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Dr. Gao is the founder and Chairman of Beijing East IP Ltd. and Beijing East IP Law firm. Dr. Gao is one of the founding fathers of the modern China intellectual property legal system. Before he served for the China Patent Office, Dr. Gao served at different government departments, including the State Planning Commission, for many years. From 1987 to 1998, Dr. Gao served as the Commissioner of China Patent Office. During his tenure at the China Patent Office, Dr. Gao had led Chinese government delegations to attend international IP forums and conferences, such as various World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) meetings where Dr. Gao served as Chairman of WIPO Conference and Paris Union Assembly. Dr. Gao also served as the Vice-President of the Diplomatic Conference of Conclusion of a Treaty Supplementing the Paris Convention as far as Patents are Concerned, and Vice-Chairman of Diplomatic Conference for the Conclusion of a Treaty on the Protection of Intellectual Property in Respect of Integrated Circuits. In addition to his successful leaderships in WIPO, Dr. Gao also initiated the building of the patent database that is currently being used in the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO).

In 1998, Dr. Gao was appointed as the responsible person for establishing the SIPO, where he later served as the founding commissioner. From 1998 to 2000, Dr. Gao was appointed as a senior advisor at the WIPO. In addition, from 1998 to 2002, Dr. Gao was also selected as a deputy to the National People's Congress.

Dr. Gao currently serves as the Honorary President of the All-China Patent Agents Association (ACPAA), Advisor of the International Intellectual Property Institute (IIPI) in Washington D.C., Vice Chairman of the China Internet Society, Senior Counsel of the China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC), Panelist of the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Center (ADNDRC) and the Domain Name Dispute of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC).

In 1995, Dr. Gao was awarded the Grand Star Cross by the German government for his remarkable contributions to the field of IP protection and international cooperation, in that same year, the European Patent Office awarded him the International Cooperation Medal for his contributions to the field of IP. Dr. Gao frequently gives lectures on intellectual property related subjects at universities in China and around the world. Dr. Gao had also published numerous works on patent prosecution, litigation, protection, licensing, TRIPS Agreement, and domain names. His publications include "How Do Foreigners Seek Patent

Protection for Their Technology” in the *China Law* journal; “Patent System and Market Economy” in the *China Reform* magazine (Chinese and English); “China and the TRIPS Agreement” (Chinese and English) which was presented at the APEC Industrial Property Symposium of the Development of Industrial Property Systems Towards the 21st Century in August 1996 in Tokyo, Japan; and “China’s Accession to the WTO and Protection of Intellectual Property” (Chinese and English) in the *China Patents and Trademarks* magazine.

Dr. Gao obtained his Bachelors of Science and his Ph.D. in prospecting technology from one of the top universities in the former Soviet Union. Dr. Gao’s strong technology background paved his road to become one of the greatest intellectual property minds in China who chooses to remain active in China’s intellectual property field, because of his visions and goals to not only help foreigners to learn more about China’s intellectual property laws, but also to urge and witness the growth of China’s very own intellectual property rights protections.

Dr. Gao speaks English and Russian.

Professional Leadership

Senior Advisor of the International Intellectual Property Institute
Senior Counsel of the China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC)

Panelist at the Asian Domain name Dispute Resolution Center (ADNDRC) and the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)

Adjunct Professor at the John Marshall Law School (2007 – present)

Adjunct Professor at the Tsinghua University School of Law

Former Commissioner of China Patent Office (1987 - 1997)

The founding Commissioner of State Intellectual Property Office (1997 - 1998)

Chairman of WIPO Coordination Committee (1988)

Vice-Chairman of Diplomatic Conference for the Conclusion of a Treaty on the Protection of Intellectual Property in Respect of Integrated Circuits (Washington D.C., 1989)

Vice-President of the Diplomatic Conference of the Conclusion of a Treaty Supplementing the Paris Convention as far as Patents are Concerned (the Hague, 1991)

Chairman of WIPO Conference (1993, 1995)

Chairman of Paris Union Assembly (1991, 1993, 1995)

Senior Advisor at WIPO (1998 – 2000)

National Congressman: Amended Chinese IP Laws for China's WTO Accession (1998-2002)

Professional Recognition

Honorary J.D. of the John Marshall Law School

Publications

- Win-Win Situation is the Direction of Copyright Law in the Information Age (2009)
- Creating an Information Society that Benefits Everyone (2007)
- Can Your Company Enforce Its Intellectual Property Rights in China? (2006)
- Internet and Protection of Intellectual Property - Protection of Trade Secret, Domain Name, Trademark, and Keyword Search (2004)
- China's Accession to WTO and the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Law (2003)
- China's Trademark System and Amendments of the Chinese Trademark Law (2002)
- Discussion on China's Accession to WTO and Intellectual Property Protection (2001)
- China's Intellectual Property Protection System in Progress (1998)
- Intellectual Property and Social Development (1997)
- China's Protection of Intellectual Property (1995)
- Current Status of Intellectual Property Protection in China (1994)
- China's Intellectual Property Legislation and Protection (1991)

Related Employment

Former Commissioner of China Patent Office (1987 - 1997)

The founding Commissioner of State Intellectual Property Office (1997 - 1998)

Awards

Awarded the Grand Star Cross by the Germany government (1997)

Awarded the International Cooperation Medal by European Patent Office (1996)

Speaking Engagements

Joint USPTO-QBPC E-commerce Anti-Counterfeiting Program (Shanghai, China)

WTO at 20: Multilateral Trading System, Dispute Settlement and Developing Countries Conference (Beijing, China)

The UNIDO Day and Technology Trade International Forum

High Level Executives Seminar on Exclusive Rights of Integrated Circuits Layout Design

Internet Intellectual Property Innovation and Protection Summit

U.S. and China IP Dialogue – Latest Developments of U.S. and China IP Law and Enforcement

Internet and E-Commerce IP Forum

Institute of Intellectual Property & Beijing EAST IP International Seminar

Second China Internet Innovation and Intellectual Property

Protection Summit

Areas of Practice

Patent Prosecution

Patent Litigation

Trademark

Copyright

Domain Name Disputes

Intellectual Property

Industries

Information and Communication Technology

Internet

E-Commerce

Mining

Highlights

Patent

Shanghai Shuanlong High Tech Development Co. et. al. v. Pfizer Ltd. (2006) Gao Zhong Xin Zi No. 519

Nanjing Yisike Network Safety Technique Co., Ltd. v. Seagate International Technology (Wuxi) Co., Ltd. (2004) Su Min San Zhong Zi No. 19

Trademark

Beijing Duck King Roast Duck Co., Ltd. v. Shanghai Huihai Duck King Roast Duck Co., Ltd., the Trademark Review and Adjudication Board of the Chinese Trademark Office (2012) Zhi Xin Zi No. 9 Administrative Judgment

Copyright

Wemade Entertainment Co., Ltd., Actoz Soft Co. v. Shanda Interactive Entertainment Limited, Shenqu Information Technology (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (2003) Yi Zhong Min Chu Zi No. 11013

Admissions

Patent Attorney

PRC Attorney At Law

Education

Moscow Geological Prospecting Institute, B.S., Ph.D.