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BIOGRAPHY

Chinachart Vatanasuchart specializes in transportation and logistics and the related fields of customs, international trade, insurance, employment, asset financing, and aircraft lease agreements. Chinachart has been listed as a leading lawyer by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* since 2005.

With 25 years of experience, Chinachart has provided counsel to clients in the transportation sector and related industries on nearly every conceivable business goal and issue, during periods of economic growth and contraction. Chinachart was educated at Ramkhamhaeng University, Tulane University, the Thai Bar Institute, and also attended training at Harvard Law School, and helps his clients resolve complex cross-border disputes as well as practical issues such as language, geographic, and cultural differences.

Chinachart is a proponent of increasing Thailand's competitiveness by improving its trade logistics and acts as the firm's representative to the Board of Trade of Thailand and the Thai Chamber of Commerce and as Legal Advisor to the Thai Freight Forwarders Association. He says that "[t]he improvement of trade logistics is crucial to increasing the efficiency of systems of distribution, warehousing, maintenance, freight forwarding, etc. Nations are faced with the need to accelerate the development of local logistics infrastructure in order to compete globally and respond to market demand."

EXPERIENCE

- Completed, on behalf of a client, the purchase of Thai-flagged cargo vessels by preparing all transfer documents, assisting in the transfer of ownership, and obtaining all related documentation, such as deletion certificates.
- Advised foreign law firms on the enforceability of certain provisions contemplated in the Thai Aviation Act and related Ministerial Regulations.
- Represented local and foreign freight forwarding companies in the preparation of transport/logistics agreements and in various contentious matters.
- Prepared industry-specific contracts, such as aircraft service agreements and air transport service agreements, for a local aviation company.
- Advised a major telecommunications investor, who wished to bid for a license to operate a mobile phone service via the 3G system, on Thailand's laws and regulations governing the telecommunications industry, bidding requirements, and restrictions applicable to foreign operators.
- Liaised with Thai Customs, on behalf of our client, to resolve a charge of a false declaration related to the import of a hazardous substance. We also advised our client on the applicable import laws.
- Assisted a multinational insurance company in resolving a dispute concerning false declarations under Thai customs law and the free trade agreement between China and ASEAN countries.
- Advised on an aircraft pledge agreement and other documentation related to the sale and purchase of aircraft, the lease of aircraft agreement, and the assignment agreement.
- Represented a multinational corporation in preparing appeal documentation to be submitted to the Thai Customs Department concerning customs tariff codes and rates declared for various types of imported chemical products.

EDUCATION

LLM, Tulane University

Master of Comparative Law, Tulane University

LLB, Ramkhamhaeng University

LANGUAGES

Thai, English