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Example of Correct Citation for Legislative Developments – Provide a Citation to Each Section and Subsection which Supports the Assertions Made about the Legislation:

China’s new, revised Company Law (Revised Company Law) became effective on January 1, 2006, and fundamentally changed several areas of business regulation in China.1 The Revised Company Law enables PRC residents, for the first time, to form a single-member limited liability company, and lowered to two the number of promoters needed to form a company limited by shares. Further, the revised law lowers to RMB¥30,000 the minimum registered capital requirement to form a limited liability company, and lowers to RMB¥500,000 the minimum registered capital requirement to form a company limited by shares.2

Example of Correct Citation for Judicial Developments – Provide a Page Reference for All Holdings and Quotations:

Particularly controversial was the ICTY’S judgment against Momčilo Krajišnik, a former member of the Bosnian Serb leadership convicted on September 27, 2006, of persecutions, extermination, murder, deportation, and forced transfer of non-Serb civilians.3 The controversy surrounds Krajišnik’s acquittal on charges of genocide and complicity in genocide. The judgment noted the crimes alleged met “the requirements of the actus reus for genocide”4 but held that the evidence did not show that the

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1 [Company Law], (Presidential Order No. 42, issued Oct. 27, 2005, effective Jan. 1, 2006,) (P.R.C.), translated and reprinted in CHINA LAW & PRAC. 2330/05.10.27
2 Id. § 24 (for limited liability companies); § 79 (for companies limited by shares).
4 Id. ¶ 867.
crime of genocide formed part of a common objective of the joint criminal enterprise,⁵ nor that “any of these acts were committed with the intent to destroy, in part, the Bosnian-Muslim or Bosnian-Croat ethnic group, as such.”⁶

Example of Correct Citation for Commercial, Policy & Political Developments – Provide a Citation to Public Resources:

On December 13, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago became the first member state of the Caribbean Community and Common Market, CARICOM,⁷ to ratify the Caribbean Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Serious Criminal Matters (the Treaty), a Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME)⁸ instrument signed on July 6, 2005.⁹ To date, the Treaty has attracted nine signatories.¹⁰ The Treaty’s entry into force is contingent on ratification by five states.¹¹ The purpose of the Treaty is to increase cooperation in mutual legal assistance among Caribbean countries in respect of serious criminal matters and to combat criminal activity.¹²

Second Example of Correct Citation for Commercial, Policy & Political Developments – Provide a Citation to Public Resources:

The Australian Mergers and Acquisitions market has been very strong in 2006, to a large extent fuelled by a boom in private equity activity.¹³ The retail and energy sectors have been the largest source of M&A work to date. The unsuccessful U.S. $13.7 billion proposal to acquire Coles Myer by a private equity consortium led by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co was perhaps the highest profile of this year,¹⁴ though the U.S. $6.08 billion merger of Suncorp Group, Australia’s sixth largest bank, with insurance group Promina was just one example of the very robust market.¹⁵

⁵ Id. ¶ 1091.
⁶ Id. ¶ 867.
¹¹ Id. art. 2.
¹² Id. ¶ 1091.
¹³ Id. ¶ 867.