

# Xiao Wang

**Associate**

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## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Fietta LLP (December 2024 onward)
- Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, New York Office (2024)
- Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, London Office (2023)
- JunHe LLP, Beijing Office (2021-2023)
- International Maritime Organization (2018-2019)
- International Seabed Authority (2018)

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Xiao Wang is a qualified lawyer in New York State and an Associate at Fietta LLP. He has advised or represented clients in investment treaty and commercial arbitration proceedings across multiple jurisdictions under ICC, ICSID and UNCITRAL Rules. Additionally, he has assisted clients in enforcement proceedings concerning arbitral awards and foreign judgments before US federal courts.

He has experience in advising sovereign States, State-owned entities and intergovernmental organisations on public international law matters including the law of the sea, international environmental law, human rights, and ICJ advisory and contentious proceedings. Xiao also has assisted clients in investigation and sanction proceedings involving multilateral development banks including the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. He contributed to the UNODC business integrity handbook for Belt & Road investment projects.

Prior to joining Fietta, he interned at the legal offices of the International Maritime Organization and the International Seabed Authority, and worked at leading law firms in Beijing, London and New York.

He is a native mandarin speaker and obtained his LLB from the University of International Relations and his LLM degrees from Beijing Normal University and Stanford Law School.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Highlights of Xiao's contentious practice have included:

- Counsel to a State in a contentious proceeding before the International Court of Justice
- Counsel to a State in an advisory opinion proceeding before the International Court of Justice.
- Advising a small island State in the advisory opinion proceeding on climate change before the International Court of Justice
- Advising Big Sky Energy Corporation, a US oil company, in an ICSID arbitration brought under a bilateral investment treaty against Kazakhstan

- Advising European investors in an investment arbitration case against a European State in connection with its reforms in renewable energy sector
- Counsel to a Chinese manufacturer in an ICC arbitration arising from exclusive distribution agreement in North America
- Counsel to an investment firm in enforcement proceedings of an arbitral award before U.S. federal court
- Counsel to an investment firm in enforcement proceedings of a foreign judgement before U.S. federal court

Highlights of Xiao's advisory practice have included:

- Advising a mining company on the viability of pursuing investment arbitration against a Central Asian State
- Advising a litigation funder on the likelihood of success in a potential investment arbitration case against a Central Asian State
- Counsel to a major construction company in World Bank sanction proceedings
- Counsel to a construction machinery company in Asian Development Bank sanction proceedings
- Advising major energy and construction companies on impacts of the Proposed Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights
- Advising an internationally leading energy company on impacts of Digital Economy Partnership Agreement

## PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panellist, LL.M. *Career Development in the U.S.*, Columbia International Arbitration Association, 10 October 2024 (In-person, Columbia Law School)
- Panellist, *Legal Issues Relating to Change of Foreign Government*, a webinar organised by JunHe LLP, 12 September 2021 (Online)
- Guest Lecturer, *South China Sea Arbitration*, Stanford University, 12 February 2020 (In-person)
- Contributor, UNODC Handbook *Towards Building a Road of Integrity: Perspectives of Business Integrity and Compliance* (2023)

## PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to practise in New York State (2024)

Passed China's National Judicial Examination (2017)

Member editor, *Stanford Journal of International Law* (2019-2020)

Master of Laws (with Honours in corporations and environmental law courses), Stanford Law School (2020)

Master of International Laws (with Honours), Beijing Normal University (2019)

Exchange studies (Distinction), University of New South Wales (2018)

Best oralist, China National Law of Sea Moot Competition (2017)

Bachelor of Laws (with Honours), University of International Relations (2016)

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Mandarin (native), English (fluent)