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Firm Overview

BNG Legal is a leading law firm with offices in Cambodia and Myanmar that provides comprehensive legal services to foreign and local clients. Registered with the bar associations in both Cambodia and Myanmar, our legal professionals combine skills that match international standards with broad local expertise.

We differentiate ourselves by coupling a deep understanding of the local business environment with international professionalism and integrity. Superior knowledge of local protocol, local procedure, and local people is necessary for any business to succeed in Southeast Asia.

Regularly advising businesses about their daily operations in Cambodia and Myanmar, BNG Legal is up to date with the latest procedures and legal requirements, helping clients to efficiently and successfully complete any project.



Practice Areas

As a full-service commercial law firm, BNG Legal's practice spans a wide range of areas. We regularly handle corporate affairs, investment facilitation, intellectual property protection, and other matters for international and local clients. Our principal practice areas are:

Corporate & Investment

- Commercial and non-profit incorporation and registration
- Regulatory compliance
- Business licensing and government relations
- Corporate secretarial services
- Corporate structuring and governance
- Shareholder and joint-venture agreements
- Corporate due diligence

Banking & Finance

- Project and structured finance
- Private and commercial loan facilities
- Foreign exchange laws and fund repatriation
- Secured transactions
- Derivatives
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Corporate restructuring and share transfers

Intellectual Property & Technology

- Search and registration of trademarks, patents, copyrights, utility models, and other IPRs
- IP portfolio maintenance
- IP due diligence and clearance
- Licensing and franchising
- Anti-counterfeiting and enforcement

Real Estate & Construction

- Real estate leasing, transactions, and due diligence
- Financing, mortgages, and other securities
- Agricultural land concessions
- Construction contracting and permitting

Energy & Natural Resources

- Concession purchases and leases
- Licensing and regulatory compliance

Taxation & Customs

- Corporate and individual tax filing and compliance
- Tax counseling, strategy, and auditing
- Import duties and customs clearance

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Mediation, arbitration, and out-of-court settlement
- Civil and commercial litigation

Maritime & Transportation

- Vessel registration
- Maritime law opinions and dispute resolution

Labor Law & NGOs

- Labor law and regulatory compliance
- Immigration and work permits
- Entity setup and registration
- Licensing and regulatory compliance

Civil Law

- Adoption
- Marriage and divorce
- Wills and succession
- Immigration

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Our Clients

BNG Legal exists to serve its clients’ needs. Our broad client base ranges from the world's largest companies, helping to facilitate cross-border transactions, to individuals, helping them with their personal as well as business matters.

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Corporate & Investment

Petroleum group	Conducted high-end due diligence related to merger & acquisition of a company in the petroleum business
Pharmaceutical group	Assisted with application for authorization of pharmaceutical establishments in Cambodia
Companies/individuals	Drafted effective and enforceable agreements and other documents to protect clients’ legal rights and to comply with Cambodia regulations

Banking & Finance

Korean institutional investors	Co-counsel to a Korean company, successfully establishing a local commercial bank
Fast food restaurant	Conducted due diligence in order to apply for initial public offering in Malaysia and provided legal assistance with financial restructuring
Foreign investment fund	Assisted client in all facets of bank acquisition, including due diligence, negotiation, and drafting of agreements

Intellectual Property & Technology

Global automobile and machinery manufacturer	Developed and implemented practical solutions to combat counterfeits entering the Cambodian market
American radio broadcaster	Successfully defended, in Cambodian court, a U.S.-based radio station against claims of copyright infringement
Multinational automobiles	Took a series of enforcement actions against counterfeits circulating in Cambodia and represented client in a settlement with the infringers
International brewery company	Advised on and developed strategies to deal with potential trade dress infringement by a well-known brewery company in Cambodia
Chinese state-owned technology company	Developed strategies and successfully defended against unauthorized use of well-known Chinese trademark by an aggressive social influencer infringer in Cambodia

Real Estate & Construction

Hong Kong venture capital firm	Performed land and corporate due diligence for venture capital firm’s property investments in Sihanoukville
Global investment bank	Assisted with the acquisition of a major casino and the transfer of associated licenses

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Energy & Natural Resources

Foreign investors	Conducted due diligence on pledged shares and issued legal opinion on structuring of power plant project
Chinese-state owned company	Conducted due diligence on coal mining investment company for share acquisition; drafted effective and enforceable documentation
Foreign investors	Drafted legal opinion on loan-mortgage registration and advised on project financing

Taxation & Customs

Logistics company	Advised on withholding tax between a Cambodian and Thai entity regarding HR management; reduced applicable tax rate through double taxation agreement provisions; and provided tax planning and compliance regarding subsidiary establishment
Pharmaceutical company	Advised on value-added tax relative to invoices from related party between a Cambodian entity and an Indian entity (supplier); advised on Cambodian subsidiary and non-taxable supply; and advised on Cambodian import duties for pharmaceutical and tax exemptions
Petroleum company	Advised representative office on tax compliance issues with the General Department of Taxation in Cambodia; and provided legal services such as calculating current tax liabilities and penalties; and resolved tax issues with tax authorities

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Major European airline	Pursued a former employee for theft of corporate assets in criminal court
German insurance company	Advised defendant in complex personal injury case, working with multiple parties across multiple jurisdictions

Maritime & Transportation

Airport in Siem Reap	Drafted legal opinion and advised on loan agreement between foreign bank and an investor in Cambodia
International investor	Assisted with the establishment of a river cruise company and helped to obtain relevant licenses and permits

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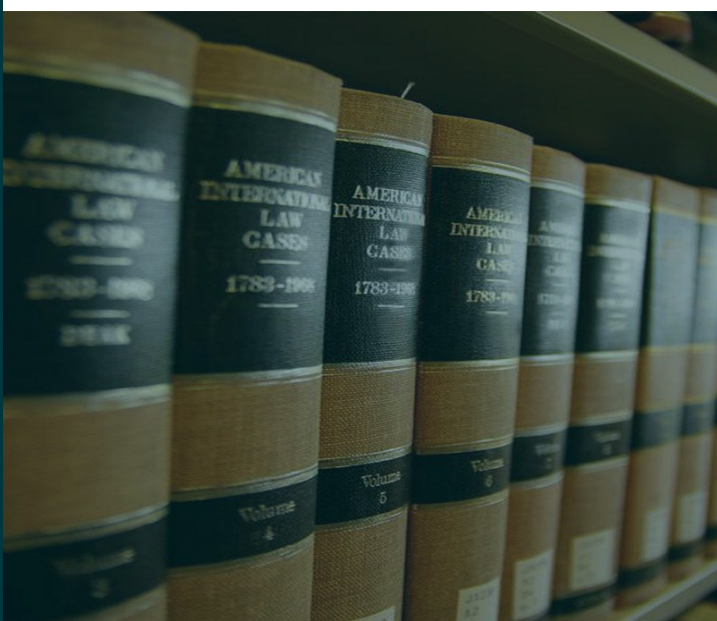
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Labor & NGOs

American health-sector NGO	Advised on and processed the registration of an international NGO; liaised with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to ensure that the relevant documents were processed in a timely manner
Individual	Assisted a client with the setup of an NGO; identified required documentation, explained the procedures involved, and coordinated with local authorities
Foreign airline	Advised on the evolution of labor law in Cambodia, including seniority indemnity payments and related scope of implementation
Foreign investors	Advised on and assisted with labor compliance with respect to the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training

Civil Law

Individual	Provided Australian client immigrating with adopted daughter to Cambodia with legal opinion regarding customary adoption in Cambodia; and confirmed whether the Australian adoption would be recognized in Cambodia
Individuals	Advised Indian client on required documentation and related procedures to obtain permission to marry Cambodian national; and assisted client in obtaining marriage certificate
Individual	Advised English client on Cambodian divorce laws and obtained equitable division of property through divorce decree; and drafted will devising client’s assets
Individuals	Advised clients, beneficiaries of the deceased, regarding strategic plan to obtain funds in Cambodian bank; and assisted clients to obtain funds through court order
Major U.S. technology company	Drafted guide for client detailing required documentation and procedures to obtain work permits for non-Cambodian citizens and to verify the work status of Cambodian citizens



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Cambodia

Dr. Darwin HEM (Naryth HEM)

Attorney, Principal Partner



Mr. Darwin HEM (Naryth HEM) is Senior Partner at BNG Legal. Mr. Darwin is admitted to practice law in Cambodia and is a member of the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia (BAKC), Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA), the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA), and the Working Party on the Accession of Cambodia into the World Trade Organization.

He is a licensed Trademark Agent in Cambodia, and a licensed Stock Exchange Agent with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia (SECC). Also, Mr. Darwin is an Arbitrator at the Cambodia Labor Arbitration Council.

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Before becoming an attorney, Darwin qualified as a medical doctor and worked as Chief Financial Controller for the Ministry of Economy & Finance in Cambodia. Before co-founding BNG Legal, he practiced law with a regional law firm, which has had a base in Cambodia for many years.

As an attorney and legal consultant, Mr. Darwin has worked on a wide variety of private projects for major national and international companies operating businesses in Cambodia, as well as for many public projects funded by the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank. Darwin specializes in real estate, corporate law, project finance, and intellectual property. Mr. Darwin brings a deep understanding of contemporary Cambodian law and practice to BNG Legal.

Dr. Darwin speaks Khmer, English, and French.

Mr. Neam KOY

Senior Attorney



Mr. Koy Neam is a Senior Legal Advisor at BNG Legal. Mr. Koy is a member of the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia (BAKC). He was elected Bar Council Member, the governing body of the Cambodia Bar Association, for two years. He is currently an Arbitrator at the Cambodia Labor Arbitration Council and a Commercial Arbitrator at the National Commercial Arbitration Center. He teaches company law at the Lawyer Training Center of the BAKC.

Before practicing law, he was a Program Manager at The Asia Foundation for Law Program and the United Nations Development Program for Access to Justice. He was a Professor at the Royal University of Law and Economics and taught law clinic courses at Pannasastra University.

Koy Neam holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Transactions and Comparative Law from the University of San Francisco School of Law and a Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Technology (Cambodia).

Mr. Koy provides legal strategy guidance in complicated litigation. He advises clients in real estate transactions and development, secured transactions, financial leases, corporate law, and labor law. Koy Neam has published several books and has contributed to numerous articles in the Bar Law Bulletin. Some of his publications include Cambodian Company Law (2016), Prosecution: History and Comparative Study (2006), Introduction to the Cambodian Judicial Process (The Asia Foundation, 1998), English-Khmer Law Dictionary (The Asia Foundation, 1994 and 1997), and he has also contributed law articles to the Bar Association's Law Bulletin in Nan Chinese (Fukienese), Khmer, and Thai.

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Mr. Thavsothaly TOK Senior Legal Associate, Attorney



Mr. Thavsothaly Tok is a Senior Legal Associate. Mr. Tok is admitted to practice law in Cambodia and is a member of the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia (BACK). He is also a licensed Trademark Attorney, Corporate Agent, Securities Transfer Agent, and Certificates of Origin Agent. He is a member of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA), Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (APAA), and the International Trademark Association (INTA).

Mr. Tok holds a Master in Law from Transnational Law and Business University in Korea through a full scholarship. He has also attended professional training seminars in Singapore, Japan, and Europe.

Mr. Tok has a wide range of corporate experience advising both foreign and local clients, including legal entity establishment, entity liquidation, mergers & acquisition, commercial contracts, licensing, and due diligence on investments in various industries, such as mining, energy, trade, and construction.

As a licensed Trademark Attorney, Mr. Tok has advised numerous international brand owners on their intellectual property portfolios, including IP registration, franchising, and licensing. He has also assisted clients with intellectual property infringement matters, including strategic plans to combat counterfeiting, trademark infringement, cybersquatting, and other infringement issues, as well as represented clients in mediations and hearings at Cambodia's Department of Intellectual Property.

Mr. Tok speaks Khmer, English, and basic Thai.

Ms. Keopichchenda LONG Senior Legal Associate



Keopichchenda Long is a Senior Legal Property & Technology Practice Group. Keopichchenda holds a Master's Degree in Corporate Law and International Affairs from the University of Jean Moulin Lyon III. She also holds two Bachelor's Degrees: Bachelor Degree in Private Law from the University of Lyon II and a Bachelor Degree from the Royal University of Law and Economics in Law, under a joint program with Lumière

Lyon II University in Cambodia. She is a member of Asian Patent Attorney Association (APAA), International Trademark Association (INTA), Intellectual Property Association of Cambodia (IPAC) and Cambodia Women Entrepreneurs Association (CWEA).

Keopichchenda successfully completed the regional and international IP seminar such as 2015 JPAA IP Practitioners Seminar in Indonesia (Jakarta) and IP short training in Japan (Okinawa and Tokyo), Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), China (Beijing), Indonesia (Bali), India (New Delhi), Hong Kong and Spain (Barcelona). Under the Cambodian IP practice, she has completed the training course on Legal Trademark Agent at the Ministry of Commerce and the training course on IPOS and PCT system at the Ministry of Industry and Handicraft.

At BNG Legal, Keopichchenda mainly specializes in all Intellectual Property Rights related matters, compliance and legal protection. She also specialized in franchise agreement, license contract and product registration. She has assisted and advised number of international clients like a well-known tobacco company in Cambodia. She also advised and provided a legal advice on technology law for a globally known international software company, multinational IT companies and technology transfer for known Japanese, USA and Hong Kong firm.

In addition prior to joining BNG, Keopichchenda interned with the Ministry of Justice and at CREAD (Centre de Recherche Appliqué en Droit). She has also granted scholarships to participate in academic certificate programs in Vietnam (Hanoi, Da Lat and Da Nang).

Keopichchenda mainly specializes in Intellectual Property Law and her other area of practice includes Corporate & Investment Law.

Keopichchenda speaks Khmer, English, French, and basic Vietnamese.

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Mr. Menghok Bun Legal Associate



Mr. Menghok Bun is a Legal Associate in the General Practice Group.

Mr. Menghok holds a Bachelor of Law from the Royal University of Law and Economics in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and a Master of International Law and Business University (TLBU) in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Before joining BNG Legal, Menghok worked as a legal assistant at local law firms where he assisted numerous clients with drafting agreements related to real estate, litigation, and other civil matters.

At BNG Legal, Menghok has advised and assisted clients in a range of civil and litigation matters, including, but not limited to, marriage, divorce, immigration, and adoption. In addition, Menghok provides legal assistance in matters related to labor law, labor disputes, real estate, and food & beverage product registration.

Menghok speaks Khmer and English.

Ms. Vannaroth Sovann Senior Legal Adviser

Ms. Vannaroth Sovann is a Senior Legal Adviser in the Intellectual Property & Technology Practice Group.

She holds a Master of Commercial Law from the University of Jean Moulin Lyon III in France. She also holds two Bachelors in Private Law from the University of Lyon II, and in Cambodian Private Law from the Royal University of Law and Economics through a joint-degree program in Cambodia. Ms. Vannaroth completed a two-year program in Intellectual Property with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the University of South Africa (UNISA), and has since become an expert in intellectual property law.

Ms. Vannaroth is a licensed Trademark Agent with the Ministry of Commerce in the Kingdom of Cambodia. She is also a founding member of the Intellectual Property Association of Cambodia (IPAC) and a member of the Asian Patent Attorney Association (APAA).

In 2011, Ms. Vannaroth joined BNG Legal where she provides general legal advice, support, and assistance, including opinions and research on various legal issues related to conducting business in Cambodia. She has provided significant input in the development and implementation of legal compliance policies and procedures for clients. She gives recommendations for addressing critical legal and policy issues to ensure that the businesses' legal and overall objectives are met. She has also led the team in handling various legal drafting matters, including franchise agreements, commercial contracts, employment contracts, and other compliance matters.

She has extensive experience in helping multinational companies to register and enforce their intellectual property rights in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Her areas of expertise also include due diligence, corporate and business law, investment law, contract law, and labor law.

Ms. Vannaroth speaks Khmer, English, and French.

Mr. Thomas W. B. Jeffery Legal Consultant



Thomas Jeffery is a Legal Consultant at BNG Legal.

He obtained a bachelor's degree in law from the University of Bristol in the UK, one of Britain's leading universities.

At BNG Legal he has been involved in projects relating to corporate due diligence, real estate, employment and more, whilst working in both the corporate and general practice departments. This has included advising on company incorporation, employment policies, the implications of mergers and acquisitions and analysing documents to ensure corporate compliance. He is a member of the International Bar Association and Law Asia.

Prior to joining BNG Legal, in over a decade in Cambodia he has been involved in numerous business and corporate dealings, giving him extensive knowledge of the business environment of Cambodia.

He is a native English speaker whilst also speaking Khmer at an advanced level.

Ms. Chamnaul Meas Junior Legal Associate



Ms. Chamnaul MEAS is a Junior Legal Associate in the Intellectual Property Department.

Prior to joining BNG Legal, Chamnaul participated in the Environmental Moot Court Competition and undertook extensive research for her dissertations. She completed her Master's degree dissertation on Cambodian Competition law and Consumer Protection law.

At BNG Legal, Chamnaul sits in the Intellectual Property Department and has assisted in numerous IP matters relating to trademark registration, patent applications and post filing work.

Chamnaul speaks Khmer and English.

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Mr. Bunratanak Tung Chief of Finance, Tax Associate



Mr. Bunratanak Tung is Chief of Finance and a Tax Associate at BNG Legal. He is also Head of the Administration & Finance Group.

Mr. Bunratanak holds a Bachelor of Finance and Master of Professional Accounting from La Trobe University in Australia. He is studying tax law at CamEd Business School in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Before joining BNG Legal, he worked as a bookkeeper and store manager. He also worked with financial and accounting firms in Australia.

Mr. Bunratanak's practice focuses on internal control systems, corporate accounting, tax accounting, bookkeeping, and tax advisory.

Ms. Thi Tuyet Nguyen Tax Associate (Consultant)



Ms. Tuyet Nguyen is a Tax Associate and Consultant in the Tax Practice Group of BNG Legal.

Ms. Tuyet Nguyen holds a Diploma of Business Administration and Bachelor of Accounting from La Trobe University of Australia and is currently completing her taxation studies at CamEd Business School in Phnom Penh.

Before joining BNG Legal, Ms. Tuyet Nguyen had been working with BNG Accounting (partner firm of BNG Legal) as a tax assistant. She specializes in tax compliance services and bookkeeping. In addition, she has gained experience working with the Corporate & Banking Practice Group of BNG on various matters, such company establishment and director and shareholder changes.

Ms. Tuyet Nguyen speaks Vietnamese, English, and basic Khmer.

Ms. Sreyroth Khiev Finance Officer, Tax Officer



Ms. Sreyroth Khiev is a Finance Officer and a Tax Officer in the Administration & Finance Department of BNG Legal.

She holds a Bachelor of Accounting from Vanda Institute in Cambodia. Before joining BNG Legal, she worked for local accounting firms, and for BNG Accounting as an administrative officer, billing officer, and accountant. She specializes in accounting compliance and cash flow management.

At BNG Legal, Ms. Sreyroth is responsible for administrative tasks, procurement, and billing services. She also assists clients in their annual and monthly tax filings.

She speaks Khmer and English.

Ms. Kimberly M. Cornelio Finance and Tax Officer



Ms. Kimberly Cornelio is a Finance and Tax officer at BNG Legal in Tax Practice Group. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Banking and Finance from Polytechnic University of the Philippines in Manila.

Before joining BNG Legal, she worked as an Accountant at a Korean-owned manufacturing company in Cambodia and later was assigned to set up a new company and promoted to General Manager, where she obtained diverse experience in Accounting, Inventory Management, Operations, and Procurement.

At BNG Legal, Ms. Kimberly is responsible for tax compliance services and tax advisory. She speaks Filipino and English.

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Ms. Karon Sok Paralegal



Karon is a Paralegal in the Intellectual Property Department.

Karon is completing a Master's Degree in Private Law at Royal University of Law and Economics. Also, she holds a Master's Degree in Management from China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) in China under a full fund scholarship program of the Chinese Government Council (CSC). She also obtained Chinese Proficiency Language of HSK level 4.

At BNG Legal, Ms. Karon has assisted clients with a number of applications for intellectual property registration such as trademark and patent applications, preparing the response to office actions and post filing work. She has also assisted some corporate-related work with the Ministry of Commerce.

Karon speaks Khmer, English, and Good Mandarin Chinese.

Mr. Kunpisoth Sambath Senior Legal Assistant



Mr. Kunpisoth Sambath is a Senior Legal Assistant at BNG Legal in the Intellectual Property & Technology Practice Group. He has been working at BNG Legal since 2016. Mr. Kunpisoth graduated from the English-Language-Based Bachelor of Law Program (ELBBL) at the Royal University of Law and Economics and is currently pursuing a LL.M. in International Business Law there.

Mr. Kunpisoth specializes in trademark prosecution and advises clients on patent and utility model filing, as well as on industrial design prosecution. At BNG Legal he is responsible for the filing and registration of the relevant documents with the local registrar.

Kunpisoth speaks Khmer and English.

Mr. Hout Im Legal Assistant



Mr. Hout Im is a Legal Assistant in the Tax Practice Group. He holds a Bachelor of Law from the Royal University of Law and Economics. Mr. Hout specializes in real estate, civil litigation, and taxation. Previously, he worked in the General Practice Group.

At BNG Legal, Hout has assisted numerous clients to process and review land protection, ownership, and transfer documents.

Mr. Hout works on land registrations with officials in various ministries and governmental departments. He also

assists clients with monthly and annual tax filings at the General Department of Taxation (GDT).

Mr. Hout speaks Khmer, English, and Basic Thai.

Mr. Vansoputhidet Mech Senior Legal Assistant



Mr. Vansoputhidet Mech is a Senior Legal Assistant in the Corporate Department.

Thidet is pursuing his Executive Master's Degree in International Business Law as a dual degree from the Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE) and the University of Brussels. He holds a Bachelor's Degree of Law from RULE in 2020.

Prior to joining BNG Legal Cambodia, he has various experience regarding corporate compliance, labor compliance and other matters related to real estate sector such as land registration, mortgage registration, land title search etc.

At BNG Legal, Thidet assists and advises numerous clients on civil and litigation matters, and gives legal assistance with labor law, labor disputes, and in the real estate sector.

Thidet speaks Khmer and English

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Mr. Myint LWIN Of Counsel

Mr. Myint Lwin works as Counsel at BNG Legal. He earned his LL.B. and



DBL Degrees from Yangon University, and his Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Aspects of Marine Affairs (Cardiff University) as a Chevening Scholar and M.S. Lin Scholar.

He has been practicing since he was admitted as a Higher-Grade Pleader in 1984 and as an Advocate of the Supreme Court in 1986. He has been an elected Member of Parliament (Pyi Thu Hluttaw – part of the bicameral legislature of Myanmar)

since the General Election of 2015, under the umbrella of the National League for Democracy Party of Aung Sun Su Kyi.

Mr. Myint Lwin is a member of International Trademark Association, ASEAN Intellectual Property Association, Inter-Pacific Bar Association, International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property, and

the Myanmar Bar Council. He was also the Vice President of Intellectual Property Proprietor Association in Myanmar.

Mr. Myint Lwin worked as a civil litigator from 1984 to 1999 and, currently, practices real estate, IP, and corporate law. He is Legal Counsel for the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RUMFCCI), as well as for the new IP law drafting. He was a speaker at the Doing Business in Myanmar Seminar, which was held by Nishimura & Asahi, the largest law firm in Japan.

Mr. Myint Lwin has a broad range of experience, in both litigation and complex commercial matters.

Myint is fluent in Burmese and English.

Ms. May Thazin AUNG Legal Associate, Attorney



Ms. May Thazin Aung is a Legal Associate in the Myanmar Office of BNG Legal. She holds an LL.B. from Mandalay Yadanarbon University and a DBL, MA (Business Law) Degree from Yangon University. She also holds a certificate in DL-101 General Course on Intellectual Property, issued by the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Ms. May Thazin Aung is a member of the Myanmar Bar Association. She was appointed Joint Information Head of the Myanmar Bar Association (Ahlone Township) and has been admitted to practice law in Myanmar as a Higher-Grade Pleader by the Supreme Court of Myanmar. Before joining BNG, Ms. May Thazin Aung was a lawyer at a law firm in Yangon.

May Thazin Aung speaks Burmese and English.

Mr. Albert Zaw MIN Senior Counsel



Mr. Albert Zaw Min is Senior Counsel at BNG Legal and Founder of Star Trader Law Firm (Reg No. 4/5978, dated 18th December 1996). Mr. Albert is admitted as a Myanmar Lawyer and has been a member of the Legal Consultant Team of the Union of Myanmar Federation for Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), Joint-Secretary of the Intellectual Property Proprietors Association of Myanmar (IPPAM), Chairman of the International Relationship and Education Committee under MBA, and an advisor for the Asian ARB ADR Alliance (AAAA).

Mr. Albert holds a Bachelor in Law (LL.B.) from Yangon University and educational qualifications P.M.G (2nd class), GMDSS G.O.C. (U.K), DL-101 & DL-201 (Distinction), and DL-450 (WIPO).

With more than 30 years of legal experience and knowledge, he has worked on: various types of investment projects in fields such as maritime and aviation; general insurance and reinsurance claims; dispute settlement; commercial contracts; and intellectual property rights.

In addition to his work as a lawyer, he has been appointed General Secretary of the MBA and is the Founder and President of the pioneering Myanmar International Arbitration Centre (MIAC). He also assists Union, regional, and state governments with drafting Myanmar regulations. Mr. Albert speaks Burmese and English.