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JUNHE Our Practice

# Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes

JunHe, founded in Beijing in 1989, is one of the first private partnership law firms in China. Since its establishment, JunHe has grown to be one of the largest and most recognized Chinese law firms. The firm has twelve offices around the world and a team comprised of more than 1070 professionals, including over 320 partners and legal counsel, as well as over 750 associates and legal translators. Dispute resolution has been a core area of practice throughout the development of JunHe. JunHe's dispute resolution legal team provides both constructive and actionable dispute prevention, and develops case-by-case response strategies and litigation/arbitration resolution. For cases that have entered formal legal procedures, JunHe's lawyers represent clients in the entire process of litigation/arbitration procedures including pretrial investigations, applications for evidence/property preservation measures/injunctions, initiation of litigation/arbitration procedures and applications for enforcement to protect the legitimate rights and interests of their clients.

Our attorneys have graduated from the top law schools both at home and abroad. Many are ex-judges or have been recruited from leading litigation firms. Our litigators have extensive experience appearing before courts at various levels and well-known arbitration tribunals, and offer clients an in-depth understanding of the Chinese legal system and judicial practices. Many of our partners regularly serve as arbitrators with the world's most prestigious arbitration institutions and have significant experience in international commercial arbitration. Our team includes many lawyers who are qualified to practice concurrently in China as well as in the U.S., Hong Kong and other jurisdictions. Our team works in multiple languages such as Chinese, English, French and Japanese. We provide clients with high quality dispute resolution services that span borders, languages and industries.

With the rapid development in overseas investment, domestic engineering, energy and infrastructure projects, as well as the combining of engineering with project investment, finance and M&As, and the changes in the application and management modes of various transaction structures, disputes in the fields of engineering and infrastructure have become more and more complicated. They are increasingly characterized by their diversity of subjects and legal relationships.

Our attorneys currently provide legal services in domestic engineering litigation and arbitration at CIETAC, Beijing International Arbitration Center and Shanghai International Arbitration Center. We also represent clients in handling large and complex engineering and infrastructure disputes at international arbitration institutes such as ICC, LCIA, Singapore International Arbitration Center and Hong Kong International Arbitration Center. Legal services for engineering disputes extend from single engineering and design contract disputes to investment and financing disputes such as project financing and PPP disputes, new energy project M&A disputes, engineering guarantee disputes, engineering insurance disputes and other disputes with more complex engineering and infrastructure characteristics.



The team (JunHe) has rich project experience, strong professional ability, high coordination and the ability to understand our business.

## Legal Services that JunHe offers:

- Provide various of contentious solutions on domestic and overseas projects during construction
- Provide legal solutions on disputes during project procurement
- Provide risk analysis, demonstrations and negotiations on construction claims and counterclaims
- · Provide solution proposal and negotiations of disputes before litigation/arbitration
- Provide legal advice with regard to construction costs, quality and time etc. within disputes
- Pre-trial investigations and applications for evidence/property preservation measures and injunctions;
- Represent clients in construction litigation procedures of the first instance, second instance and retrial
- Represent clients in domestic arbitration and foreign-related arbitration
- Represent clients in international arbitration (including acting as an expert witness in PRC law)
- Apply for enforcement of a court judgment and/or an arbitral award
- Apply for acknowledgment and execution of judgments made in foreign courts and overseas arbitral awards

#### **Selected Deals**

## Advised an extra-large energy group on its gas field dispute

JunHe advised a large Chinese energy group on disputes arising from a gas field development, exploration and sales contract, and offered specific opinions on its arbitration case against China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) and UNCITRAL, involving billions of US dollars.

## Advised a construction group in handling their insurance disputes

JunHe advised a well-known construction group in dealing with a number of disputes arising from its participation in the construction of major municipal construction projects, including disputes over construction projects and claims for engineering insurance.

#### Advised a private enterprise in providing engineering litigation services

JunHe provided pre-litigation and litigation legal services for a domestic private real estate group on a project contract dispute between a contractor and a constructor, and a procurement contract dispute between a supplier and another series of disputes. JunHe provided legal services including pretrial legal risk analysis, dispute resolution arguments, guidance on litigation evidence collection, litigation scheme design, and represented the clients in the court debate.

#### Advised ExxonMobil in dealing with construction contract disputes

JunHe provided arbitration services for ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Research & Development Co., Ltd. in its construction contract dispute with Nantong Sijian Construction Group Co., Ltd.

#### Provided ICC engineering arbitration services for Sinostell Equipment & Engineering

JunHe advised Sinostell Equipment & Engineering Co., Ltd. in dealing with a construction contract dispute in connection with ArcellorMittalTublar Products Jubailthe, which was accepted by the ICC (International Court of Arbitration) and resolved under its arbitration rules.

# Advised a PRC port company on EPC contract disputes

JunHe provided agent services for a leading grain port company in Northern China in a dispute resolution of the turnkey contracts for the port and terminal construction projects with the UK general contractor.

Infrastructure Firm of the Year 2021 Asialaw Awards

Law Firm of the Year - Energy & Natural Resources 2021, 2019, 2018 Law Firms of the Year -Dispute Resolution (Domestic) 2021 China Business Law Awards

PRC Firm of the Year - Dispute Resolution 2018, 2017 China Law & Practice Awards

The achievements of our infrastructure and project financing team can be seen in many recent investments and developments such as the building of roads. bridges, water and power facilities that cover basic public needs. It is also reflected in the rise of environmental protection to improve the quality of life. The attracting of foreign investment, the adoption of project financing and the PPP model all point to the team's development. Other noteworthy developments include the rise in the "going out" of Chinese enterprises, the gradual implementation of the "One Belt One Road" initiative, and the necessary adjustments undertaken in the development of "dual circulation".