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New York

Tax

Fund Formation

Private Equity

Mergers and Acquisitions

Public Company Advisory Team

Hardy advises clients on the structuring and tax aspects of a full range of business transactions. These include domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions and dispositions, private investment fund formation and operation, debt and equity financings, capital market transactions, joint ventures and restructurings.

He also maintains an active pro bono practice advising nonprofit organizations. Before moving to New York in 2021, he was senior tax associate at a global law firm's China office.

Outside of work, Hardy founded a nonprofit called China Youth of Tomorrow (CYOT). CYOT aims to improve social mobility by helping first-generation college students in China, and received the "Social Enterprise of the Year" award at the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai's 2022 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards.

Speaking engagements:

- Moderator, "Navigating Legal Challenges in Biotech Investment: Building a Resilient Framework," Asian American Bar Association of New York fall conference, October 2024
- Panelist, "Navigating Legal Complexities for High Net Worth Individuals in a Shifting International Political and Economic Landscape," Asian American Bar Association of New York event, April 2024
- Panelist, "The Fog: The Interaction of Treaties and Domestic Tax Law," American Bar Association mid-year tax meeting, January 2024
- Speaker, "Reviewing Art. 4 of the OECD Model Tax Convention," New York University international tax program lunch lecture series, March 2023

Education

New York University School of Law

LLM, Taxation, Dean's Graduate Scholar

Leiden Law School

Adv. LLM, International Tax Law, Manuel Tron Award for highest GPA

China University of Political Science and Law

LLM, Economic Law

Sun Yat-sen University School of Law

LLB

Admissions & Credentials

New York

Texas

Court Admissions

US Tax Court

Memberships & Affiliations

Asia Practice Committee, Asian American Bar Association of New York, co-chair

Central/East Asia & China Committee, American Bar Association International Law Section, vice chair

American Bar Association Tax Section, member