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Professional Experience

Lecturing at China University of Political Science and Law from 1983-1995, lawyer Tian Wenchang was successively deputy head of the Department of Law and graduate supervisor. From 1985, he began working part-time as a lawyer, before setting up King & Capital Law Firm in 1995 and turning professional. Lawyer Tian Wenchang gained renown in recent years for successfully handling a large amount of cases, as well as for specializing in various kinds of classical and difficult legal affairs. His name has been included in the Contemporary Chinese Middle and Young Scholars' Dictionary and Compilation of Famous Chinese Education Experts. CCTV programs such as "Oriental Sons", "Getting Down to Brass Tacks", "360 Professions", "Face to Face" and "Personalities" have interviewed lawyer Tian Wenchang numerous times. Lawyer Tian Wenchang enjoys the epithet of "the scholarly lawyer", with a rich record of education, research and case-handling. He has published millions of words in academic articles, translations, monographs and education materials.

Lawyer Tian Wenchang currently serves as Director of the Criminal Affairs Committee, All China Lawyers Association. During this time, he oversaw development of China's first voluntarily code of conduct for lawyers, the "Lawyers' Code of Conduct in Handling Criminal Cases"; the establishment of China's first nationwide lawyers' website, "Criminal Defense Online"; as well as the drafting and publication of China's first "Draft Lawyers Suggestions for Amending the Criminal Procedure Law" to be drafted and published in the name of a lawyers association. As a lawyer involved in China's criminal legislation activities, Tian Wenchang staunchly defended the lawyer's position in legislative work, gave voice to lawyers and promotes legislative and judicial reform. As a lawyer with profound academic nous and rich experience, Tian Wenchang has participated in international human rights dialog as a member of the China human rights delegation on several occasions.

Representative Cases and Projects

Cases brought against YU Zuomin by victims of the Daqiuzhuang criminal case in Tianjin

Commission of mafia-style crimes by LIU Yong from Shenyang city, Liaoning

Case of accepting bribes involving former Yunnan provincial governor LI Jiating

Contract fraud and other cases involving YANG Bin, former No. 2 on the Forbes rich-list

Case of accepting bribes involving WANG Xiaoshi, former SRC official

Illegal operations and other cases involving HUANG Guangyu

Contract fraud and misappropriation by YAN Liyan

Case of accepting bribes by WANG Yanfeng, former Deputy Mayor of Datong city

Case of accepting bribes by PAN Xiao, former Deputy Governor of Huadu District, Guangzhou

Misappropriation case concerning CHENG Zhenjie, a Taiwanese businessman

Class action by 81 passengers against Northwestern Airlines over flight delays

Nanjing Huaxia Industrial Co., Ltd. responding to Xinhua News Agency in a massive infringement compensation case

Anshan Iron & Steel Co sues Liaoyang Sanlian Steel Tubing Co., Ltd. for hundreds of millions of RMB in a sale-and-purchase contract dispute

Securities dealing dispute involving Guohai, Huaxin and Hualong Securities

Loan dispute case involving China Orient Asset Management Co., Ltd.

Equity dispute case involving Taiyuan Iron & Steel Group Co., Ltd.

Legal consultant to companies such as China Aviation Accounting Centre, Beijing Aquarium, Dagang Oil Co., Ltd., Shanxi Yujin Steel & Iron Co., Ltd.

Professional Appointments and Affiliations

Director of the Criminal Affairs Committee, All China Lawyers Association
Standing Director, China Judgment Theoretical Research Association
Standing Director of the Criminal Law Association, China Law Society
Deputy Chair of the Criminal Law Association, Beijing Law Society
Standing Director of the China Behavioral Law Society
Deputy Chair of the China Behavioral Law Society's Legal Linguistics Research Association
Director of the Beijing Law Society
Deputy Chair of the Economic Talent Committee, China Talent Research Association
Part-time professor, CUPL
"Lifetime Honorary Member" of the American National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Part-time professor, PKU
Part-time professor, Tsinghua University
Part-time professor, CASS Institute for Legal Studies
Part-time professor, National Prosecutors' College
Part-time professor, RUC Lawyers' School
Honorary Dean, Northwestern University of Political Science and Law's School of Criminal Law
Dean, Northwestern University of Political Science and Law's Institute for Advanced Criminal Defense Studies
Part-time professor, Jilin University
Member of the Dalian Arbitration Commission
Special consultant, Association for Promoting International SME Cooperation

Honors

1996 Honored with the first-ever title of "Top Ten Beijing Lawyers" by the Beijing Municipal Justice Bureau
1996 Honored with the second title of "Beijing Best Lawyers" by the Beijing Municipal Justice Bureau
2005 Received the All China Lawyers Association's "Selfless Contribution Award to Regulating the Lawyer Industry"
2005 Legal Daily Press' title of "2005 Legal News Personality", Legal Morning News and Lenews' "First Special Contribution Award for Top Chinese Lawyers"
2008 Sina website's "Global Outstanding Chinese"
2010 Beijing's One Hundred Excellent Criminal Defense Lawyers
2013 Asia Law Review
2013 China's Top Ten Litigators
2013 CCTV Annual Top Ten Legal Personalities

Education

1983 Among the first Master of Laws (LLM) graduates from Northwestern University of Political Science and Law.