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DFDL Myanmar : Senior Burmese Lawyer appointed partner

The DFDL's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the promotion of Thida Aye to Country Partner for Myanmar effective 1 July 2013.

Thida is one of the most experienced qualified Burmese lawyer today in duty in the country. Thida brings over 20 years of legal experience in Myanmar . Her practice includes contracts, transportation, corporate, real estate, energy, finance, litigation, energy and telecommunications.

Thida began her legal career in 1984 as a trainee in the Supreme Court of Myanmar. In 1985, she became a Judicial Officer in the Township Court and over the next eight years, assumed the roles of Staff Officer, Civil Judge, and Administrative/General Services Officer in the judiciary of Myanmar. In 1997, she left government service and joined Russin and Vecchi, which later became DFDL Myanmar, as an Associate.

Thida possesses a diploma in English (University of Foreign Languages, Myanmar) and a Bachelor of Laws (University of Yangon, Myanmar). She speaks Myanmar and English.

Thida is regularly mentioned in the international legal directories as a leading professional.

"Thida Aye is singled out for her deep knowledge of the law and exceptional interpersonal skills. One interviewee remarked: 'She comfortably bridges any cultural gap and is very good at what she does.'" Chambers Asia, 2012

"<u>Thida Aye</u> is highly regarded by sources for her experience and thoroughness." Chambers Asia, 2103

"Thida has been with us for over sixteen years and has been since day one one of the key individuals of our local teams. Her tremendous and unmatched knowledge of the Burmese business environment makes an invaluable difference and brings some great value to our clients. I congratulate her for this well deserved promotion " – James Finch, Partner



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