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Leo Peng is the current chief representative and Office Managing Director of Foster Garvey's Beijing office. He has wide-ranging experiences representing both foreign investors in China and Chinese enterprises investing abroad. Leo speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese and more importantly understands the values of Chinese and Western cultures and systems. He has developed cross-cultural sensitivities and an intelligent understanding of the environments and the forces our clients face in their business ventures.

Leo has represented companies and individuals with respect to regulatory compliance and commercial activities in China. He has advised clients on both contentious and non-contentious employment matters in China, including employee rules and policies, termination, non-compete, employment arrangement for foreign employees and social security issues.

Leo's practice also focuses on comprehensive U.S. immigration planning for multinational companies and their employees, as well as for individual clients. He has more than a decade of experience in immigration law, particularly in obtaining U.S. citizenship, permanent resident status, inadmissibility waivers, and nonimmigrant visas for clients from around the world. He has consulted on mergers and acquisitions, established corporate immigration policies, and developed recruitment plans for client companies.

Prior to joining the firm, Leo worked as a general practitioner for five years in Seattle. He represented domestic and overseas clients in matters related to business formation, taxation,

Services

Labor, Employment &
Immigration
Immigration
Real Estate
Transportation & Logistics

Admissions

Washington, 1995

licensing, immigration, and intellectual property protection.

Education

J.D., University of Hawaii at Manoa, W.S. Richardson School of Law, 1994

B.A., University of California Berkeley, Economics, 1991

Professional Activities

ALLA Bangkok District (APAC) Chapter

- Treasurer, 2013-2014
- Interim Treasurer, 2012-2013

American Immigration Lawyers Association, Member

The American Chamber of Commerce, PRC, Member

Washington State Bar Association, Member

Community Activities

Beijing International Christian Fellowship (BICF), Member, 2007-Present

Bread of Life Christian Church, Board Chair, 1998-1999

Christ L.O.V.E., Director, 1998-2002

Speaking Engagements

Investing in the West Coast of the United States - The Fifth Largest Economy in the World
Investment Seminars in China

Beijing / Fuzhou / Shenzhen, China, 5.22.17 | 5.24.17 | 5.26.17

"Cultural Considerations of Conducting Business in Asian Regions," Panelist, Globalaw
Speaking Engagement
Tokyo, Japan, 4.24.15

"Legal Issues Regarding U.S. Investment Immigration (EB-5)," U.S.-China Business Seminar
Seminar
Garvey Schubert Barer, Beijing, PRC, 1.21.10

"Immigration and Visa Issues for Chinese Companies Doing Business in the U.S.," U.S.-China
Business Seminar
Seminar
Garvey Schubert Barer, Beijing, PRC, 11.26.09

How to Effectively Navigate the U.S. Immigration System for Chinese Citizens / Visa Categories to China
Seminar
Garvey Schubert Barer, Seattle, WA, 10.18.07

Legal Alerts

Form I-9 Practice Alert: End of COVID-19 Flexibility for Virtual Document Reviews
7.28.23

H-1B Filing Season Is Almost Here – 3 FAQs for Employers
2.10.21

Publications

The Government's New Oversight of Real Estate Deals With Foreigners: A Roadmap for Applying the CFIUS Rules
2.24.20

U.S. Sanctions Laws Reach as far as China
Garvey Schubert Barer News Alert, 11.3.14