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Specializing in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, private placements and other financing arrangements, as well as intellectual property protection, Mr. Chen has established himself as a preeminent corporate transactional attorney. Mr. Chen has handled a wide variety of corporate matters ranging from asset and stock acquisitions and sales, real estate purchases and leasing, cross-border transactions, franchising (representing both franchisors and franchisees), trademarks and trade dress, and compliance in advertising and promotions.

Highly sought after for complex transactions, Mr. Chen continually represents clients in large-scale transactions. Most recently, Mr. Chen represented:

- » A private equity fund with respect to its acquisition of over 70 pizza franchises, across multiple states, of a large publically traded pizza company.
- » A development stage technology company with the world's first artificial intelligence web design platform with respect to a \$12,500,000 private placement of its preferred stock.

Mr. Chen's clients, which include entrepreneurs, start-ups, and emerging growth companies, span a wide array of industries, including restaurants, internet and technology, real estate development, commercial property management, and clothing and apparel. Mr. Chen also frequently advises foreign multi-national companies with their investments and operations in the United States.

Mr. Chen not only negotiates and drafts complex agreements for his clients, but he also serves as outside general counsel to many of these clients. One such client is a well-known international café and bakery, with over 750 locations in the United States, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, and Australia, which was recently named as the Business of the Year by the Asian Business League of Southern California.

Prior to practicing law, Mr. Chen spent several years as the Director of Marketing at a publicly-traded internet company. His real-world business experience provides him with unique insight on delivering legal services in a practical, business-oriented manner.

Prior to joining Garcia Rainey Blank & Bowerbank LLP, Mr. Chen was Counsel at Dentons US LLP (formerly McKenna Long & Aldridge, LLP) and an associate at Pepper Hamilton LLP and Hogan Lovells US LLP.

EDUCATION

- » J.D., Loyola Law School of Los Angeles (2005), Order of the Coif, *cum laude*
- » B.A., University of California at Berkeley (1998)

ADMISSIONS

- » All courts of the State of California
- » U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

LANGUAGES

- » Mr. Chen is fluent in Mandarin and Taiwanese.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Chen currently serves as outside general counsel for the U.S. subsidiary of a publicly-traded international bakery café. In that capacity, Mr. Chen assists with all franchising and real estate needs, as well as management and oversight of any disputes.

Mr. Chen counsels numerous internet and technology companies, restaurant shopping center owners, a manufacturer of home security systems in connection with technology agreements, joint ventures and strategic partnerships, as well as corporate governance matters.

As a premier attorney in the restaurant industry, Mr. Chen handles acquisitions of restaurant and franchise portfolios, agreements relating to national media and advertising campaigns, financings and capitalizations.

A sampling of Mr. Chen's past transactions includes:

- » Representing an international media company in connection with the sale of its subsidiaries in the Internet and gaming industries;
- » Handling numerous stock and asset purchase acquisitions for a publicly traded semiconductor company;
- » Counseling a global media company in connection with its acquisition of a provider of interactive navigation applications for digital cable television;
- » Representing a global media company in connection with its sale of a subsidiary specializing in in-flight publications;
- » Advising the special committee of the board of directors of a publicly traded company with respect to internal corporate investigations;
- » Representing a national automobile parts supplier in connection with its sale of a regional subsidiary.