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Project: **Conflicts of Law and Ethics in China**



Chuanyi Qi is a rising 3L at Berkeley Law focusing on international human rights and international business law. During her time in law school, she has served as a student researcher and project co-leader at Reproductive Justice Project and focused on researching laws regarding reproductive rights in foreign countries. She is also involved in Berkeley Journal of International Law as articles and submissions editor. Chuanyi has completed coursework on various aspects of international business law and public international law, from which she developed a paper on the accountability mechanisms of the World Bank Group. Outside of law school, she is working with International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law on researching legal frameworks for girls' rights in a foreign nation. She will be participating in International Human Rights Clinic and serving as the Director for International Law society. Prior to law school, Chuanyi attended Bryn Mawr College where she majored in Political Science and wrote a thesis on the application of the human rights and human capabilities theories in the international world.

For her Miller Fellowship, Chuanyi is working with Professor Cohen at the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology on issues involving cross-border legal ethics between the United States and China. Chuanyi will be cataloguing conflicting ethical demands imposed on lawyers practicing in China who are admitted in the United States, such as differing concepts of confidentiality/ privileged communications, legality of ex parte communications with judicial officials, and obligations of honesty towards a tribunal. She will also look at the extent to which US-admitted lawyers who are resident in China are disciplined for actions occurring in the United States under the choice of law rules involving legal ethics in effect of US jurisdictions, based in part on the extensive sanctions that have been imposed on Chinese lawyers for falsifying documents before the US Patent and Trademark Office, and other published decisions. Her research will also address whether greater collaboration is warranted between the bar authorities of both countries as a means to ensure compliance with disciplinary authorities and protect client interests. We hope to publish the research in China Law & Society Review, which has expressed an interest in receiving the article for publication in 2022.