seyfarth as the Labor & Employment Management-Side Firm of the year for 2020.

Financial Times North American Innovative Lawyers

Named to the Most Innovative list, Seyfarth is the only firm to earn highest honors for nine consecutive years.

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