

David's memories are of the legal, financial, and business environment in Asia, where he still lives.

"I resigned from O'Melveny & Myers - Tokyo in 1994 and relocated to Vietnam to do venture capital for a private investment fund. With the onset of the regional financial crisis in 1997, dependent as we were on foreign institutional capital that was suddenly fleeing the region, we decided to put our projects on ice for the next generation to pursue! Thus 1998, on assignment in Japan for Prudential Financial, working on the business side of acquisitions and other investments in financial services and real estate. It's challenging but also very interesting to be back in Japan at a time when the entire economy is going through a painfully slow restructuring but where opportunities for foreign investment are better than they have been since the end of World War II."

2002-03 David relocated to Shanghai. "It's a totally new life experience, and I'm very much enjoying getting to know this dynamic city, making new friends (both local and international), trying to learn Mandarin (much more of a challenge than it would have been had I done it when young), and for business fun I'm renovating some architecturally significant but terribly tired 1930s apartments and houses in the former French Concession area of central Shanghai.

2005-11 David relocated to HK as Managing Director and Associate General Counsel of The Bank of New York. "It's been quite an interesting but very hectic year of re-entry into law, since I have been very much involved in the Asia Regional aspects of our acquisition of the global corporate trust business of JPMC, with many legal and regulatory issues to be resolved before the transaction closed earlier this month. I feel like it's time for another holiday!"

2006-11 David is living in northern Thailand, "looking into private investments in the resort hotel business in Laos. The pursuit is fun, but the end result is not yet certain! Hopefully there will be an opening party one of these years to which I can invite you and my other Law School classmates!"

*- Recycled from Class Notes*

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