



## Er (Arila) Zhou

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Er (Arila) Zhou represents special purpose acquisition corporations, emerging growth companies, funds and investment banks, with an emphasis on private and public transactions in relation to a broad range of corporate, private equity, capital markets, securities law, mergers and acquisitions, and regulatory compliance matters. Arila is a member of our firm's Business Transactions group and co-leads our Capital Markets + Securities team.

### **SPAC**

Arila has represented sponsors, SPAC companies, underwriters and target companies in SPAC related transactions for more than seven years, including initial public offerings and business combinations. She currently represents a handful of SPACs in their initial public offerings and SPACs or targets in business combinations with various type of transaction structures.

### **Asia Practice**

Arila has more than 14 years' experience in listings and offering of domestic and foreign private issuers on the National Securities Exchanges and the over-the-counter markets. Before she commenced her legal practice in the U.S., Arila was an analyst and editor at Peking Economic Law Research Center when she pursued her master law degree at Peking University in China, at which time she participated in drafting a legislative proposal for Company Law of the People's Republic of China 2005. Arila also worked in the New York office of a premier international law firm.

### **Capital Markets + Securities**

Arila's practice is focused on representing clients ranging from emerging to established companies on a breadth of matters relating to cross-border transactions and various securities transactions, including SPACs, Regulation D and Regulation S offerings, initial public offerings and secondary offerings; listing on U.S. stock exchanges and maintenance of public companies, including the preparation and filing of periodic reports, registration statements and other filings; regulatory compliance requirements and SEC investigations; reorganization and privation; and M&A transactions.

Arila's experience includes matters in which she served as signing and managing partner, arising after she joined our firm in 2022.

### **Services**

- Capital Markets + Securities

### **Education**

- Peking University School of Law (Masters)
  - Master of Law

- Vanderbilt Law School (Masters)
  - LL.M.
- Nanjing University, School of Law (Bachelors)
  - B.A., Law

## Admissions

- State of New York

## Languages

- Mandarin

## Recognitions

Selected as a Rising Star to the New York Metro Super Lawyers list for 2018 and 2019

Robinson+Cole Mentor of the Year Award Recipient, 2023

## Leadership + Memberships

### **New York State Bar Association**

### **American Bar Association**

Member, Law Practice Division Group and Business Law Group