

## Headline News

### Andrews Kurth Names Hong Irwin Partner

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**HOUSTON** – Andrews Kurth announced that Hong Irwin became a Partner in the firm as of July 1.

Hong's practice focuses on the acquisition of international oil and gas properties, project finance — including upstream and downstream — and mergers and acquisitions. She is a member of the firm's Business Transactions section and is chief representative for the Beijing office.

"Hong's admission to our partnership is well deserved. She's done a great job representing our firm in China," said Managing Partner Howard Ayers. "We recognize and commend her dedication to leading and managing our efforts there."

The Beijing office provides logistic and personnel support for the firm's China-based clients and other clients with business in China, and also facilitates marketing, referral and liaison activities in the region.

A number Andrews Kurth clients are Chinese companies with offices in Beijing and Hong Kong, including Sinopec, China Oilfield Services Limited and Asia Frize Ltd.

"I'm excited to be taking this next step in my career at Andrews Kurth," Hong said. "The firm's commitment to building the China practice is strong. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to its future growth."

For more than a century, Andrews Kurth LLP has built its practice on the belief that "straight talk is good business." Real answers, clear vision and mutual respect define the firm's relationships with clients, colleagues, communities and employees. With more than 400 lawyers and offices in Austin, Beijing, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New York, The Woodlands and Washington, DC, Andrews Kurth represents a wide array of clients in all areas of business law.