



Associate | Foreign Counsel

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KEY PRACTICE(S)

Corporate & Commercial
Advisory

Corporate, Commercial & Civil
Litigation

Mergers & Acquisitions

China Desk

A US-qualified lawyer admitted to practise in both California and Arizona, Lester advises clients on cross-border M&A, fund investments and market entry into Thailand.

As Deputy Head of PDLegal's China Desk and a fluent Mandarin speaker, Lester works with Chinese speaking clients on inbound investment opportunities in Thailand and the wider region.

His experience includes establishing Thai entities and joint ventures, securing Thailand Board of Investment promotions and supporting businesses on ESG compliance and carbon credit consulting.

Lester has previously clerked as a Judicial Extern to judge Honorable Richard L. Fruin Jr. of the LA County Superior Court.

ADMISSION(S)

California

Arizona

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University, B.A.

Loyola Law School, J.D.

Prior to joining PDLegal, Lester practised law in California. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising and Media from Pepperdine University and earned his Juris Doctor (JD) from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- Advised Equatorial Space, a global developer of rockets and low-earth orbit space launch vehicles, on its expansion into Thailand, including the establishment of a wholly foreign-owned subsidiary and securing investment promotion under the Thailand FastPass programme. The matter involved navigating Thailand's regulated aerospace sector and coordinating with key government agencies to support the company's research, development and regional launch services operations.
- Advised on the establishment of Regen Capital Partners, a Cayman Islands search fund with a Thailand-focused investment mandate and a target capitalisation of up to US\$30 million,

representing the first Thai-focused search fund platform established and managed by a Thai general partner.

- Advised Morning Global (QS) Holding Limited (Morning Global) on the acquisition of PT Quantum Solutions Logistics Indonesia, as part of Morning Global's complete acquisition of the Quantum Solutions group across five Asia-Pacific countries and territories.
- Assisted counsel in the closing of a Series B funding round for a Thai e-commerce company for the sum of US\$2.5 million.
- Represented a leading venture capital on its investment into a Delaware-incorporated AI cybersecurity technology company.
- Represented a leading venture capital company on its Series B investment into an enterprise AI technology company.
- Regularly advise and assist investors from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan in setting up Thai companies and making investments in Thailand.

DISPUTES

- Acted as co-counsel and successfully defending a client against all of plaintiff's claims including fraud, conversion, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, unfair competition and false advertising. See *Dong v. Zhou, et al.* 23STCV23258.
- Assisted counsel in acting for a defendant in a California Labor Commissioner's Office investigation involving over 30 employees and 3 years of back pay worth over USD 5 million.
- Regularly represented enterprises in California Workers' Compensation Appeals Board hearings.