

# **ARBITRATOR'S INFORMATION**

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#### WORK EXPERIENCE

# 03/01/2012 to 18/04/2013 South East Asia Bank (SeABank) - Vietnam

# **Chief Legal & Compliance Officer**

## **Responsibilities**

- Provide legal advice for Management/Business Units/Subsidiaries;
- Keep the bank updated with legal developments;
- Represent the bank in in-court/out-of-court dispute settlement;
- Draft/review & negotiate contracts;
- Draft/review & ensure compliance of the bank's policies/procedures/products;
- Develop/maintain a database of templates/contracts/legal documents;
- Maintain relationship with Government authorities/agencies;
- Handle debt collection activities.

#### **Achievements:**

- Introduce the service culture in the Legal Department;
- Issue a first ever set of collateral agreement templates, advanced versions of credit and guarantee agreement templates, and various other templates to optimally protect SeABank rights and interests;
- Set up a first ever computerised client service/work management system for the Legal Department;
- Establish/Manage an effective internal delegation of power system.
- Keep the bank legally sound and compliant

# 02/05/2008 to 31/12/2011 Vietnam International Commercial Bank (VIB) -

#### Vietnam

# **Chief Legal & Compliance Officer**



# **Responsibilities**

Legal consultation and support to bank

- Provide legal advice for Management/Business Units/Subsidiaries;
- Keep the bank updated with Vietnam's legal development;
- Ensure the availability of legal information needed by internal customers (product management, branch expansion, HR policies etc);
- Advise/Represent the bank in in-court/out-of-court dispute settlement;
- Draft/Review/Negotiate business documents/contracts;
- Handle debt collection activities.

# Legal/compliance framework development

- Ensure the bank policies/procedures/products comply with Vietnamese laws;
- Draft/Verify the bank policies/procedures/products;
- Develop/Maintain within the bank a legal database.
- Implement and enhance the Bank's compliance framework, in line with industry best practices;
- Assist Management/BUs/Subsidiaries in updating, communicating, and

documenting all policies, procedures and products;

• Develop/Maintain a database of documents/contracts.

# Legal/compliance implementation

- Provide BUs/Subsidiaries with guidance on corporate governance issues;
- Facilitate the development of systems for operational compliance;
- Monitor discretionary powers and reconciliation of prudential limits;
- Assess day-to-day compliance of Treasury operations, (compliance with market/credit risk, operational risk and ALCO policies);
- Oversee the AML operations of the Bank;
- Maintain relationship with Government authorities/agencies.

# Achievements:

- Set up a compliance control board regarding: legal risk compliance, contractual commitment compliance and internal regulation compliance;
- Set up/Run the AML function and set up the first in Vietnam automated AML database;



• Close out the M&A deal with CBA and successfully run the full compliance with commitments;

- Successfully assist the bank do the business well given its low capital base;
- Enhance compliance culture throughout the Bank;
- VIB documents have successfully helped protect its rights and interests at court;
- Advise VIB on obtaining Moody's rating;
- Advise VIB on obtaining a US\$ 50 million unsecured loan from IFC;
- Advise VIB in signing Trade Finance Facility Agreements with IFC and ADB;
- Advise VIB on issuing US\$ 500 million international bonds;
- Advise VIB on issuing VND 1,330 billion domestic bonds;
- Advise VIB in numerous due diligences conducted by potential foreign bank buyers;
- Act as Internal Deal Advisor for VIB in successful sales of VIB 20% equity to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (sell side);
- Advise VIB on a Strategic Planning Consultancy Agreement with the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), and on follow-up initiatives/activities;
- Advise VIB on a rebranding strategy consultancy agreement with InterBrand, and on follow-up activities;
- Advise VIB in numerous lending transactions, including syndicated loans both as co-lender and lead manager;
- Advise VIB in numerous deals with business partners (suppliers, sponsors, contractors, etc);
- Advise VIB in numerous investment deals;
- Advise VIB in numerous loan restructuring, debt collection and selling transactions;
- Advise VIB on numerous FX and derivative transactions, including ISDA agreements;
- Set up and leading the AML operations of VIB the 1<sup>st</sup> in Vietnam;
- Advise on the establishment of would-be VIB Gold Exchange and service agreements with relevant contractors;



• Advise VIB on the establishment and operation of its asset management subsidiary, VIBAMC;

• Take an active role in various committees/councils in VIB, e.g.: Product

Committee, Anti-Money Laundering Committee (Vice-Chairman), NPL Management Committee, and Credit Committee.

# 17/10/2007 - 30/04/2008 Indochina Legal

## **Senior Associate**

# **Responsibilities**

• Advise and represent clients on Vietnam laws, particularly in the field of foreign investment, corporation, taxation, banking & finance, land, and dispute resolution.

# Achievements:

- Advise on the restructuring of a group of foreign-owned companies;
- Advise on the establishment and operation of the operator of Cai Mep Terminal Link;
- Advise on acquisition of a finance leasing joint-venture company (buy side);
- Conduct legal due diligence for acquisition of 20% of Bao Viet Insurance Group (buy side);
- Advise on establishment and operation of a cargo shipping company (CMA-CGM Vietnam);
- Advise on establishment and operation of a fund management company (Tigers Alliance Fund Management Company);
- Advise on the Hong Kong Exchange listing of Cong Thanh Cement Company.

# ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2007 **PhD** (Monash University - Australia), under the Monash Graduate School Scholarship and the Monash Law School Foundation Scholarship

2002 **Master of Laws** (University of Queensland - Australia), under the University of Queensland Scholarship

2000 Bachelor of Laws (Vietnam National University (Hanoi)

2000 Bachelor of Commerce (National Economics University)

# **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**



- 28/03/2011 05/04/2011 Financial Institution Analysis & Bank Simulation Game
- (ATTF, Luxembourg)
- 10/01/2011 14/01/2011 Banking Strategy & Bank Organization (ATTF, Vietnam)
- 06/12/2010 10/12/2010 Internal Audit, Internal Control & Compliance Risk

Management (ATTF, Vietnam)

- 01/11/2010 05/11/2010 Risk Management (ATTF, Vietnam)
- 13/09/2010 17/09/2010 Retail Banking (ATTF, Vietnam)
- 07/06/2010 11/06/2010 SME Banking (ATTF, Vietnam)
- 28/02/2011 04/03/2011 Legal & Documentary Issues in Swaps & Other OTC
- Derivatives (Euromoney Hong Kong)
- Documenting Equity Derivatives (Euromoney Hong Kong)
- Credit Derivatives Legal Issues & Documentation (Euromoney Hong Kong)
- Legal Issues in Derivatives, Structured Issuers & Structured Notes (Euromoney -

Hong Kong)

- 18/10/2010 25/10/2010 Project Management (FMIT Vietnam)
- 07/10/2009 09/10/2009 Advanced Loan Documentation (Euromoney Singapore)
- 20/04/2009 21/04/2009 Evaluation of Financial Potential in a Banking Group
- (ASEAN Bankers Association Vietnam)
- 24/10/2008 26/10/2008 Internal Audit (BTC Vietnam)
- 09/10/2008 11/10/2008 International Trade Finance (BTC Vietnam)
- 29/07/2008 31/07/2008 Asset & Liability Management (European Union -

Vietnam)

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

- 2012 to date Arbitrator at the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)
- 2004 to date Member of Australian International Arbitration Forum (AFIA).
- Country Representative (Vietnam) from 2011.
- 2003 to date NAATI Accredited Translator & Interpreter.