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Partner



Areas of Practice

Mr Deng has appeared before the Supreme People's Court in many important cases. Many of his cases, for example the *Guangdong Cable Accessory Manufacturers Trade Secret Disputes*, were ranked among the "Top 10 IP Cases of Guangdong," chosen for the *Guangdong Courts Almanac*, or awarded the title of "Guangdong Lawyers Association, Outstanding Case." Dozens of his cases have received extensive press coverage from China Central Television, The People's Daily, and others. He has advised and provided specialized legal services to government departments, well-known domestic and international enterprises, the Zhongshan Municipal Intellectual Property Office, the Nanhai City Government Port Office, the Town Governments of Guzhen and Dayong, Guangdong Province Publishing Group, Guangdong Nongken Huaqiao Industry General Company, Microsoft, Fairchild Semiconductor and Bridgestone China.

Having practiced law since 1994, Mr. Deng is highly esteemed for his extensive experience in intellectual property, finance, real estate and international commercial matters.

Professional Affiliations

- Former Legal Consultant for Guangzhou Municipal Government
- Argumentation expert for major administrative decisions of Guangzhou Municipal Government
- Supervisor of the litigation service window of the Guangdong Courts System
- Director of the IP Committee of Guangdong Province Lawyers Association
- Head of the IP Lecturer Mission of Guangdong Lawyers Association
- Expert of Guangdong IP Rights Protection Assistance Center
- IP Commissioner of All-China Lawyers Association
- Executive director of the Intellectual Property Institute, Guangdong Province Law Society



- Part-time professor of the Law School of South China Normal University
- Part-time professor of the Law School of Guangdong Justice Police Vocational College

Awards

- Diligence Award, Guangdong Lawyers Association, 2005
- Outstanding Achievement Award, Guangdong Lawyers Association, 2005
- Outstanding Deal Award, Guangdong Lawyers Association, 2006
- Excellent Thesis Award, the 7th China Lawyers Forum sponsored by the All-China Lawyers Association, 2007
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- Outstanding Deal Award, Guangdong Lawyers Association, 2007
- Guangdong Lawyers Association Outstanding Cases, 2008
- Excellent Thesis Award, 2010 Annual Academic Conference of the Intellectual Property Institute, Guangdong Province Law Society
- 10 Best Papers Award, China Lawyer Intellectual Property Practice Innovation Forum, 2010
- Outstanding Achievement Award, Guangzhou Lawyers Association, 2010
- Excellent Committee Director, Guangdong Lawyers Association, 2010
- Excellent Organization Award, China IP Practice Forum, Guangdong Lawyers Association, 2011
- Excellent Committee Director, Guangdong Lawyers Association, 2011
- Excellent Committee Director, Guangdong Lawyers Association, 2012
- Excellent Organization Award, Chinese Lawyers' Copyright Practice Forum, Guangdong Lawyers Association, 2012
- Second Prize of Theoretical Achievement, Guangdong Lawyers Association, 2013
- The Most Popular Teacher of Practicing Lawyer Training Class of Guangdong Province, 2014



Publications

Books:

- Editor-in-chief, *Tradition Watching: Investigation and Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage as Intellectual Property*, Guangdong People's Press, 2018
- Editor-in-chief, *Management and Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Museums*, Guangdong People's Press, 2016
- Editor-in-chief, *Comments on Typical Intellectual Property Cases*, Law Press, 2015
- Editor-in-chief, *A Measure of Wisdom—IP Case Review and Litigation Skills*, Law Press, 2009
- Contributor, *Management and Protection of Intellectual Property Rights* (Guangdong Science and Technology Press, 2000)
- Contributor, *New Interpretation of the Civil Procedural Law* (Central South Industrial University Press, 1994)
- Editor-in-chief, *Legal Practice of Intellectual Property Under the New Situation*, Law Press, to be published

Articles:

- "Brief Analysis of the Concept and Content of Intellectual Property Commercialization", the 2nd Award of South-Central China Lawyer Paper Competition, 2016
- "The Negative Influence of the Current Intellectual Property System on Innovation Incentives", Excellent Essay of Chinese Lawyer Intellectual Property Practice Forum Held by National Lawyers Association, 2012
- "Franchise and Copyright Licensing", Excellent Essay of First China Copyright Lawyer Practice Forum held by National Lawyers Association, 2011
- "Defects in the Way of China's Criminal Prosecution of Trade Secret Cases and Recommendations, selected into 10 Best Papers of China Lawyer Intellectual Property Practice Innovation Forum, 2010
- "Intellectual Property Legal Risks and Countermeasures Faced by the LED Industry", 3rd Award of Guangdong Intellectual Property Research Institute's Academic Annual



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- “Loopholes of Enterprise IP Management and Countermeasures”, *China Intellectual Property*, vol. 4 (2010)
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- “A Brief Comparison between Chinese and Thai Trade Secret Laws”, *China-ASEAN Expo Series, the 4th China-ASEAN Legal Affairs Forum Collected Works, 2007* (accorded Second Prize of Outstanding Works by Guangzhou Lawyers Association)
- “A Comparative Study of Restrictive Covenants Law in China and Britain”, *Selected Works of the 7th China Lawyers Forum*, Peking University Press, Beijing, 2007
- “Design for Law in Internet Technology”, Presented at the Second Humanoid, Nanotechnology, Information Technology, Communication and Control, Environment and Management (HNICEM) International Conference, March 17-20, 2005, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Manila, Philippines, awarded the Second Prize of Excellent Works by Guangzhou Lawyers Association, 2005.
- “Criminal Remedy for Trade Secrets”, *Social Science Research*, December 2002
- “Confidentiality of Trade Secrets”, *Government and Rule of Law*, vol. 4 (2001)
- “High-and-new-tech Enterprises Call for Trade Secret Management”, *Security Times*, 21 September 2001
- “Client Lists are Trade Secrets”, *New Modern Pictorial*, vol.8 (2000)
- “Management of Enterprise Works”, *Guangdong-Hong Kong Information Daily*, 6 July 1999
- “Enterprise Patent Management”, *Guangdong-Hong Kong Information Daily*, 25 May 1999
- “Several Issues Concerning Inverted Burdens of Proof in Civil Litigation”, *Law Review*, vol. 6 (1993)
- “A Tentative Discussion on Civil Presumption and Its Application”, *Law and Practice*, vol. 2 (1992)



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- “Issues Worth Noting in Civil Disputes Involving Loan Guarantee Contracts”, *Law Review*, vol. 9 (1991)

Education

- Visiting Scholar, City University of Hongkong
- LLM, University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom
- LLB, Wuhan University, China

Qualifications

- Chinese Licensed Attorney (1994)

Working Languages

- Chinese
- English