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About

Overview

Alicia (Hsing-I) Hsu is a Senior Partner at Dentons Taiwan, renowned for her expertise in corporate law. With over 15 years of experience, she has become a leading figure in advising companies at every stage of development—from dynamic startups to established businesses seeking capital markets financing. Alicia is known for providing comprehensive, practical solutions to complex legal challenges.

Her extensive expertise covers a wide range of industries, including fintech, information technology, software, life sciences, cryptocurrency, and energy. With a deep understanding of accounting and taxation, Alicia offers clients tailored business solutions that meet their specific needs. Whether guiding entrepreneurs through the intricacies of launching a new venture or helping established enterprises navigate cross-border transactions and regulatory compliance, her proactive, solution-oriented approach has earned her widespread trust and respect among business leaders in Taiwan.

In addition to her corporate legal work, Alicia is highly skilled in personal and family wealth planning, including cross-border inheritance matters. Her experience in assisting business owners has equipped her with the knowledge to be a trusted advisor in these areas.

Alicia's impact extends beyond the legal sphere. She is a passionate advocate for women's rights in Taiwan, serving as a director of the Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation and a council member of the Taipei City Government Labor Affairs Bureau's Gender Equality Committee. In these roles, she has spearheaded initiatives to empower women and promote diversity and inclusion.

She is also the author of a top-selling book "The Hardships You Shouldn't Suffer for Starting a Business," which is regarded as one of the best introductory guides to domestic business law in Taiwan.

Alicia holds an EMBA from the National Taiwan University College of Management, an LL.M. from Columbia Law School, an M.A. in International Relations from the National Taiwan University Graduate Institute of Political Science, and a double bachelor's degree in Law and Economics from National Taiwan University.

She passed the Taiwan Bar exam in 2003 and was admitted to the Taiwan Bar in 2005. Alicia was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2008 and served as a Registered Foreign Lawyer in Hong Kong from 2008 to 2014.

Alicia also holds a patent agent license in Taiwan.

Activities and Affiliations

- Chairperson of the Mainland Affairs Committee, Taipei Bar Association
- Vice-Chairperson of the Immigration Affairs Committee, Taipei Bar Association
- Individual Representative, National Bar Association
- Deputy Chairperson of the Finance and Economic Law Committee, National Bar Association
- Member of the Editorial Committee, National Bar Association
- Member of the International Affairs Committee, National Bar Association

Experience and Insights

Insights

- "When AI Ruins Your Reputation: On AI's Defamation Liability"(Angle Lawyer Empowerment)
- "The Practice of Joint Tenancy in Taiwan" (Angle Lawyer Empowerment)
- "Startups and Employee Stock Options" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "Five Major Pitfalls for New Entrepreneurs" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "After the XPEC Scandal: Discussing Directors and Officers Liability Insurance" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "Dissolution or Reorganization? Discussing the Exit Mechanisms for Businesses" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "Behind the Victory: A Brief Discussion on Sports Sponsorship Contracts" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "The Legal Future of P2P Lending" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "A Poison Wrapped in Sugar: Legal Issues Concerning TRF" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "Buying Insurance with Small Money: The Application of Notarization in Business Life" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "Defense Against Hostile Takeovers: A Discussion Starting from ASE's Hostile Takeover of SPIL" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "Standing on Equal Footing with Directors: An Introduction and Discussion on the 'Company Secretary' System" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "What is a Closed Company?—An Introduction and Analysis of the Ministry of Economic Affairs' Draft Amendments to the Company Act" (Accounting Research Monthly)
- "An Analysis of the Latest Draft of the Limited Partnership Act—Discussing the Operation of Private Equity Funds" (National Lawyer)
- "Can Countries Seek Compensation from China Amid the Global Pandemic?" (Apple Daily Online Forum)
- "Strengthening Asset Management Industry—The Time Has Come" (Economic Daily News)
- "Introducing Company Secretaries to Enhance Independent Director Functions" (Economic Daily News)

- "The Company Act Revision Can No Longer Wait" (Economic Daily News)
- "The Hardships You Shouldn't Suffer for Starting a Business"

Area of focus

- Formation of startups and foreign companies
- Startup fundraising
- Mature company fundraising and capital markets
- General commercial transactions for businesses
- Business management-related law (including intellectual property protection)
- Cross-border investment
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Private equity
- Emerging technology
- Energy
- Project financing

Education

- EMBA, National Taiwan University
- LL.M., Columbia University (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar)
- M.A., Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University
- LL.B., National Taiwan University

Admissions and qualifications

- Attorney-, Taiwan
- New York Bar
- Patent Agent

Languages

- Mandarin
- Taiwanese
- English