

TAX & CUSTOMS PRACTICE – CAMBODIA

DFDL's Tax & Customs Practice Group (TCPG) is a unique team that features both lawyers and accountants with a passion for taxation.

Local Knowledge and Relationships: DFDL's strength is found in understanding local tax practices and finding solutions that work on the ground. Our relationships with government authorities are, in that regard, crucial.

One Stop Tax and Legal: Clients benefit greatly when both the tax and the legal aspects of their transactions are addressed in one integrated service.

New Tax Practice Areas: We pioneer tax practice areas which are quickly coming to the forefront such as international taxation and double taxation agreements customs duties, Free Trade Area advisory, litigation and tax arbitration.

Delivering solutions in practice: We offer real value, solutions that work in practice, not just advice. We implement our advice right down to the level of tax filings, staying in close touch with the day-to-day tax issues that clients face.



**Edwin
Vanderbruggen**
*Managing Director,
Tax & Customs
Practice Group*

Cambodian experience: 5 years

Edwin Vanderbruggen, former adviser to the Cambodian tax authorities and the World Bank/Asian Development Bank, is "simply excellent at what he does" (Chambers Asia) and "impresses with his great depth of tax knowledge and experience" (Chambers International).

He is a specialist in finding structuring solutions. He regularly trains and advises tax authorities on policy and administration, and represents clients in tax controversy projects. He lectured at various universities in Europe and in the region, and published 7 text books and numerous articles on taxation. Most recently he authored "Tax in Cambodia" a 220-page in-depth practical guide to the Cambodian tax system.

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Jean Loi
*Partner,
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Cambodian experience: 9 years

Jean Loi is widely recognized as one of Cambodia's most experienced tax specialists, formerly a tax partner with a Big 4 in Cambodia and Vietnam.

Jean is a highly successful tax adviser with a CPA background. She assisted on many big projects and market entries in Cambodia such as the hydro, coal power plant projects, oil gas exploration blocks and the market entry of international banks. Jean assisted clients with the Cambodian and international structure.

Over her long experience in Cambodia, Jean assisted the Royal Government of Cambodia with redesigning tax regulation.

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Cambodian TCPG Senior Advisers



Laysym Sim

Senior Tax Manager

Laysym is an experienced tax adviser with a degree in management. He has over 10 years work experience, including with a Big 4 in Cambodia where he was responsible for relations with the tax authorities. He has advised, just to name a few examples, on tax planning of large property projects, transport companies, employee benefits and conducted tax due diligence on several major acquisitions in Cambodia.

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Clint O'Connell

Senior Tax Manager

Clint is a tax lawyer with over 10 years experience in tax consulting, of which 3 years in Cambodia. He recently worked with a Big 4 in Cambodia where he led a team of tax consultants.

Clint has advised a wide range of clients on structures and taxation aspects of their operations in Cambodia including legal due diligence, corporate income tax, personal income tax and indirect taxes. He has a broad range of clients, in particular clients in infrastructure, telecommunications, consumer products, oil and gas. Clint holds a Bachelor of Law Degree from Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand.

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Hong Sophin

Tax Manager

Sophin is a Tax Manager in DFDL's Tax & Customs PG. She has over 5 years tax experience with a Big 4 in Cambodia. Sophin has a degree in accounting from the Institute of Technology and Management. She is highly experienced in tax compliance and assisting clients in tax audits. Her clients include telecommunication companies, financial service providers, international organizations, funds, and property developers. Sophin specializes in corporate taxes, indirect taxes and cross-border tax issues.

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Kosal Dun

Senior Adviser, Customs & FTAs

Kosal is a Senior Adviser in the Customs & FTA practice. He holds a Certificate of Bookkeeping and Maintaining Financial Records. Kosal has over 12 years experience with DFDL in Cambodia. He is also part of the regional Customs & FTA practice which covers Indochina. Kosal advises on customs valuation, rules of origin, customs duty exemptions and resolving disputes with Customs authorities.

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Som Sophea

Tax Adviser

Sophea specializes in Tax Law and is attached to our Tax Practice Group after joining us from a Big 4 in Cambodia. She holds a Degree in Business Administration (Norton University, Phnom Penh) and English BEd (TEFL) from the Institute of Foreign Languages (IFL). She speaks Khmer and English. Her clients include banks, international organizations, multinational enterprises, funds and listed companies.

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Kanitha Chea

Tax Assistant

Kanitha is an assistant to the Tax Practice Group, charged with preparing tax returns for Tax on Profit, Value Added Tax, Withholding Tax and Tax on Salary. She maintains relationships with the General Department of Taxation for lodging tax returns.

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Our services

DFDL Mekong offers a full range of professional tax services, including:

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DFDL Client Workshops

We regularly organize practical workshops on tax, legal and customs issues. Click [here](#) to find out more about our upcoming events.

Publications and Tax Blog

Our advisers frequently publish practical or in-depth contributions on tax and customs issues.

- Legal and Tax Pointer: Monthly e-magazine – you can download it [here](#).
- www.EdwinonTax.com: Popular tax blog with insights and updates on taxation.

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