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"Prominent Chinese firm represents largest U.S. Olympic delegation in History: *ChineseNewsSource, Beijing*

Lehman Lee & Xu's sports law practice group, the most prominent of its kind in China, has been chosen to represent the U.S. Olympic Committee in all local matters related to the 2008 Olympic Games. The U.S. team traveling to Beijing will be the largest visiting delegation in the history

of the Olympic Games, according to Dana Dershowitz of the United States Olympic Committee.

Lehman, Lee & Xu is a legal pioneer in the sports law field in China. The firm has been responsible for many sports related initiatives including providing tailor made presentations to national Olympic committees from nations throughout the globe on aspects of Chinese law relevant to foreigners

"We already feel like we've won the first gold medal" says Edward Lehman, Managing Director of Lehman, Lee & Xu. "Its fantastic to be representing my home country's team here in China, especially at this momentous juncture in this nation's history. This is the first time in many years that the U.S. team has attended the games in a country with a legal system so vastly different from their own. We're here to ensure that everything runs smoothly and that the U.S. team has their best Games yet"

Ed Lehman has a long history in the field of sports law. He has been an active member of the Genevabased International Association of Sports Lawyers for ten years, and was the catalyst in creating Sports Beijing, a not-for-profit organization established to promote sports in Beijing's school system. "I was their first Chief Representative and it is a cause that will always be close to my heart, having been an NCAA track athlete for four years during college"

Ed Lehman has been in China for 21 years and, as the only foreign director of a Chinese firm, has seen the legal system develop from an embryonic state to a comprehensive system of laws. "What the Chinese really have going for them is their tremendous spirit and national unity. The Chinese are amongst the most gracious hosts in the world and this will really show during the games. There are differences in our legal systems though, and that is what spurred me to come up with a series of presentations for the USOC. I wanted to explain these differences and enable athletes and other participants to make the best of the games and their time in Beijing." Lehman, Lee & Xu has since been asked to provide these presentations to other national Olympic Committees. "We feel an obligation to make sure that all Olympic teams are going into the games as informed as possible on matters of Chinese law", says Ed.

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A Chicago native, Ed states there is only one sporting event he could see himself getting more excited for: "Chicago is in the running to host the 2016 Olympics - to see the Games in both of my hometowns- now that would be really incredible."

Lehman, Lee & Xu is a prominent Chinese corporate law firm and trademark and patent agency with offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Hong Kong, Macau, and Mongolia. The firm is managed by Mr. Edward Lehman who is a long-time China resident, and is recognized as a leading expert on corporate law with 21 years of practice experience in Mainland China.

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