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Walker J. Wallace is managing partner of O'Melveny's Shanghai office and a leader of the firm's China practice. He has extensive experience in international transactions and has worked with clients in a wide range of projects across Asia, from multi-nationals seeking to invest in China, to private equity funds pursuing investment strategies in Southeast Asia. In China, Walker has helped clients negotiate the complexities of investing and structuring business operations in numerous industries, including consumer products, healthcare, real estate, software, media and entertainment, retail and education.

Before moving to Shanghai in 1997, Walker practiced in New York for several years. He is the former Chairman of the Legal Committee for the Shanghai American Chamber of Commerce, and is the co-author of "Acquisitions of Companies with Chinese Assets," "Foreign Private Equity Investment in China: Which Way to the Exit?," "Onshore Financial Investing in China," and "Enforcement on Defaulted Loans and Mortgage on Real Property under Chinese Law."

Walker was named by *Chambers Asia 2020 & 2021* under the categories "China, Corporate/M&A" and "China, Private Equity: Buyouts (International Firms)" and by *Chambers Global 2020* in "The World's Leading Lawyers for Business" under the Corporate/M&A category for the China region. He was also recognized by *2020 Asia-Pacific Legal 500* as a leading M&A and Private Equity Lawyer in China. In the *2020 IFLR 1000* rankings, Walker received special recognition as a "Leading Lawyer" in the Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Equity categories.

Admissions

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New York

Education

Columbia University, J.D., 1995:

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Williams College, B.A.,

1990: *cum laude*

Experience

- Numerous acquisitions of office and residential buildings by international financial institutions in China
- Formation of several China-focused private equity funds
- Formation of small loan companies and other alternative investment structures for investing in distressed assets in China
- Sale to Suntory of ASC Fine Wines, China's leading wine distributor
- Fund investment in leading Chinese coal bed methane company
- Fund investment in a leading Chinese company operating for-profit universities
- Fund investment in a number of drug discovery companies
- Sale of leading Chinese Vitamin C producer to DSM
- Sale of Chinese banking subsidiary by an international conglomerate
- Purchase of non-performing loan portfolios from Chinese banks
- Financing of Indonesian iron sands project
- Sale of US analog chip company to consortium of Chinese buyers
- Financing and acquisition of various Chinese-language media properties by international media companies

Honors & Awards

- Recognized by *IFLR1000* as a "Leading Lawyer" (2020) and "Highly Regarded" (2018-2021) in Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity
- Recognized by *Chambers Asia-Pacific* for Corporate/M&A: China-based (International Firms) & Private Equity: Buyouts & Venture Capital Investment (International Firms) (2020 & 2021)
- Recognized by *Chambers Global 2020 & 2021* in the Corporate/M&A category for the China region
- *Asia-Pacific Legal 500 2020*: Leading M&A and Private Equity Lawyer in China

Languages

- Mandarin Chinese