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# Highlights of May



# Spring Chang Named in the 2021 edition of WIPR Leaders

Spring Chang, Founding Partner of Chang Tsi & Partners, has been named in the 2021 edition of WIPR Leaders. Profiling the leading IP practitioners from around the world, WIPR Leaders sought views from 12,000 IP professionals in a four-month nomination process. Commented by WIPR, Spring Chang has "earned an international reputation for creativity and efficiency during more than two decades of practice".

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### [Representative Case] ZTE v.s. Conversant Regarding SEP License Conditions Litigation

This is a representative case of SEP license conditions litigation. We helped ZTE to maintain the dangerous balance in different jurisdiction, to reach utmost for our client's interest.

### [Announcement] Launch of Our New Official Website

After a year of hard work, we are proud to announce that our new official website "www.changtsi.com" went live on 21 May 2021.

Our goal with the new websites is to provide our visitors a more convenient way to understand Chang Tsi & Partners, a leading law firm with strong reputation in intellectual property and litigation. The design of the new website and the structure of information are well-designed to improve its readability and usability, reflecting the general image of Chang Tsi & Partners - Global, Professional and Successful.

### *Kim Lu and Yiannis Fanides have Joined Chang Tsi & Partners*

We are pleased to announce that Kim Lu and Yiannis Fanides have recently joined Chang Tsi & Partners as Patent Partner and Counsel respectively.

## Holiday Notice

Please note that 12-14 June 2021 have been declared as Public Holidays. Therefore, National Intellectual Property Administration of China, Chinese courts, Intellectual Property Department of Hong Kong, Taiwan Intellectual Property Office, as well as our local offices will be closed respectively during these periods. All deadlines for trademark, patent, and other legal matters that would occur during this period will be automatically extended. Should you have any urgent cases, please let us have your instructions ahead of the holidays.

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Based on the unremitting efforts in covering China's legal market, China Business Law Journal selected the winners under each category after months of research and evaluation, getting direct feedback from the market, examining thousands of votes and recommendations from domestic and international corporate counsel, decisionmakers from management, legal academics and government officials, and taking into account significant transactions, cases or other notable achievements in which each firm has been involved in the past year.

Since 2002, Chang Tsi & Partners has been guiding multinational companies with its expertise in Chinese law and business. As a full-service law firm with a strong reputation in intellectual property and litigation, we pledge to maximise the interests of our clients with our knowledge and experience.

For more information, please visit https:// law.asia/china-business-law-awards-2021/

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# 《商法》卓越律所大奖 China Business Law Awards Winner

### IP (TRADEMARK)

PRC FIRMS	INT FIRMS
An Tian Zhang & Partners	Baker McKenzie FenXun
Chang Tsi & Partners	Dorsey
Corner Stone & Partners	ELLALAN
Dare & Sure Law Firm	Finnegan
King & Wood Mallesons	Gallant
Liu Shen & Associates	Orrick
Tiantai Law Firm	Perkins Coie
Wanhuida Intellectual Property	Wilkinson & Grist
USTRIALS AND MANUFACTURI	NG
PRC FIRMS	INT FIRMS
Chang Tsi & Partners	CMS China
DHH Law Firm	Faegre Drinker
	Gide
Han Kun Law Offices	Herbert Smith Freehills
JunHe	Kirkland & Ellis
Kewei Law Firm	Pinsent Masons
King & Wood Mallesons	Simpson Thacher
Lifang & Partners	Withers
SUMER AND RETAIL	
PRC FIRMS	INT FIRMS
Chang Tsi & Partners	Gide
East & Concord Partners	Goodwin
	Herbert Smith Freehills
Han Kun Law Offices	Kirkland & Ellis
Jingtian & Gongcheng	Morgan Lewis
Joint-Win Partners	Paul Weiss
King & Wood Mallesons	

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### [Representative Case] ZTE v.s. Conversant Regarding SEP License Conditions Litigation

his is a representative case of SEP license conditions litigation. Conversant filed patent I infringement litigation against ZTE and Huawei in United Kingdom, claiming the global license. To this, Chang Tsi & Partners, representing ZTE, filed a SEP license case against Conversant in China, claiming the local license. And then, Conversant filed a patent infringement litigation against ZTE in Düsseldorf Regional Court. Obviously, this is a typical parallel case among different jurisdictions. We helped ZTE to maintain the dangerous balance in different jurisdiction, to reach utmost for our client's interest.

#### The well-known milestones of the case

- Supreme Court of China issued a ruling for the jurisdiction of SEP litigation in China, a high profile ruling with guidance effect.
- UK Supreme Court affirms the right of Conversant to seek a worldwide portfolio FRAND license in its case against Huawei and ZTE.
- ZTE's mobile phones infringed two of Conversant's SEPs. Düsseldorf Regional Court has prohibited ZTE from selling UMTSenabled devices in Germany.
- Shenzhen Intermediate Court prohibited Conversant from enforcing the rulings against ZTE. Interesting anti-anti-suit battle.
- 5. Conversant and ZTE reached a global settlement.

## Legal reasoning of Anti-suit injunction issued by Shenzhen Intermediate Court

- Enforcing Düsseldorf Regional Court's judgment would have negative impact on the case ZTE v. Conversant.
- Such anti-suit injunction is necessary and urgent for ZTE, otherwise, ZTE might suffer irreparable harm.
- The balance of interest is also beneficial for ZTE.
- Such anti-suit injunction would not harm the public interest.
- International courtesy, ZTE vs. Conversant in China is prior to Conversant vs. ZTE in Germany.

Chang Tsi & Partners is a leading fullservice Chinese law firm with a strong reputation in intellectual property and litigation. Established in 2002, Chang Tsi & Partners always integrates legal solutions and peace of mind in China's competitive and turbulent market.



### Announcing the Launch of Our Redesigned Website

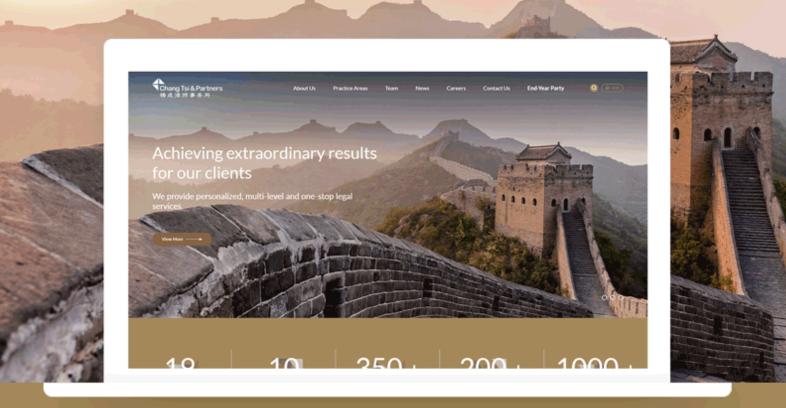
We are very excited to announce the launch of our brand-new official website – **www.changtsi.com**. After nearly one year of hard work by our team, we are proud to officially announce that our new website went live on 21 May 2021.

Our goal with this new website is to provide our visitors a more convenient way to learn about Chang Tsi & Partners, a leading law firm with strong reputation in intellectual property and litigation. The design of the new website and the structure of information is well-designed to improve its readability and usability, reflecting the general image of Chang Tsi & Partners - Global, Professional and Successful.

Based on PHP+MYSQL structure, our new website is using the latest technologies and

design ideas. With the application of LazyLoad, 3D animation, full-screen banner rotation and other features, visitors can better enjoy the user-friendly website.

We hope you find the new website with a fresh look and we look forward to your feedback and comments.



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### Kim LU



Kim has 13 years' experience in IP litigation and prosecution in China. He has extensive experience in representing domestic and foreign companies in both contentious and non-contentious matters, and has in-depth research on patent regulations in China Mainland, Taiwan, and US.

Kim's practice is focused on patent infringement and invalidation actions, patent prosecution, unfair competition litigation, antitrust litigation, etc. He handled cases or provided advises for Qualcomm (Qualcomm v. Meizu, Qualcomm v. Apple), iPEL (iPEL v. Asus, iPEL v. Extreme Networks), Immersion (Immersion v. Samsung, Immersion v. Apple), Micron, TomTom, Texas Instruments, Ericsson (Ericsson v. TCL), Dell, Resideo, Mstar (Mstar v. PRB), Honeywell, and many Fortune 500 companies.

He has legal and technical expertise in telecommunication standard-essential patent (SEP) infringement lawsuits, FRAND royalty rate determination lawsuits, antitrust lawsuits related to SEP licensing, infringement and/or validity lawsuits related to communication systems, computer software, digital cameras, electrical connectors, wireless communications, electronic circuits, optoelectronics, semiconductors, smartphones, GUI, haptic technologies, electrical appliances, and design.

Kim has published several articles in the Managing Intellectual Property and Wolters Kluwer China Law & Reference. He is among the translators of the book Janice M. Mueller's PATENT LAW.

### **Yiannis FANIDES**



Yiannis is a Lawyer who specializes in Intellectural Property Law and Corporate Law. His wide knowledge in IP Commercial and his successful outcomes in complex cases have been the reason of him being regularly referred throughout the years by International Firms and individuals.

He represented several investors and entities who invested on large scale projects for both commercial and residential use within the Republic of Cyprus and has always met the clients' expectations by guiding them through the legal challenges. Yiannis has established an esteemed reputation in foreign markets.

He is a member of the Uglobal Writers Council and the Investment Migration Council (IMC).