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INDUSTRY SECTORS

- > Software sales
- > Private banking
- > Offshore and marine construction
- > Renewable energy
- > Commodities trading
- > Pharmaceuticals generics
- > Pharmaceuticals R&D
- > Construction
- > Decision-support AI

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Thomas Smithurst is a U.S.-qualified lawyer with deep experience in China.

Thomas previously worked within the China practice of a leading U.S. litigation firm, where his practice covered arbitration, general business disputes, and white collar defense and investigations. Thomas also has experience working in-house for a tech startup, with a heavy focus on IP-related issues.

Before entering the legal profession, Thomas served in the Australian military, with some of his last work involving interpreting under the Australian Defence Attaché to China.

CAREER

- > In-House Counsel, Sirius-beta, Brisbane (2023 to 2024)
- > Foreign Legal Consultant, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, Shanghai (2016 to 2021)

EDUCATION

- > Juris Doctor, University of Chicago (2023)
- > Master of Laws, University of Chicago (2015)
- > Juris Master, Peking University (2013)
- > Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Australian Defence Force Academy (2000)

PUBLICATIONS

- > “Tech Giants Reined In: China Tightens Antimonopoly Regulation of Digital Platforms”, *Journal of European Competition Law & Practice*, 2 July 2021