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Tim Bancroft's practice focuses on securities, public company M&A, venture financing, outside general counsel representation, and advising public company boards, audit committees, and special committees.

His experience includes initial public offerings and private placements, representing existing public companies and growing private companies in their ongoing corporate and securities matters and transactions, and taking public companies private.

Tim works regularly on international transactions, with a particular focus on China, where he has been working with China-based companies since 1996. Tim's clients range from emerging and established companies in Internet and other high-technology areas to investors in early-stage companies.

Accolades

- Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent™

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- New York

Education

- Boston University School of Law (J.D., 1983)
 - Edward F. Hennessey Scholar
- Brown University (A.B., 1977)

Representative Matters

Lavit Third Round Equity Financing

Representation of Lavit, the leader in on-demand still and sparkling healthy cold beverage systems, in connection with its successful third round equity financing.

Sohu.com Inc. Reorganization Resulting in Sohu.com Limited

China-based online media, video, search, and game client Sohu.com Inc., which was a Delaware corporation traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, was dissolved and liquidated in a reorganization transaction that resulted in Sohu.com Limited, a Cayman Islands company, replacing the Delaware corporation as the top-tier, publicly-traded holding company of the Sohu Group.

International Transaction, U.S. Securities, and U.S. Tax Counsel in Complex Reorganization Transaction

International transaction, U.S. securities, and U.S. tax counsel in a complex reorganization transaction in which the China-based Sohu Group's top-tier, NASDAQ-listed Delaware holding company, Sohu.com Inc., was liquidated and replaced by a Cayman Islands company, Sohu.com Limited, as the publicly-traded holding company, also on NASDAQ and with the same shareholders as had held the shares of Sohu.com Inc.

Outside General Corporate and Securities Counsel in the U.S. for Sohu.com

Outside U.S. general corporate, securities, M&A, and U.S. tax counsel to Sohu.com, a leading Chinese online media, communications, search, online games, and mobile value-added services company (NASDAQ SOHU); representation has included multiple acquisitions and, most recently, the complex reorganization of the publicly-traded top-tier holding company from a Delaware corporation to a Cayman Islands company.

Counsel to Issuer in Sogou IPO

Issuer's counsel in the IPO on the NYSE of Sogou Inc., an innovator in search and a leader in China's Internet industry; continue to represent the company as U.S. general corporate and securities counsel.

Counsel to Issuer in Changyou.com IPO

Issuer's counsel in the IPO on NASDAQ of Changyou.com Limited, a leading online game developer and operator in China; continue to represent the company as U.S. general corporate and securities counsel.

eLong Go-Private Transaction

Representation of eLong, Inc., a leading mobile and online travel service provider in China, as U.S. securities, general corporate and M&A counsel, and in connection with its 2016 going-private transaction.

Strategic Cooperation Agreement and \$450M Investment in Sogou

Representation of Sogou Inc. in a \$450 million investment in Sogou by Tencent Holdings Limited and a strategic cooperation agreement between Sogou and Tencent.

Fox Financial Peer-to-Peer Lending

Representation of Fox Financial Internet Finance Group Limited, the developer and operator of an Internet-based platform, for peer-to-peer lending in China.

Web-Based English Language Instruction Company Targeting Chinese Market

Representation of an interactive, Web-based English language instruction company targeting the Chinese market.

Single-Serve Cold Beverage System Developer Counsel

Representation of the developer and distributor of a single-serve cold beverage system.

Nanotechnology-Based QD Film Display Developer Counsel

Representation of the developer of advanced nanotechnology-based QD film for displays.

Executive Employment Arrangements and Equity Incentives

Representation of both companies and executives in connection with executive employment arrangements and equity incentives.

Special Committees

Representation of special board committees in M&A and other transactions requiring separate counsel for independent directors.

Pro Bono

Tim works on a number of refugee-assistance pro bono projects, including Kids In Need of Defense (KIND), the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), and the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project (PAIR).

Having lived in Latin American countries for part of his childhood, Tim finds it particularly rewarding to work directly with refugee children to provide them assistance on their immigration cases through KIND.

Tim also serves on the board of Mil Milagros/A Thousand Miracles, a Boston and Guatemala-based charity that works with communities to prevent malnutrition and hunger and to improve children's health and education in Guatemala.

Publications

October 19, 2015

What's Market? Update: Delaware Corporate and M&A

October 19, 2015

What's Market? Update: Securities

October 8, 2014

"Move Over, Widgets. Real Estate Investments Come Of Age In Crowdfunding," Banker & Tradesman

September 22, 2014

Crowdfunding: How the Web and Social Media are Changing the Face of Real Estate Investment