



## Santhapat Periera

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## BIOGRAPHY

In his multifaceted practice, Santhapat Periera helps clients—whether they are private, quasi-governmental, or governmental financial institutions, international or domestic businesses, or individual investors—capitalize on business opportunities in Asia. Described by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2011/2012* as an “expert on banking, finance, and foreign investment projects,” he specializes in structuring loan and financial transactions, establishing banks and other financial institutions, negotiating financing for trade and development projects, debt restructuring and business reorganization, and advising on the regulatory aspects of banking, financing, and investment.

Santhapat’s practice is grounded in Asia, but inspired by his international education and professional experience. He received a global legal education from Thammasat University, the University of Miami, Boston University, and Harvard Law School. In addition to being a licensed attorney in Thailand, Santhapat holds a license to practice in Vietnam in the areas of foreign and international laws. Santhapat represents Tilleke & Gibbins in the worldwide legal organizations of Lex Mundi, the International Bar Association, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

A firm believer that, “foreign investors anywhere would prefer to have stable and predictable government policy,” Santhapat has served as an advisor to several subcommittees of the Thai Parliament. Santhapat advocates for increased investment in Thailand as the firm’s representative to various chambers of commerce, including The Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand, and as a current member of the Board of the Danish-Thai Chamber of Commerce.

## EXPERIENCE

- Obtained BOI investment promotion for a leading biotechnology company.
- Assisted an aerospace and defense company in acquiring a minority shareholding interest in three Thai companies engaged in high-tech products and related services (Deal Value: THB 205,000,000).
- Provided advice related to cross-border electronic payment transactions to a credit card settlement company.
- Selected from several candidate law firms to assist a reputable Thai manufacturer in the IPO process, including preparation, conversion to public company, SEC filing, and SET listing. Several years after the IPO, the company has greatly prospered such that the owner has become one of the ten richest persons in Thailand. We are proud to continue representing this client.
- Facilitated client growth and increased capital for business operations by converting the client’s business from a private to a public company and listing its securities on the Market for Alternative Investment (MAI) stock exchange.

## EDUCATION

LLM, Boston University

MCL, University of Miami

LLB, Thammasat University

## LANGUAGES

Thai, English