

SCIENTIFIC CURRICULUM VITAE



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PERSONAL SUMMARY - KEY QUALIFICATIONS & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Over 20 years serving the public interest and business communities locally, regionally and transnationally as a business developer and a policy & legal counsel. Having experienced a wide array of fields and practices, inter alia *Good Governance, Public Administration & Legal Reform; International Business & Corporate Consulting; Business Promotion & Trade Facilitation; Trans organized IP crimes & Criminal Fraud Investigation/ Prosecution; Government & Law Enforcement Liaison; and Cross-border, FTA & MLA matters*. A highly organized project manager with strong analytical skills, proven leadership, an ability to multi-task and prioritize through both public & private/ corporate experience. Research interests are in public policy/ FDI policy; Vietnam's, Japan's, and US' foreign policy and diplomacy; Modern FTAs & International investment/ economic relations.

EDUCATION

- ❖ **M.A. (with merit), International Relations & Public Policy**, University of Tsukuba, Japan (2009-2010)
 - ❖ B.A. Program in English Linguistics & Literature, VNU- USSH, HCM City (2006-2009)*
 - ❖ MPhil Program in Philosophy of Globalization & Regional Integration, VNU-USSH, HCMC (2001-2005)**
 - ❖ **LL.B. in Laws**, University of Law, HCM City, Vietnam (1995-2000)
 - ❖ **B.A., International Business**, Foreign Trade University, Hanoi/HCM City Campus (1995-2000)
 - ❖ **B.A., Philosophy**, HCM City University of Social Sciences & Humanities (USSH), Vietnam (1994-1998)
- [* ; **: courses halted at the end of the period due to (*) oversea study & assignment; and (**) official business reasons].

EDUCATION AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS & RELEVANT TRAINING

- ✚ *Post-graduate program in Economic Law (pursuing a PhD candidate in Int'l business law/ISDS)*, TDT University HCM City and its UCI partners, June 2020-(expected) 2024
- ✚ *Advanced Professional Studies on the Investigation of Transnational & Organized IP Crime*, IIPCIC (INTERPOL Initiative & UL), in-service training program, 2015 & 2019
- ✚ *Advanced Interviewing for Law Enforcement*, FLETC Georgia, USA, July-August 2017
- ✚ *Consular Affairs & Fraud Prevention*, Foreign Service Institute (FSI), Virginia, USA, April 2014
- ✚ *Criminal Fraud Investigations & Law Ent Liaison*, FASTC, Virginia, USA, September 2012
- ✚ *Lawyer Training Course*, Judicial Academy, Hanoi/HCMC Campus, VN, 2011-2012
- ✚ *Laws for International Economic Integration: TRIPS & IPR*, HCM-WTO & STAR Project, VN, March 2011
- ✚ *Investment Promotion Best Practice for ASEAN Investment Promotion Agencies (APRIS II)*, ASEAN-EU Program for Regional Integration Support, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, May 2008
- ✚ *Exports Promotion to West European markets for BSOs Middle-Management Staff (FAME IX)*, CBI, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, February 2003
- ✚ *Advanced Training on Application of ISO9001-2000 in Public Service*, HCM City, VN, 2002 & 2003; and other training courses from the FSI e-learning on leadership, management and soft skills, including *Working Effectively Across Cultures; Getting Things Done Without Authority; Business Presentation; Giving and Receiving Feedback...*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012 - current: PRO BONO ATTORNEY - INDEPENDENT LEGAL POLICY CONSULTANT/ INSTRUCTOR (since January 2020), Vietnam Bar Federation (VBF) - HCM City Bar Association (HCBA)
- 2012 - 2020: SPECIAL OFFICER/ SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL, U.S. Diplomatic Mission in Vietnam - Consulate General HCM City

- 2007 – 2012: HEAD OF MPI SOUTHERN FOREIGN INVESTMENT CENTER (SFIC) OFFICE – SENIOR BUSINESS CONSULTANT, Ministry of Planning & Investment (MPI) of Vietnam
- 2005 – 2007: ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR, HCM City Prosecutor Office (HCMC People's Procuracy)
- 2000 – 2005: VICE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, Investment & Trade Promotion Centre, HCM City (ITPC).

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS, SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PAPERS

- ✦ *Vietnamese Export Clusters*, Saigon Businessmen Newspaper (Vietnamese ver.), HCMC, VN, 2004 (Author)
- ✦ *Re-organizing the network of Local TPOs into a National BSO with Regional Branches in VN (V-E)*, ITPC Initiative Proposal, VN, 2004 (Team Lead)
- ✦ *Prosecutorial Approval of Warrants issued by the Investigative Bodies under the new Criminal Procedure Code (V)*, Supreme People's Procuracy (SPP) Prosecutor Journal, VN, 2005 (Author)
- ✦ *Organized & Transnational Crimes in HCMC (V)*, SPP Prosecutor Journal, VN, 2007 (Co-Author)
- ✦ *FDI Management System of VN in the process of integration into WTO: Legal Framework, Best Practice & Policy Implications (V)*, MPI scientific research program, VN, 2008 (Program Director/Lead Researcher)
- ✦ *Investment & Doing Business in the Southern Provinces*, FIA Guidebook, VN, 2009 (Proj Manager/Chief Editor)
- ✦ *Foreign Sourced Capital & Sustainable Development of Countries at Low-Middle Income Level: Vietnam Case Study (English version)*, Tsukuba University, Japan, 2010 (M.A. Thesis, IR&PP)
- ✦ *Documents Fraud & Travel of Criminals in the EAP: Mission VN Best Practice (E)*, Presentation at FSI Workshop, USA, 2014
- ✦ *Stakeholders' Legal Responsibilities in an Environmental Incident (V)*, Presentation, HCBA's Keynote Speaker at the National PCB Control Plan Workshop by GVN (MoNRE) & UN-GEF, Khanh Hoa, VN, 2015
- ✦ *Travel Documents Fraud: Detect, Deter, and Disrupt - HCMC Case Studies (E-V)*, Presentations, Annual Joint Airlines Trainings; and *Border Control Agency Management Program/BCAMPs* (2014 through 2017)
- ✦ *Open Sources Intelligence vs Document Fraud and Illegal Immigration (E-V)*, Presentation at the Foreign Missions in VN's Fraud Prevention Workshop hosted by Australian Mission Vietnam, 2019.

LANGUAGES SKILLS

- ❖ Vietnamese (mother tongue)
- ❖ English (fluent)
- ❖ Japanese (basic).

DIGITAL SKILLS

- ❖ Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access
- ❖ Social Media: Facebook, LinkedIn, Skype, Zalo
- ❖ Digital Tools for Fraud Prevention & Investigation: Cybersecurity, Open Source Intelligence, Salesforce, IBM-I₂, G-suit, Advanced Internet searching...

PROFESSIONAL NETWORK & MEMBERSHIPS

- Vietnam Lawyer Association (since July 2005)
- HCMC Bar Association/Vietnam Bar Federation (since July 2012)

HONOURS & AWARDS

- ✓ *"Exceptional Young Cadre"*; and *"Public Servant of Excellence"*, awarded by HCM Youth Union, HCM People's Committee, SPP/HPP, and MPI on multiple occasions, from 1996 through 2012
- ✓ *First Prize, National eloquent contest "If I was President of Saigon Hi-Tech Park"*, HCMPC/SHTP, 2005
- ✓ Full merit-based *Master Programmes in International Laws & Public Administration JDS Scholarship*, Government of Japan, 2009
- ✓ *"FSN of the Year"*, and individual *"Meritorious Honour Award(s)"*, *"Franklin Award"* by the US Department of State -Mission Vietnam (in 2013, 2014, and 2018) for "exceptional performance in building a bridge of understanding and cooperation with the host Government in support of the US Govt and Dept of State's goals and objectives"; "demonstrating a willingness to accept non-traditional assignments with little or no warning and then proficiently executing those tasks in furtherance of the mission of Mission Vietnam on multiple occasions", and "exceptional generosity in supporting Consulate General HCMC".

REFERENCES: available upon request.
