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Hardy advises clients on structuring and tax aspects of complex domestic and cross-border business transactions – including fund formation, venture capital and private equity transactions, mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations and capital market transactions. He also maintains an active pro bono practice, advising nonprofit organizations. Before moving to New York in 2021, he spent eight years at a global law firm's China office, where he advised US multinational clients operating and investing in China on a wide range of Chinese and international tax issues.

Outside of work, Hardy founded a nonprofit organization called China Youth of Tomorrow (CYOT). CYOT was awarded the "Social Enterprise of the Year" recognition at the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai's 2022 CSR Awards. The organization is dedicated to improving social mobility by assisting first-generation college students in China.

Select speaking engagements:

- Panelist, "Navigating Legal Complexities for High Net Worth Individuals in a Shifting International Political and Economic Landscape," Asian American Bar Association of New York, April 2024
- Panelist, "The Fog: The Interaction of Treaties & Domestic Tax Law," American Bar Association Midyear
 Tax Meeting, January 2024
- Speaker, "Reviewing Art. 4 of the OECD Model Tax Convention," NYU International Tax Program Lunch Lecture Series, March 2023

Education

New York University School of Law LLM, 2022

Leiden Law School Adv. LLM, 2013

China University of Political Science and Law LLM, 2012

Sun Yat-sen University School of Law LLB, 2010

Admissions & Credentials

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

New York State Bar Association Tax Section, member

USA Branch of the International Fiscal Association, member