

# Warranty and Indemnity Insurance in Asia

105 lawyers ranked  
in 84 categories

– *Chambers Global*

47 lawyers ranked,  
including 12 in top  
band or higher

– *Chambers Asia  
Pacific*

135 lawyers ranked,  
including 34 in top  
band or higher

– *Chambers USA*

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– *Chambers UK*

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## Warranty & Indemnity Insurance

The use of Warranty & Indemnity insurance (sometimes also referred to as Representation & Warranty Insurance – "R&W" or "W&I") in mergers and acquisitions in Asia has grown rapidly in recent years following a similar trend in the US and Europe. Our Insurance M&A group has developed an extensive and market-leading practice representing insurers in underwriting W&I insurance policies and buyers and sellers in using these policies.

27 lawyers ranked including five in top band or higher

– *Chambers Europe*

17 Taill & Chequer lawyers ranked

– *Chambers Latin America*

Band 1 Insurance (Contentious), China

– *Chambers Asia Pacific* (2010, 2011, 2013-2018)

Tier 1 Insurance, Hong Kong

– *The Asia Pacific Legal 500* (2008 – 2018)

Insurance Law Firm of the Year

– *ALB Hong Kong Law Awards* (2010, 2011, 2013-2015, 2017)

Insurance & Reinsurance Firm of the Year

– *China Business Law Awards* 2016

Insurance Firm of the Year

– *China (International)*  
– *China Law & Practice Awards* 2016

Since 2010, when we handled our first W&I insurance matter for one of our London-based insurance clients, we have handled hundreds of W&I insurance matters and have expanded our client base to many different W&I insurers.

Our lawyers have had front-row seats to the development of the W&I insurance industry over the last several years and therefore have developed deep insights on how W&I insurance works and how W&I insurers think. We also have close relationships with various top W&I brokers who can help place the insurance.

## Tax

Our tax structuring practice is led by Pieter de Ridder, a Singapore-based partner who has extensive experience in the tax aspects of private equity, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions, and a range of other tax related services. He regularly assists underwriters, buyers and sellers by reviewing the possible tax coverage in W&I policies across Asia.

## W&I Asia Deal Highlights

- Advised a multinational insurance company on a number of sell-side W&I insurance policies.
- Advised on the first W&I policy on a Vietnamese transaction on the acquisition of a petrochemicals plant.
- Advised a PE buyer on the terms of W&I policy in connection with an acquisition in SE Asia.
- Advised a multinational insurance company on a buy-side warranty and insurance policy with respect to a US\$90 million management buy-out. The target was based in Singapore with operations in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Vietnam.
- Advised a multinational insurance company in relation to a sell-side W&I insurance on the sale of PRC real estate holding companies.
- Advised multiple insurers (in London and overseas) on a notification to a buy-side W&I policy alleging a €300m loss as a result of accounting misconduct, where the facts, documents, governing law and parties involved are based in Germany and China.
- Advised W&I insurers in respect of a claim by a tech company in relation to a variety of alleged breaches of warranty arising from labour disputes, third party demands and tax claims in various jurisdictions.
- Advised insurers on notifications to a W&I policy arising from alleged breaches of warranty by the seller of a group of companies.
- Advised insurers on coverage in respect of a notification to a W&I policy by the buyers of a pharmaceutical business.
- Advised insurers of a sell-side W&I policy on coverage of claims in relation to alleged breaches of accounting warranties.
- Advised a global insurer on coverage issues arising from W&I policy issued to sellers of a high-tech business in the PRC focusing on the manufacturer of voltage variable frequency drive.
- Advised a global insurer on coverage issues on a buy side W&I policy for acquisition of forestry business in the PRC in relation to failure by seller to disclose underlying litigation against group.

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