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Services

Corporate and Transactions
Corporate, Securities and
Commercial Transactions
Mergers and Acquisitions
International
China
International Sales and
Commercial Transactions

Industries

Automotive

Education

Wayne State University Law
School, J.D., 2007

Hong Kong University of
Science and Technology, Ph.D.,
2004

Fudan University, B.A., 1998

Bar Admissions

Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court

- Eastern District of Michigan

Languages

Chinese



Zhiguo Du

Senior Attorney

Zhiguo Du's practice focuses on international business transactions, mergers and acquisitions, joint venture transactions, corporate governance, tax planning and litigation.

A member of Miller Canfield's Corporate and Transactions Group, Zhiguo specializes in multinational cross-border mergers and acquisitions, and he has extensive experience representing Chinese enterprises doing business in the U.S. and advising U.S. companies with operations in China.

Prior to joining the firm, Zhiguo was an associate attorney at a major Michigan law firm. He also gained experience working at the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

Representative Matters

Mergers and Acquisitions

Represented a tier one Chinese automotive parts supplier in selling its U.S. subsidiary to a Canadian automotive and manufacturing company with total transaction value of approximately \$30 million.

Represented a top Chinese automotive parts manufacturer in its EUR 16 million acquisition of automotive headliners business from a Netherlands company.

Represented a global automotive parts manufacturer with headquarters in China in its \$147 million acquisition of the automotive sun visors business in France, Mexico and U.S. from a Netherlands company.

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Represented a top Chinese automotive parts manufacturer in its \$13 million acquisition of the lighting and components assets and business of a U.S. company.

Represented a Chinese investment company in its \$39.5 million acquisition of 100% ownership of a Michigan corporation which provides integrated automation and tooling solutions to the automotive industry.

Represented a U.S. vertically integrated global supplier of automotive components to sell its business to a large Chinese automotive parts supplier for \$101.2 million.

Represented a U.S. company in selling its real property located in the U.S. to a large Chinese automotive parts supplier for \$17.6 million.

Represented a Chinese manufacturer in its \$302 million acquisition of a U.S. automation manufacturer.

Represented a Chinese public company in its \$47 million acquisition of shares of a Michigan-based automotive interior parts manufacturer.

Represented a Chinese state-owned enterprise in its \$572 million acquisition of an automotive sealing manufacturer with business operations in eight countries.

Represented a Hong Kong company in its \$97 million acquisition of all of the outstanding capital stock (or equity equivalents) of a Tennessee corporation, and certain business assets from its affiliated entities.

Represented a Chinese public company in its \$130 million acquisition of a Beijing-based Sino-foreign joint venture.

Hart-Scott-Rodino Filings

Represented companies in connection with Hart-Scott-Rodino filings for mergers and acquisitions.

Research and Development Centers

Represented several top Chinese automotive OEMs in establishing subsidiaries and research and development centers in the U.S.

Litigation

Represented Chinese enterprises involved in business disputes with American corporations, including formal litigation proceedings, arbitration and mediation.

Represented client in a major white-collar criminal defense case.

Borrower-Side Financing

Advised a China-based company's U.S. subsidiary in exiting a US\$55M term, revolver, and swing line with a U.S. financial services company and enter a new US\$18M term loan with a new lender.

Nonprofit Tax Exempt

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Assisted clients in establishing Michigan nonprofit corporations and prepared the applications and obtained 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status under federal tax law for charitable purposes for clients.

Honors

DBusiness Magazine, Top Lawyers, 2026-present:

Mergers & Acquisitions Law

State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2020-present

Wayne State University Law School, Barrister's Scholarship

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Outstanding Teaching Assistant Coordinator Award

Fudan University, Tung OOCL Scholarship

Professional Activities

American Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

State Bar of Michigan

Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

Detroit Chinese Business Association

Speeches

"Impact of One Big Beautiful Bill Act on U.S. Clean Energy Incentives and U.S. Tariff Developments," Co-Presented with Shusheng Wang and Jeffrey Richardson, Detroit Chinese Business Association's Seminar on The One Big Beautiful Bill Act and Recent Tariff Developments, Troy, Michigan, July 28, 2025

"Cybersecurity and Legal Obligations," Co-Presented with Jeffrey Richardson, Detroit Chinese Business Association's Cyber Security Readiness Seminar, Troy, Michigan, July 21, 2022

"China/Taiwan Trade: Market Updates, Market Entry and Exit Strategies," Van Andel Global Trade Center's Michigan World Trade Week Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 4, 2022

"U.S.-China Economic and Trade Agreement – Technology Transfer," Detroit Chinese Business Association Special Event on the Economic and Trade Agreement between the U.S. and China (Phase One), Troy, Michigan, January 23, 2020

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Publications

"US investment and export restrictions on Chinese military companies," co-authored with Jeffrey Richardson and Thomas Appleman, WorldECR, March 2021

Articles

White House Suspends BIS Affiliates Rule for One Year

BIS Expands Export Controls with New Affiliates Rule

DOJ Rule Restricting Sensitive Data Transfers Takes Effect

U.S. Treasury Department's Final Rule on Outbound Investment Takes Effect

USTR Finalizes New Section 301 Tariffs

US Issues Final Regulations on FEOC Exclusions from Clean Vehicle Credit

US Issues Proposed Regulations on FEOC Exclusions from Clean Vehicle Credit

U.S. and China Sign Statement of Protocol on China-Based Audit Firms Inspection

USTR Reinstates Certain Exclusions from Section 301 China Tariffs

SEC Approves PCAOB Rule Governing Determinations Under the Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act

Biden Executive Order Strengthens and Expands U.S. Sanctions on Chinese Military Companies

Interim Final Rules Implementing Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act Will Be Effective Soon

Recent Developments on U.S. Ban on American Investment in Chinese Military Companies

Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act Signed into Law

U.S. Department of Commerce Publishes Military End User List for Restricting Exports to China and Russia

President Trump Bans American Investment in Chinese Military Companies

BE-10 Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad Will Be Due Soon

USTR Will Open Online Portal for Section 301 Exclusion Requests for List 4A Chinese-Origin Products on October 31, 2019

USTR Will Open Online Portal for Section 301 Exclusion Requests for List 3 Chinese-Origin Products on June 30, 2019

Update on Exclusion Requests for Additional Section 301 Tariffs on Chinese-Origin Products