

# Huazhi Yuan

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## Overview

Huazhi Yuan is the Head of Real Estate and Natural Resources Committee in Dentons Beijing office, specializing in real estate, construction, public private partnership (PPP), mineral resources and general corporate law.

Mr. Yuan is a real estate and construction dispute specialist combining knowledge based on his engineering degree and substantial legal experience working with reputable International and Chinese Law firms in the past 20 years.

Mr. Yuan has represented numerous multinational companies including Volkswagen Automatic Transmission, Sino-Ocean Holdings Limited, and China Communications No.4 Road Engineering Bureau. He has been named as one of the “Top Ten Real Estate Lawyers” in 2013, “Dispute Resolution Star” in Construction disputes by Benchmark Litigation in 2019, top-ranked lawyer in “2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Asia-Pacific Guide” (China, Construction) by Chambers, top-ranked lawyer in “2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 Asia-Pacific Guide” (China, Real Estate & Construction) by Legalband. Mr. Yuan has been elected as a member of Selection Committee of “60 Highly Recommended Chinese Lawyers of Engineering Industry” by Engineering News-Record and Construction Times in 2017.

Mr. Yuan is a highly influential lawyer who has made great contributions to China’s legal industry. He is the current Director of the Construction Project and Real Estate Committee in All China Lawyers Association, Vice-president of Beijing Real Estate Law Institute and an expert in construction dispute. In addition, Yuan is also a long serving arbitrator in 11 different Chinese arbitration commissions in Beijing, Wuhan, Nanjing, Hefei, Hainan, Nantong, Taizhou, Guangzhou, Tianjin, Shijiazhuang, and Ganjiang New Area. Despite Mr. Yuan’s busy schedule, cultivating future talents is still one of his core beliefs in life. He is a professor and researcher in Renmin University of China and a researcher in China University of Political Science and Law.

## Experience

- Full range of legal services for Sino-ocean in real estate projects involved in construction, sale, real estate management, leasing, finance and other regular legal services
- Legal services in an M&A case of Jingjia Manson between Beijing Vanke Co., Ltd. and Beijing CITIC Real Estate Co., Ltd.
- Representing Volkswagen Automatic Transmission (Dalian) Co., Ltd. in a contract dispute with Beijing

Sanyuan Construction Co., Ltd.

- Representing China Communications No.4 Road Engineering Bureau in a contract dispute with Beijing He Xiang Real Estates Development Co., Ltd.
- Representing China Xinxing Construction & Development General Co. in a contract dispute with Tsinghua University

## Recognition

### Honors and Awards

- Top Lawyers in the Field of Constructional Engineering Asia-Pacific Guide (2015 - 2019) by Chambers and Partners
- Leading Individual in the Field of Real Estate & Construction Asia-Pacific Guide by LEGAL 500 (2016, 2018, 2019)
- Dispute Resolution Star (2019) in Construction disputes by Benchmark Litigation
- LEGALBAND China Top Real Estate & Construction Lawyers (2015 – 2018)
- Member of Selection Committee of “60 Highly Recommended Chinese Lawyers of Engineering Industry” by Engineering News-Record and Construction Times (2017)
- Leading Lawyer in the Real Estate and Construction Domain (2012 - 2014) by Chambers and Partners
- Top Ten Real Estate Lawyers in Beijing (2013), by Beijing Lawyers Association
- Top 60 Highly Recommended Chinese Lawyers of Engineering Industry by Engineering News-Record and Construction Times

## Insights

- Commissioned by Housing Construction Department in drafting “Code for Construction Cost Appraisal”, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People’s Republic of China, March 1, 2018
- The Claim and Counterclaim of Construction Projects, Law Press China, June 2016
- Commissioned by All China Lawyers Association to participate in drafting “Regulations on Recognizing, Investigation and Punishment of Illegal Subcontract Contract and Other Illegal Activities in Construction Project”, October 1, 2014
- Commissioned by Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development to participate in drafting “Model Construction Contract (2013)”, 2013
- “Guideline for Dispute Resolution of Construction Laws”, All China Lawyers Association, August 2009
- “Guideline for Land Law”, All China Lawyers Association, August 2009
- Real Estate Practices and Risk Prevention, China Renmin University Press, January 2009
- “Cost Management for Construction Projects – Theory and Practice I”, China Engineering Cost Association, 2008

## Activities and Affiliations

- Director, Construction Project and Real Estate Committee, All China Lawyers Association

- Legal Advisor, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China
- Legal Advisor, Ministry of Natural Resources of the People's Republic of China
- Vice-president, Beijing Real Estate Law Institute
- Deputy Director, Committee of Experts of China Engineering Cost Association
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyor
- Arbitrator, Beijing Arbitration Commission, Wuhan Arbitration Commission, Nanjing Arbitration Commission, Hefei Arbitration Commission, Hainan Arbitration Commission, Nantong Arbitration Commission, Taizhou Arbitration Commission, Guangzhou Arbitration Commission, Tianjin Arbitration Commission, Shijiazhuang Arbitration Commission and Ganjiang New Area Arbitration Commission
- Professor, Lawyer College, Renmin University of China
- Researcher, Civil and Commercial Legal Science Research Centre, Renmin University of China
- Lecturer, Trainee Training Group, Beijing Lawyers Association
- Lecturer, Attorney Training Group (Western Area), All China Lawyers Association
- Industry Training Specialist, China International Contractors Association (CHINCA)
- Member, Expert Consultation Committee, "Belt and Road" Court of Arbitration (China)
- Expert, National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) PPP Expert Pool
- Expert, Ministry of Finance of PRC PPP Expert Pool
- Secretary General, The Government and Social Capital Cooperation (PPP) Research Center, China University of Political Science and Law

## Prior and Present Employment

- June 2009 - present: Senior Partner, Dentons
- April 2002 - June 2009: Associate and Senior Partner, Beijing Zhongfu Law Firm
- June 1999 - April 2002: Associate, Beijing Zhongxiang Law Firm

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Real Estate

### Industry sectors

- Energy

## Education

- Renmin University of China, 2005, Master of Civil and Commercial Law, Civil and Commercial Law
- Tianjin University, 1992, Bachelor of Engineering

# Admissions and qualifications

- China

# Languages

- English