

JunHe LLP's employment practice is well known for handling both domestic and cross-border contentious and non-contentious matters, including employee termination, settlement and compliance. Its enviable client roster includes global leaders in a variety of industries including technology, food and beverages, and financial services.

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Labor and Employment

Our Labor and Employment Law Team is 100% focused on China labor and employment law practice. While persistently pursuing excellence and innovation, we are dedicated to providing renowned multinational and domestic companies with full-scale, practical and tailor-made solutions for labor and employment issues. We have ample experience to provide legal support throughout China to help clients achieve their business goals.

Our Team

Our team is one of the few large standalone labor and employment practices in China. We have 11 partners and counsel and more than 20 lawyers. These lawyers are located in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen, and provide domestic and foreign clients with precise, practical and efficient labor law services on a daily basis. We are able to give advice and training in English and Chinese.

We specialize in assisting clients in negotiation, arbitration/litigation, dealing with complicated and emergent situations or crisis and collective bargaining with trade unions or employee representatives. Meanwhile, we play a key role in the areas of legislation.

We have received a high degree of recognition and respect within the legal community due to our long-time commitment for labor and employment law practice. We have been recognized as a Band 1 Labor & Employment Law Practice Team of China by Chambers & Partners each year since 2009.

Core Areas of Practice

- Representation in all types of labor dispute resolutions in major cities throughout China (including complex cases and collective cases), including but not limited to representing clients to attend the labor dispute mediation, arbitration and litigation;
- Drafting and reviewing employment contracts, training agreements, non-compete agreements, and confidentiality agreements;
- Drafting and reviewing collective contracts and engaging in the collective bargaining;

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 a large and recognized Chinese law firm. The firm has fifteen offices around the world and a team comprised of more than a thousand professionals.



The team (JunHe) is active in handling high-profile collective agreement disputes, mass layoffs and large employee transfer projects. The law firm is experienced in assisting clients in litigation and arbitration proceedings, and is able to utilise its corporate law expertise in employment issues associated with mergers and restructurings.

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- Drafting and reviewing employee handbooks, and other company internal rules and policies;
- Providing training on new issues and hot issues on legislative and regulatory developments and practice that may have significant impact on clients' HR management and/or operation;
- Advising on issues related to occupational injuries and illness;
- Assisting clients to obtain work authorization for foreign national employees;
- Advising on issues in connection with social insurance, commercial insurance and benefit plans;
- Engaging in negotiations, developing plans for layoffs or employee transfers in the process of corporate mergers, reconstructions or liquidation, and drafting and reviewing the necessary transaction documents;
- Advising and representing clients in non-competition disputes and trade secret dispute matters;
- Advising on issues in connection with Employee Stock Ownership Plans;
- Advising on the protection and cross-border transfer of the personal information of employees;
- Advising on issues in connection with sexual harassment and anti-discrimination in the workplace;
- Assisting in conducting internal compliance investigations and advising on how to deal with employees who violate compliance policies.

Selected Deals

- Assisted a U.S. hi-tech listed company in a mass employee transfer project due to its sale of certain businesses. Over 100 employees working for the divested businesses in multiple cities across the country were transferred to the purchaser's PRC subsidiary. Advised on PRC law and provided full-scale legal support on employee transfer and relocation.
- Assisted a multinational food company in a mass layoff project due to the shutdown of its Beijing plant. Over 200 employees were laid off. Advised on PRC law and provided full-scale legal support on employee layoff.
- Assisted McDonald's in its strategic cooperation with CITIC and Carlyle. Provided legal service for its internal audit on labor and HR law compliance and advised on all labor law issues involved in the HR integration during and after the transaction.

**Employment Law Firm of the Year:
East China - Non-local**
2022

ALB China Regional Law Awards: East China

Employment Law Firm of the Year
2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2014
ALB China Law Awards

**Employment Law Firm of the Year:
The Coastal Areas - Non-local**
2021

ALB China Regional Law Awards: The Coastal Areas

**PRC Firm of the Year -
Labor & Employment**
2018, 2014

China Law & Practice Awards

**Law Firms of the Year -
Employment and Industrial Relations**
2018, 2015, 2014, 2013
China Business Law Awards

**An Employment Law Firm
of the Year - China**
2022
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