
LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Solo Practitioner – Bangkok, Thailand / Yangon, Myanmar

Attorney

Feb 2018– Present

- Provide general legal advice in commercial laws, including corporate matters, data privacy compliance, foreign investments, mergers and acquisitions, labor, business contracts, real estate, and tax
- Research and analyze new legal developments that may affect clients' businesses
- Work remotely with a team of external lawyers, paralegals, and accountants

Vovan et Associés – Bangkok, Thailand / Yangon, Myanmar

Senior Associate (Bangkok Office)

Jan 2010 – Feb 2018

Summer Associate

Jun 2006 – Jul 2006

- Advised French and other international clients including multi-national corporations by researching and analyzing laws and regulations related to corporate matters, joint venture, merger & acquisition, data privacy, anti-corruption practices, commercial contracts, intellectual property, foreign business law, cross-border tax issues, secured transactions, investment incentives, real estate, labor, and immigration
- Led a team to conduct legal due diligence review, liaised with tax and accounting due diligence teams, and negotiated various merger & acquisition deals by building consensus among key stakeholders
- Structured appropriate corporate governance and provided advice on corporate compliance
- Assisted Manushya Foundation on a pro bono basis by conducting initial research to identify legal issues related to land grabs, migrant worker abuse, sex discrimination, and failure of environmental impact assessment process to help prepare National Baseline Assessment (NBA) as part of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; participated in dialogue sessions with a network of civil society organizations and representatives from the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand as part of the NBA

Senior Associate (Yangon Office)

Jan 2013 – Jun 2014

- Prepared and delivered presentation on legal framework for foreign direct investment in Myanmar at various events including Power Energy & Electricity Convention in Singapore, Association France-Myanmar des Affaires meeting in Yangon, and Italian and French Chambers of Commerce event in Bangkok
- Advised international clients interested in investing in Myanmar on matters including corporate law, foreign investment law, intellectual property protection, cross-border tax issues, real estate, labor, and immigration
- Monitored new laws, public policy developments, and political risks

Bingham McCutchen LLP – Silicon Valley, California

Associate (Intellectual Property Litigation Group)

Sep 2008 – Oct 2009

Summer Associate

May 2007 – Aug 2007

- Analyzed and researched relevant internet law and assisted in drafting a successful opposition against the motion to dismiss the Digital Millennium Copyright Act claims against a radio host and his radio station for their misuse of takedown notice against the plaintiff organization that criticized their anti-Islam messages on the radio program after YouTube suspended plaintiff's channel to avoid intermediary liability
- Developed understanding of public policy influence through participation in the firm's pro bono effort to help overturn Proposition 8 (California constitutional amendment that would render only marriage between a man and a woman valid and recognized)
- Assisted a domestic violence victim without an immigration status to obtain a U-visa by convincing the police to provide favorable affidavit
- Represented a minority client before San Francisco Housing Authority to overturn the decision to remove him from public housing due to his lengthy detention after he became a victim of racial profiling by the police
- Researched patent law issues concerning reasonable royalty and lost profit, litigation stay pending reexamination, claim construction proceedings, and foreign patents enforcement in U.S. courts

- Analyzed the effects of International Corporation for Assigned Names and Number's (ICANN) Generic Top Level Domain program on trademark protection

Public Counsel – Los Angeles, California

Volunteer in Juvenile Hall Legal Clinic & Homelessness Prevention Project Aug 2003 – May 2004

- Negotiated with juvenile hall supervisor to address problems that minors encountered while incarcerated
- Educated minors on juvenile delinquency system and related procedures
- Advocated for homeless clients by persuading Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to reinstate wrongfully terminated benefits

Los Angeles District Attorney's Office – Los Angeles, California

Volunteer in Victim Advocacy Program Aug 2002 – May 2003

- Helped victims of violent crimes obtain restitution and referred them to free counseling
- Verified victims' eligibility for the Victim Witness Assistance Program

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ace Clearwater Enterprises – Los Angeles, California

Manufacturing Engineer in aircraft parts manufacturing facility Feb 2005 – Jun 2005

Time Warner Cable – Los Angeles, California

Industrial Engineering Intern in digital cable installation and maintenance division Jun 2004 – Aug 2004

EDUCATION AND BAR ADMISSIONS

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California (2005-2008)

Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, May 2008

Witkin Award for Academic Excellence in Digital Media Law (internet laws)

Studied abroad: Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany, Fall 2007

Member: Hastings Trial Team 2006-2007 (Top honors win at Stanford Law School Mock Trial Competition)

Staff Editor: Hastings Business Law Journal

University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, California (2001-2004)

Bachelor of Science, *Cum Laude*, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Dec 2004

Mock Trial Team Captain (2001-2004): 2nd Place in American Mock Trial Association Competition 2002

Dean's Scholarship; USC International Scholarship; International Leadership Award

Anglo-Chinese Junior College, Singapore (1996-2000)

A'Level, *Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*, Dec 2000

Bar Admissions

Admitted to practice in California; Northern District of California District Court; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Passed US Patent and Trademark Office Examination; received limited recognition as foreign practitioner

Admitted to practice in Thailand

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Languages Fluent English; Fluent Thai; Conversational Mandarin Chinese; Conversational German

Computer Microsoft Office, Photoshop