

## Mayer Brown Brings In Ex-Pillsbury Asia Banking Partner

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*Law360, Los Angeles (April 29, 2014, 9:49 PM ET)* -- A former Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP partner who led the firm's financial institutions and infrastructure teams in Asia has joined Mayer Brown LLP as a partner in its banking and finance practice in New York, Mayer Brown announced Monday.

The firm's new hire "Henry" Hong Liu is a seasoned transactional law expert and former Chinese senior securities regulator, according to the firm.

"Henry brings to Mayer Brown an impressive track record of senior leadership within the Chinese government, in investment banking and at large U.S. law firms," said Richard Spehr, partner-in-charge of Mayer Brown's New York office. "His unique experience will further broaden the firm's ability to advise U.S. and European companies on a wide range of transactions in China and assist Chinese companies on transactions in Europe and the Americas."

Liu served as the general counsel and director-general at the China Securities Regulatory Commission in the 1990s. He was one of the youngest officials to attain the director-general rank, and was responsible for interpreting and administering China's capital and securities market rules, Mayer Brown said in a statement.

He also led a group that drafted and enacted China's first securities law and was a key member of the stock issuance examination board appointed by the Chinese cabinet, according to Mayer Brown.

In the early 2000s, he became a managing director of Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette and Credit Suisse First Boston. He also served as a partner, chairman and managing partner of China and Asia practices for several global law firms, according to the announcement.

Liu earned a master of laws degree from Harvard Law School, a law degree degree from Peking University Law School and a master of business administration degree from Oxford University.

Mayer Brown touted Liu's experience in transactional matters for companies in Greater China and Asia, including debt offerings and equity securities, financing, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, infrastructure projects, and other general commercial transactions.

Liu said the firm's strong global reach was a strong lure.

"Mayer Brown offers the strongest possible international platform and a significant presence in Asia, which are key to supporting my practice," Liu said. "The firm's geographic reach will be particularly beneficial to Chinese companies I advise, and I look forward to collaborating with my new colleagues across various practice areas in a wide range of jurisdictions."

Mayer Brown has more than 1,500 attorneys in 20 offices in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

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