

#### ARBITRATOR'S INFORMATION

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#### I. Education

Legal

## University of Arizona, College of Law, Tucson, AZ, U.S

LL.M - Master of Laws in International Trade Law, 1998- 1999 under the U.S. Fulbright Program.

#### Cuban State University, Faculty of Law, Russia

LL.B, Bachelor of Laws, 1983-1988

**Professional Training** 

## Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, TX, U.S

Two week long intensive training course on international legal framework on maritime and sea matters, 2011

#### University of Melbourne, Law School, Australia

Two week long WTO Legal Research Program, 2008

#### McGill University, Canada

Specially designed three week long training course for Vietnam's trade negotiators on WTO and international trade, 2002

# Ministry of Justice of Japan, Judicial Research and Training Institute

Program on Legal and Judicial System of Japan, 1996

#### Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, Institute of Foreign Service

Program on English and ASEAN agreements, 1995

#### Harvard Law School, U.S.

Summer Law Courses, 1995. Courses included International Trade law, EU Law, International Arbitration, International Litigation.

#### English Language Training

Hanoi Foreign Trade University, 1996

Institute of Foreign Service, the Philippines, 1995

British Council, Singapore, 1993

Hanoi Foreign Languages College, English Centers, 1989-1992

#### Russian Language Training

Cuban State University (Russia), 1983-1988

Tashkent State University (Uzbekistan Republic), 1982-1983



Hanoi University for Foreign Studies, 1981-1982

Foreign Language Schools, Hanoi Foreign Language Teachers University, 1978-1981

## II. Work Experience

### **Ministry of Justice**

Department of International Cooperation since May 2010: Director General

Department of International Cooperation (June 2009 - May 2010): Deputy Director General responsible for ASEAN matters, legal and judicial cooperation between Vietnam and states located in Americas and Europe.

Department of International Law (October 2003 - June 2009): Senior Legal Expert and Deputy Director General of the Department of International Law (June 2004 - June 2009); member of Vietnamese Government Negotiation Delegation For Economic and Trade Treaties and Arrangements: in charge of international legal matters relating to Vietnam's international economic integration, including negotiations of international treaties many of which are on ASEAN integration (such as ASEAN Charter, HLEG works...) and Vietnam's WTO accession, drafting domestic legal instruments, involved in implementation of international treaties in the domestic legal system, taking part in resolution of economic and commercial disputes by international arbitration or foreign tribunals and courts.

Department of International Law and International Cooperation (January 1994 - October 2003): Legal Expert on international trade law and other legal aspects of Vietnam's international economic integration.

Performed legal works relating to international trade law, including legal issues in WTO, APEC, ASEM, ASEAN, other bilateral trade and economic agreements.

Drafted and negotiated international agreements, including the U.S-Vietnam Trade Agreement, Vietnam accession to ASEAN, APEC and WTO, legal preparation works for Vietnam - Ukraine Free Trade Agreement, Vietnam - Russia Free Trade Agreement, ASEAN- China Free Trade Agreement, ASEAN- CER Closer Economic Partnership, etc.

Advised, from the legal point of view, on many Vietnam's bilateral trade agreements and other international treaties of Vietnam relating to economic integration.

Researched and lectured various legal topics of international law in general and of international trade law in particular, such as US trade law, international trade remedies, international trade dispute resolution in WTO, ASEAN and NAFTA.

Participated in drafting and giving legal advice on various Vietnam's draft laws and regulations on trade and economic issues.

Member of the Ministry's ASEAN- WTO Working Group since 1995.



Member of the Ministry's International Trade Law Review Group charged with reviewing all Vietnam's laws and regulations and comparing them with all the existing international commitments and rules contained, *inter alia*, in the US-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement, ASEAN, APEC, ASEM, etc. and with WTO agreements and rules to produce recommendations for Vietnam's Legislative Action Plan to comply with international existing and future trade commitments.

### **National Committee for International Economic Cooperation (since 8/2001)**

Have been seconded to the Committee as Legal Expert for the Expert Task Force of the Governmental Negotiation Team established by the Government of Vietnam, *inter alia*, to negotiate for the WTO membership.

Researched various international legal aspects in economic and trade areas, including trade law regimes of some main trading nations, such as U.S., Canada, ASEAN-CER partnership, special and differential treatment granted to developing countries in WTO, making expert comments on the 4<sup>th</sup> WTO Doha Ministerial Conference results and possible outcome of the next WTO negotiation round in some areas.

# <u>Vietnam International Arbitration Center at the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry</u>

Arbitrator since 2002.

## Singapore Law Firm, Chorpee & Company, Singapore

Internship (June 1993 - December 1993): worked on investment and business law issues.

#### **Ministry of Justice of Vietnam**

## Department of Administration of People's Courts (January 1989 - May 1993)

Researched and drafted legislation and other executive regulations on court administration and enforcement of court judgments.

Clerkship of one year in the Hai Ba Trung District Court, Hanoi, Vietnam.

# III. Accomplishments

Languages: Vietnamese, Russian and English.

**Publication**: Legal articles and research works on various aspects of Vietnamese, foreign and international law, US-Vietnam Trade Agreement, WTO, ASEAN, etc.

**CLE**: Participation in many international and domestic legal, judicial or economic integration workshops and symposia. Lectured on legal regimes of WTO, NAFTA, ASEAN, US trade law, ASEAN, US-Vietnam Trade Agreement. Performed works for many international and foreign donors' projects, including that for UNDP, Swedish Sida, Canadian CIDA, Ausaid, USAID, EU, etc, as legal expert, English interpreter/translator and national consultant.