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Chandler MHM Limited (“Chandler MHM”) was established on 1 January 2017 when Chandler & Thong-ek Law Offices Limited (“CTLO”), one of the leading law firms in Thailand, integrated its practice with Mori Hamada & Matsumoto (“MHM”), one of the largest full-service Tokyo headquartered international law firms. We are therefore able to offer clients the synergies of best-in-class Thai and international legal services. Chandler MHM is also a member of World Law Group, a global law firm network comprising 59 leading independent law firms with offices in more than 400 major commercial centers worldwide.

CTLO was established in 1974, and from that date until integration with MHM in 2017, the firm represented leading Thai and international clients on a wide range of projects. CTLO had consistently received top tier recognition from international commentators and from clients.

Our firm combines an international standard of practicing law with decades of local experience in the Thai legal environment. Our team of more than 100 lawyers in Thailand is internationally recognized for its legal expertise in antitrust, banking and project financing, corporate and mergers & acquisitions, data protection, dispute resolution / litigation, regulatory, energy and natural resources, government contracts, insurance, labor and employment, major investment projects, real estate, REITs / capital markets, restructuring and insolvency and technology, media and telecommunications.

With the continuing interest in Thailand as an investment destination and increasing frequency of cross-border transactions, we recognize that clients have a greater need for multi-jurisdictional legal services. Our lawyers work closely with colleagues throughout Asia, drawing on international experience and broad-based legal expertise to gain comprehensive insight into the factors that impact our clients’ operations. With an established pool of lawyers in Thailand, supported by an extensive network of lawyers across the ASEAN region, we believe we are well-equipped to meet and exceed your legal servicing expectations.

# Mori Hamada & Matsumoto

Mori Hamada & Matsumoto is one of the largest full-service Tokyo-headquartered international law firms. A significant portion of the firm's work is international in nature, representing clients in cross-border transactions, litigation and other dispute resolution proceedings.

The firm has approximately 600 lawyers and other professionals and more than 500 business services and other support staff. The firm's senior lawyers include a number of highly respected practitioners and leaders in the Japanese and international legal communities, including prominent law professors at the University of Tokyo, and previous Prosecutor-Generals of the Public Prosecutors Office. The firm also has experienced lawyers with primary legal qualifications in non-Japanese jurisdictions, including Australia, England and Wales, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the United States and Vietnam.

The firm serves a broad range of clients and industry sectors, including blue-chip industrial companies, banks and financial institutions, and private equity funds. Through service on legislative committees and secondments to regulatory agencies, the firm has developed strong regulatory expertise and the capability to handle complex, highly-regulated transactions, including transactions with unprecedented characteristics. The firm has also developed expertise in cross-border transactions on a global scale with an increasing emphasis on Asia.

In addition to the Chandler MHM office, MHM has a strong presence in other Asian countries with offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Singapore, Yangon, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta (ATD Law in association with MHM) and a member of our strategic alliance in the Philippines (Tayag Ngochua & Chu). In Japan, the firm has offices in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Takamatsu and Fukuoka.

# Our ASEAN Network



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# Why Choose Chandler MHM?

- ❑ Our history and proven track record in Thailand.
- ❑ Our in-depth understanding of the Thai political and economic environment.
- ❑ Our long-standing experience in Southeast Asia – with a focus on emerging markets including Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam.
- ❑ Our considerable “on-the-ground” knowledge and capability in Thailand, with more than 100 lawyers including 19 partners, and more than 70 non-legal professional staff. Our team comprises senior lawyers who are qualified in a number of jurisdictions including Thailand, Japan, and the United States. Their expertise and knowledge covers a range of practice areas across various jurisdictions and enables us to provide our clients with comprehensive and high-quality services.
- ❑ Our expertise in key practice areas – we have achieved a number of awards and rankings from Chambers and Partners, The Legal 500, IFLR1000, asialaw Profiles, the Financial Times and the Nikkei, both at firm and individual lawyer levels.
- ❑ Our extensive range of services – we are a leading full-service law firm that offers services in multiple areas including antitrust, aviation, banking and project financing, corporate and mergers & acquisitions, data protection, dispute resolution / litigation, regulatory, energy and natural resources, government contracts, insurance, labor and employment, major investment projects, real estate, REITs / capital markets, restructuring and insolvency and technology, media and telecommunications.
- ❑ Our network of law firms and lawyers across the Asia Pacific region gives us an edge in handling complex cross-border transactions efficiently and effectively.

# Key Practice Areas

We offer an extensive range of legal services to clients looking to invest in Thailand. Our principal practice areas include antitrust, banking and project financing, corporate and mergers & acquisitions, data protection, dispute resolution / litigation, regulatory, energy and natural resources, government contracts, insurance, labor and employment, major investment projects, real estate, REITs / capital markets, restructuring and insolvency and technology, media and telecommunications. In addition, we have a strong practice focused on government contracts.

## Antitrust

Chandler MHM has a dedicated team with extensive experience advising on antitrust and trade competition matters in Thailand. Our experience covers the full spectrum of the applicable regulations, including abuse of dominance, general misconduct, severe and non-severe cartels including different types of domestic and cross-border arrangements ranging from contractual and explicit agreements to implicit agreements and tacit parallelism, merger control, and offshore arrangements, and also covers the full spectrum of professional services within the realm of antitrust and trade competition, including internal antitrust audit of business units to identify gaps and concerns and rectify non-compliance, creation and revision of internal manuals for employees to prevent inadvertent breaches, merger control review, merger filing (both pre-merger approval filing and post-merger notification filing), internal training and workshops, provision of general advice, revision of contracts for antitrust compliance while ensuring retention of commercial advantages and original desired positions, and defense against allegations by the counter-parties and investigations by the Office of Trade Competition Commission.

Most notably, we have provided company-wide antitrust internal audit for large multinationals and alliance networks. We have raised successful defenses against allegations by counter-parties and investigations by the Office of Trade Competition Commission. And we have undertaken successful filings with the Office of Trade Competition Commission.



# Aviation

Chandler MHM has a dedicated Thai aviation practice which advises clients across all aspects of the sector, including international financiers and lessors, MROs, engine and parts manufacturers and airlines. Our practice includes specialists in the aviation sector along with lawyers from our firm's other Practice Groups, particularly Banking and Finance, Dispute Resolution and Corporate and M&A. We advise on a broad range of matters including regulatory issues, operating leases and finance leases, Thai aircraft security documents, Japanese operating leases (JOLs) and French tax leases. Our cross-practice team also advises on disputes, aircraft repossessions and restructurings.

# Banking and Project Financing

Chandler MHM's large and experienced Banking and Project Financing practice group has a track record of advising on some of Thailand's and neighboring countries' most significant transactions. The group acts for local and international lenders, sponsors and borrowers, and its top tier reputation is linked to long-standing relationships with major commercial banks in Thailand, and with leading, international financial institutions. The group has extensive experience in project finance, particularly on cross-border transactions, and its full range of legal expertise includes syndicated loans, single-lender loans, project financings, refinancings, and all forms of security arrangements.

# Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions

Chandler MHM has a highly experienced Corporate and M&A practice group, recognized for the scope of its legal expertise, and the caliber and industry range of its clients. The group acts for multinationals and large, local corporates on transactions involving Thailand's and Southeast Asia's key industry sectors, including energy and natural resources, petrochemicals, automotive, food and beverages, logistics, retail, property and high-value manufacturing.

The group advises on public and private M&A, bilateral and competitive bidding share sales and purchases, amalgamation, entire business transfers (EBT), business/asset acquisitions, joint ventures, foreign direct investments, private equity investments, corporate group restructurings and reorganizations. We also assist clients with compliance and regulatory matters in the areas such as antitrust, data protection and anti-bribery.

The group also handles corporate registration and secretarial work for Thai companies, applications for Board of Investment ("BOI") promotions and foreign business licenses, registration of branch offices of foreign corporations, representative offices, regional offices and applications for US Treaty protection.

# Data Protection

Chandler MHM has been at the forefront of the data protection landscape in Thailand for many years and has assisted numerous companies in their data protection exercises and projects.

Our experience covers the full spectrum of the data protection law itself, without exception. Our services cover all possible measures and actions regarding data protection, including conducting internal data protection audits to identify gaps. We can also rectify non-compliance by conducting in-depth interviews, preliminary questionnaires, and documentary review. We undertake creation, alignment (between existing and new documents, and also between offshore and domestic documents), and revision of data protection documents, including policies, notices, consent forms, data processing agreements, data sharing agreements, protocols and guidelines (in addition to others). We also provide general advice and training to management personnel, employees and operators, and data protection officers to create general awareness.

We are pleased that Export-Import Bank of Thailand won the “Best Practice Award” in 2020 from the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society following our support for their data protection project.

# Dispute Resolution

## Litigation and Regulatory

Chandler MHM's litigation team has significant experience in representing both local and international multinational companies and individuals on various legal and regulatory matters in Thailand, including administrative contract, bankruptcy, commercial, construction, employment, insurance, information technology, telecoms, international trade, intellectual property, tax and customs, and other general civil and criminal matters.

Our litigation team has substantial expertise in court proceedings in various Thai courts of justice and the specialized courts, i.e. Administrative Court, Bankruptcy Court, labor Courts, Intellectual Property and International Trade Court, and Taxation Court. Our litigation team are also experienced in enforcement of foreign arbitral awards, and in the conduct of domestic and international arbitration under the various rules which include Thai Arbitration Institute ("TAI") Rules, Thailand Arbitration Center ("THAC") Rules, Rules of the Office of the Arbitration Tribunal of the Board of Trade of Thailand, International Chamber of Commerce ("ICC") Rules, Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC") Rules and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

## Energy and Natural Resources

Chandler MHM has a long-standing, highly recognized Energy and Natural Resources legal team, drawing on the coordinated strengths of experienced lawyers from the firm's Banking and Project Financing, and Mergers and Acquisitions practices. The team acts for project owners, sponsors and lenders on a wide range of transactions, both in Thailand and across Southeast Asia, with a focus on Lao PDR, Malaysia, and Myanmar. Lawyers advise on new and continuing projects, with work including company registration, acquisition of land and rights of way, contracting with developers and other contractors, suppliers, licensees, obtaining permits, licenses, and government approvals, negotiating financing terms, and advising on Board of Investment ("BOI") incentive schemes.

# Government Contracts

Chandler MHM has a strong practice regarding government contracts, including government procurement regulations, and regularly represents foreign investors on negotiating infrastructure contracts with governments across Southeast Asia.

## Insurance

Chandler MHM offers a dedicated insurance practice with lawyers who have years of experience advising on a broad range of insurance related matters. The practice advises on disputes related to insurance claims across a broad range of sectors including the maritime sector. We have extensive experience advising insurers including in relation to civil and criminal disputes, regulatory issues, in defense to claims brought against the insurer, and more recently in relation to claims in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Labor and Employment

Chandler MHM provides extensive and in-depth advice on Thai labor law issues. A dedicated team of qualified employment lawyers advise major Thai entities and foreign subsidiaries on a range of matters including labor law regulations, employment transfers, labor disputes, mediation and labor union issues.

Examples of our experience include advising on alleged fraud by employees, civil claims related to the dismissal of employment, collective bargaining agreements, employment issues arising from business restructurings and rehabilitations, employment transfers, human resource matters.

With our history of engaging in a broad variety of general and complex labor matters, we are able to provide effective, practical, and innovative advice based on the latest developments and risks in labor law, other relevant law, and business practices. We also work seamlessly with lawyers from all our Practice Groups to provide a one-stop, full-service solution for clients in connection with all types of business transactions and disputes.

# Major Investment Projects

Chandler MHM acts for clients on preparing and processing applications for investment promotion and on implementation of Board of Investment (“BOI”) and Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand (“IEAT”) projects in the hospitality industry, petrochemicals, electronics, computers, mining, high-end manufacturing, F&B, and other industries.

Chandler MHM acts for both BOI promoted and non-promoted companies on land acquisition and licensing (factory licenses, building permits and other approvals), and on the drafting and negotiation of shareholder, construction, consulting and financing agreements regarding establishment of new joint ventures and factories.

Chandler MHM acts for owners and lenders on major real estate projects, in Bangkok, and across Thailand.

## Real Estate

Since its establishment, Chandler MHM has recognized the importance of the Real Estate (RE) sector in Thailand and surrounding countries. Clients include both local and overseas investors, particularly, leading Japanese property developers. Today, the firm’s real estate team advises on diverse aspects of property investment, such as acquisition, disposition and financing of existing properties, all aspects of structuring for development projects, on due diligence, and on drafting / negotiating transactional agreements and documents.

## **REITs / Capital Markets**

The lawyers in Chandler MHM's REITs / Capital Markets practice group have the experience and proven capabilities to advise clients on a broad range of transactions in this highly specialized area of the law. Our team advises on: establishment and capital increases for Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs"), property funds for public offering ("PFPO"s), securities, including Initial Public Offerings ("IPO"s), mergers and acquisitions, a broad range of capital markets projects, and financing related to these transactions. The group's REIT and PFPO expertise focuses on Thailand, for both domestic and international offerings, with industry sectors including: shopping malls, factories and warehouses, office and residential buildings, and hotels.

Capital markets work includes the issuance and offering of equity and debt securities (shares, debentures, quasi-equity), acquisition of securities for business takeovers, and advising on compliance issues in connection with securities law matters, while mergers and acquisitions work focuses on advising local, international, public and private entities on domestic and complex cross-border projects.

## **Restructuring and Insolvency**

Chandler MHM acts for creditors, creditor committees and debtors on due diligence and restructuring of corporate debt, and advises on reorganization proceedings under the amended Bankruptcy Act and under the Corporate Debt Restructuring Advisory Committee ("CDRAC").

# Technology Media and Telecommunications

Chandler MHM recognizes the importance of technology in today's constantly evolving technology-dependent world and the impact it has on business. Our priority is to help our clients navigate through the legal and regulatory challenges in the technology sector. Our team, which is based in Thailand, has extensive experience advising on corporate matters for technology companies including M&A. We can advise across a broad spectrum of technology related areas including cyber security, data privacy, e-commerce, e-sports, Fintech and health tech. With our strong on the ground presence in Asia and global network, our experienced legal team will assist you in taking advantage of the opportunities presented by the fast-evolving technology landscape, while mitigating the associated risks.



# **Your Contacts at Chandler MHM**



Chisako Takaya

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### Chisako Takaya / Chandler MHM Co-managing Partner

**Chisako** is a Co-managing Partner of Chandler MHM, she has extensive experience in cross-border projects targeting Southeast Asian and South Asian countries, and has been working on India related matters in particular since 2001. In addition, Chisako has advised on a broad range of employment and labor related matters for more than 20 years. Her experience includes advising on litigation / disputes, employee benefits, administrative matters and labor union related matters. She also advises on labor law issues related to mergers and acquisitions such as pre/post restructuring and reorganization. Chisako was named a Distinguished Practitioner in the labor and Employment category in the asialaw leading lawyers 2021 Edition. She received recognition in The Best Lawyers in Japan, 12th edition 2021 (Employment) and has also been ranked as a leading lawyer for employment in international directories including The Legal 500 (Leading individual for labor and employment 2021) and Chambers Asia Pacific (Leading individual for employment 2021).

#### Background

- Cornell Law School (LL.M., 1999)
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### Jessada Sawatdipong / Chandler MHM Co-managing Partner

**Jessada** is a Co-managing Partner at Chandler MHM Ltd. (CMHM). He specializes in banking and finance, particularly project finance, with a focus on major, cross-border energy and natural resources, infrastructure and real estate projects. He has extensive experience with all major commercial banks in Thailand, with leading international commercial banks, and with multinational financial institutions. He acts for both lenders and borrowers, and has an extensive roster of Thai banks, including Bangkok Bank, Krung Thai Bank, KASIKORNBANK, The Siam Commercial Bank, Bank of Ayudhya, Thanachart Bank, Government Savings Bank, TISCO Bank and Export-Import Bank of Thailand. Relationships with international banks and financial institutions include Asian Development Bank (ADB), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, BNP Paribas, China Development Bank, CIMB, Mizuho Bank Ltd., Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation, Standard Chartered Bank, and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation.

#### Background

- Harvard University (Program of Instruction for Lawyers, 1992)
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### Arkrapol Pichedvanichok / Chandler MHM Senior Partner

**Arkrapol** is a Senior Partner specializing in Corporate and M&A and Capital Markets Practices. His experience includes joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions; foreign investment in Thailand, securities and exchange law, public company law, domestic and international equity capital markets transactions. He has been involved in a number of strategic acquisitions and public takeovers in Thailand. He has also taken a leading role in advising underwriters on the successful listing of many companies on the Stock Exchange of Thailand.

#### Background

- Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M., 1992)
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### Joseph Tisuthiwongse / Chandler MHM Partner

**Joseph** is a Partner at Chandler MHM. Prior to joining the firm in 2018, he was a partner in the Bangkok office of a respected, international law firm, and also has extensive banking and project experience in the US and the UK. He specializes in project finance, acquisition finance, general banking and M&A, with a focus on the renewable energy sector, in Thailand and across Southeast Asia. Many of the energy projects he has advised on have been awarded best in class, "Deal of the Year" recognition by international legal commentators. He acts for a variety of clients domestically and internationally, including sponsors, lenders and borrowers.

#### Background

- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall) (J.D. 2000)
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**Jutharat** is a Partner at Chandler MHM and has been with the firm since 1999. Starting in 2013, she was seconded to Myanmar Legal Services Limited for almost three years, until April 2016. In Myanmar, she assisted foreign companies incorporate, presented successful project proposals to the Myanmar Investment Commission ("MIC"), and performed due diligence on foreign direct investment ("FDI") projects. In Thailand, she has represented Thai and international clients in preparing applications for investment promotion to the Board of Investment ("BOI") and the Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand ("IEAT") in a wide variety of sectors, including energy, telecommunications, electronics, and software. As a specialist in corporate law, she has also represented numerous clients on share or asset acquisitions, partial and complete business transfer transactions, and registration of regional, branch, and representative offices of foreign corporations.

#### Background

- SMU Dedman School of Law (International LL.M., 2013)
- Thammasat University (Diploma in Business Law, 1998)
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### Koonlacha Charungkit-anant / Chandler MHM Partner

**Koonlacha** is a Partner at Chandler MHM Ltd. (CMHM). She has experience in the field of corporate/M&A in relation to real estate, industrial, telecoms, oil and gas, power and wholesale and retail law. She also has extensive experience in licensing and permit issues and particular experience of land registration issues in the project sector. Koonlacha has been involved in various M&A transactions in Thailand and has advised a number of clients in relation to industrial, commercial (e.g. department store and modern trade), condominium, hotel, office, and residential properties.

#### Background

- Thammasat University (Diploma in Business Law, 1999)
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### **Nathee Silacharoen / Chandler MHM Partner**

**Nathee** is a Partner at Chandler MHM Ltd. (CMHM) and has been with the firm since 2019. Prior to joining CMHM he had experience with a leading international law firm in Thailand. Over the past 23 years, Nathee has successfully developed and maintained a broad dispute resolution practice, providing sophisticated and effective advice to clients involved in a wide variety of disputes. He specializes in dispute resolution both litigation and arbitration.

Nathee has significant experience and particular expertise in representing both local and international multinational companies and individuals in complex disputes relating to commercial contract, construction, labour and employment, insurance, rehabilitation and insolvency, real estate and wrongful act.

#### **Background**

- University of East Anglia (LL.M. in International Commercial and Business Law, 2007)
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### **Nuanporn Wechsuwanarux / Chandler MHM Partner**

**Nuanporn** is a Partner at Chandler MHM Ltd. (CMHM). She has acquired experience as a legal advisor to multiple international top-tier international law firms, and as a corporate secretary and head of legal department at a Thai publicly listed company.

As a legal advisor with extensive experience and broad expertise, she has assisted many domestic and multinational clients with diverse operations in Thailand. Her expertise includes working on a wide range of M&A transactions, joint ventures, corporate restructurings, structuring foreign investments, cross-border transactions, project finance transactions, infrastructure projects, projects related to natural resources and technology related businesses. In addition to advising the private sector, she has also participated in law reform programs.

Her experience as an in-house lawyer has equipped her with in-depth commercial insights and the ability to formulate legal strategies for every stage of a project, from project initiation to exit of investment.

She has brought the experience she has gained during her in-house tenure into the service she provides to clients in order to best serve her clients' needs and maximize protection of her clients' interests.

#### **Background**

- University of Illinois (LL.M., 2012)
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### **Panupan Udomsuvannakul / Chandler MHM Partner**

**Panupan** has a very diverse legal experience and has been involved in joint ventures, cross-border mergers & acquisitions (M&A) and support for MNCs and Japanese companies that are expanding their businesses into Thailand and Thai companies expanding their businesses outbound, since 2012, including drafting and negotiating contracts as well as legal documents used in corporate commercial, joint ventures, and cross-border mergers & acquisitions transactions. Recently, he acted as local counsel for several multi-billion dollars global, regional and cross-border deals for MNCs and Japanese companies. He is also experienced in providing legal advice in relation to foreign direct investment, personal data protection, regulatory matters and corporate operation in various sectors with focus on technology, e-commerce, cryptocurrency and blockchain related businesses, fintech, and artificial intelligence (AI) related matters. Panupan is also an active member of the firm's Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) practice group. He has wide range of knowledge of the e-commerce and tech industry and is a columnist of a business and technology law related column at Bangkok Business newspaper, a well-known business newspaper in Thailand.

#### **Background**

- Columbia Law School (LL.M. with James Kent Scholar, 2018)
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**Pranat** is a Partner at Chandler MHM Ltd. and has been with the firm since 2012. He has worked with Thai and international clients on merger and acquisition, anti-trust, corporate, anti-corruption, compliance, and data protection, providing advice and services involving due diligence (for merger and acquisition, anti-trust, and data protection), deal structuring, negotiation, contract drafting, deal execution, in-house training and public seminar (for anti-bribery, antitrust, and data protection), internal misconduct investigation, anti-trust defense, and translation. He regularly works on both domestic Thai deals as well as on cross-border investments, and his experience spans multiple sectors, including oil and gas, mining and metal, automotive and automotive parts and support, manufacturing, wholesale and retail, consumer products, chemical, electronics, real estate and shared space, gaming and information technology, import and export, leasing, land and marine transport, hotel management, heavy machinery and machinery rental, investment and marketing consultancy, recruitment, pharmaceutical and supplements, and food and beverage industries. He is admitted to the bar of the State of New York.

#### **Background**

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**Pranee** is a Partner at Chandler MHM and has been with the firm since 1995. Prior to joining the firm, she had experience with a leading Thai property developer and with a respected, local law firm. She specializes in banking and finance, particularly in representing syndicated lenders for project financing and refinancing of major energy, property, and industrial estate projects. She is also proficient in drafting and negotiating Thai and English language contracts. She acts for both lenders and borrowers on projects in Thailand and on a cross-border basis.

#### Background

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### Seiji Akimoto / Chandler MHM Partner

**Seiji Akimoto** is a Partner at Chandler MHM. His primary areas of practice are corporate acquisitions and reorganizations, and he specializes in cross-border M&A. He has abundant experience handling corporate acquisitions and investments involving companies located in countries across the globe, especially those in Asia. He has written extensively on M&A and related legislation in Asia, notably "The Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law" (The 2010 Guide to Japan edited by IFLA).

#### Background

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### Susumu Hanawa / Chandler MHM Partner

**Susumu Hanawa** is a Partner at Chandler MHM. His practice focuses on cross-border transactions and expansions into Southeast Asian countries including Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam, countries in which he has lived and worked. In addition, he has extensive knowledge in the areas of real estate funds and finance, including securitization and REITs. Recently, he has been actively engaged in real estate investment in Southeast Asian countries, such as Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam. He studied the laws regulating projects in emerging Asian countries and Indonesian law at the National University of Singapore. He has written extensively on Asian laws and frequently lectures on regulations in Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam.

#### Background

- The National University of Singapore and the New York University Law School (Dual Degree Program) (LL.M., 2012)
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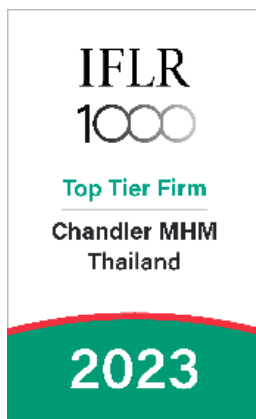
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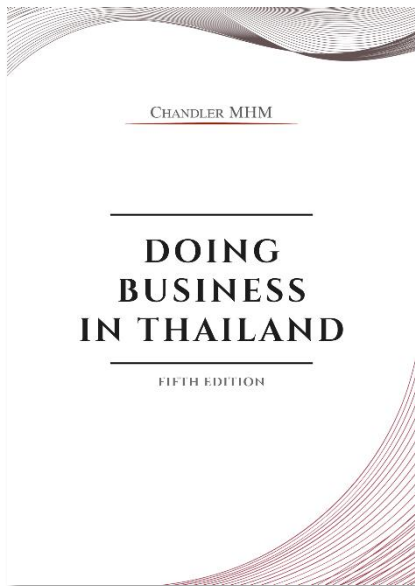
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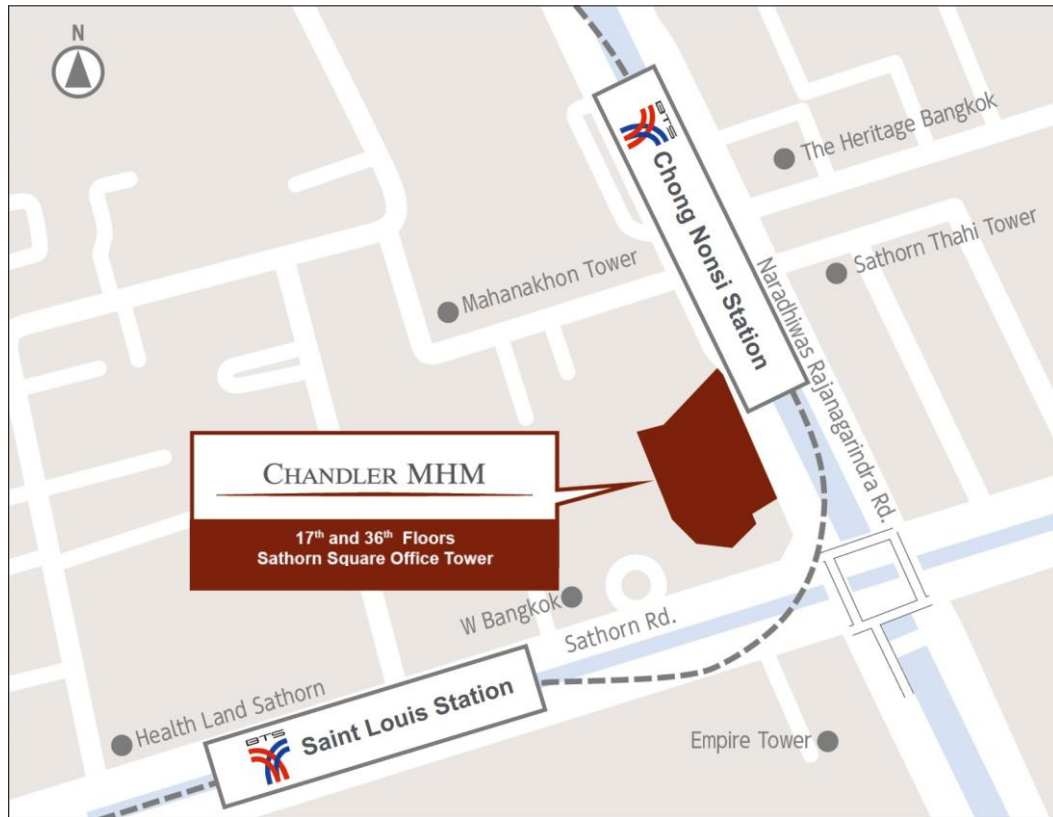
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