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FULL PROFILE 2025

OUR FIRM

LawPlus Myanmar Ltd., established in 2013, is a law firm operated by a team of Myanmar lawyers with support of the lawyers of LawPlus Ltd. of Thailand. The Firm has been operating in Thailand as LawPlus Ltd. since 2003. The main objective of the Firm is to provide local and multinational companies with top quality legal services in a timely manner at a reasonable cost.

Our Myanmar lawyers have in-depth knowledge and insight of the Myanmar legislation, economy, society, culture and practice. Our partners and lawyers at LawPlus Ltd. work closely with the Myanmar team to ensure that our advices and opinions are accurate and practical and that our services are responsive and add values to the client's businesses.

OUR PRACTICES

Our specialized practice areas include foreign direct investment, corporate, merger and acquisition, commercial, intellectual property, banking, telecommunications, information and digital technology, employment, real property and dispute resolution.

OUR CLIENTS

Some of our clients include:

- Airbnb Inc.
- Aeon Co., Ltd.
- Alpha Max Group Limited
- Amazon Corporate LLC
- American Foods & Beverage Pte Ltd.
- Aung Hein Min Co., Ltd.
- Australian Wool Innovation Limited
- Barton & Guestier
- Big C Supercenter PCL
- ByteDance Ltd.
- Cargo-Partner Asia Pacific Limited
- CDE Company Limited
- CCI Corporation
- Chevalier (Myanmar) Limited
- Chuan Huat International (S) Pte. Ltd.
- Cummins DKSH (Myanmar) Ltd.
- Dell Inc.
- Disney Enterprises, Inc.
- Eastern Foundation Co., Ltd.
- Facebook, Inc.
- Fast Retailing Co., Ltd.
- FMTM Distribution Ltd.
- F&N Global Marketing Pte. Ltd.
- Fortune Food Manufacturing Pte Ltd.
- GIANNI VERSACE S.R.L.
- Golden TMH Telecom Co., Ltd.
- Hello Health Sayarwon Ltd.
- Hitachi Koki Co., Ltd.
- IRIS OHYAMA
- Jaymart Holding Co. Ltd.
- Jaymart PCL
- JTEKT Corporation
- JMT Network Services PCL
- Kasikornbank PCL
- Koki Holdings Co., Ltd.
- Labelux Group GmbH
- Lucasfilm Ltd.
- Macro Kiosk Berhad
- The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company
- Malaysia Dairy Industries Pte. Ltd.
- Marvel Characters, Inc.
- Maybank Ageas Holdings Berhad
- Meta Platforms, Inc.
- MHM Healthcare Ltd.
- Mount Elizabeth Medical Holdings Ltd.
- Mycafe Supreme Sdn. Bhd.
- Nature's Way Products, LLC
- Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha
- Norgine House
- Osotspa PCL
- Penkhun Co., Ltd.
- Pen K Inter Trading Co., Ltd.
- Pham Nguyen Confectionery
- PT Kalbe Genexine Biologics
- PT Sayap Mar Utama
- Schlumberger Logenco Inc.
- Scotch Whisky Association
- Sun-O International, Inc.
- Telenor ASA
- The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company
- The Sea Art Gallery
- The Thai Silk Company Limited
- Thanakoon International Co., Ltd.
- Thai Nondestructive Testing PCL
- Tomez Corporation
- Toto Ltd.
- T. & S. Brass and Bronze Works, Inc.
- USG Boral Building Products Pte. Ltd.
- Union Pay International Co., Ltd.

OUR CREDENTIALS

We have been actively advising, representing and handling legal matters for clients on their investments and business operations in Myanmar. The following are some representative transactions:-

BANKING AND FINANCE

- Advising a Chinese credit and debit card company on establishing a branch in Myanmar;
- Advising clients on foreign exchange control regulations applicable to remittances and repatriations of cross-border loans and investment funds;
- Advising a Thai IT service and trading company on establishing a microfinance company with a local joint venture partner;
- Advising and assisting corporate clients on opening bank accounts and intercompany loans;
- Advising a Malaysian healthcare platform on opening a bank account with a local bank;
- Advising a multinational freight forwarding company and opening a bank account in Myanmar.

CORPORATE AND M&A

- Setting up a services company for a Singapore petroleum support services company;
- Setting up a healthcare services company for a Hong Kong client;
- Setting up a joint venture company for Japanese automobile company for importation and distribution of automobiles in Myanmar;
- Setting up two subsidiaries in Myanmar for a Singaporean company;
- Preparing joint venture agreements and related agreements for a Thai conglomerate for establishing a beverage manufacturing plant and advising on setting up two joint venture companies with a leading Myanmar group of companies;
- Advising a Thai public company listed on the Market for Alternative Investments on a joint venture with a local partner on a power plant project in Shan State;
- Advising a Thai hospital on obtaining an MIC permit for operating hospital business in Myanmar;
- Advising a Japanese tobacco company on general corporate and commercial matters;
- Advising a Thai-Myanmar JV company on obtaining a wholesales license and a loan approval from authorities;
- Advising a Myanmar vehicle manufacturing company on vehicle sale contract;
- Conducting corporate due diligence and litigation searches for a Thai company;
- Advising and assisting a Myanmar company on obtaining approvals for repatriation of dividends to foreign shareholders;
- Assisting a Hong Kong company on liquidation of Myanmar subsidiary;

REAL PROPERTY

- Advising a subsidiary of a Singaporean company on real property law and preparing an office space lease agreement;
- Advising a Hong Kong company on real property law and handling purchases and leases of lands by Myanmar investment partners;
- Advising a Myanmar client on permanent residence and transfer ownership in immovable property;
- Conducting a land due diligence for a telecom tower project for a joint venture company between a Singaporean company and a Myanmar company;
- Conducting legal due diligence on shophouses in Basein and condominium units in Yangon for a Hong Kong investor.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Advising a UK association on infringement of their collective mark and geographical indication in Myanmar involving with intensive advice on civil and criminal actions, investigations, consumer surveys, cease-and-desist letters and public warning notices;
- Advising two Japanese companies on trademark infringements and actions to stop distribution and sale of infringing goods;
- Registering trademarks for multinational clients with head offices in China, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, the UK, the USA and other countries;
- Re-filing registered trademarks of clients under the new trademark registration system under the Myanmar Trademark Law 2019;
- Representing a Thai company on cancellation of an infringing trademark;
- Conducting trademark searches for a German company;
- Advising a Singaporean company on transfer and license of copyright contents for distribution in Myanmar;
- Representing a large number of foreign companies on their trademark applications in Myanmar;
- Advising a Malaysian company on execution of a master franchise agreement with a Myanmar franchisee;
- Acting as agents of foreign companies on filing oppositions against trademarks.

COMMERCIAL

- Preparing cross-border sale and purchase agreements for a Myanmar company to import trucks and heavy equipment;
- Advising a Japanese department store on commercial and investment laws;
- Advising a company of a US company on US and EU Sanctions against persons and legal entities in Myanmar;
- Advising a US technology services company on oil and gas laws and regulations;
- Obtaining an export and import registration certificate for a subsidiary of a Singaporean company;
- Advising a Japanese ceramic sanitary ware product company on product standard law.

INFORMATION AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

- Advising a Singaporean company on laws and regulations on mobile banking;
- Representing 3 mobile phone and ISP companies on registering their trademarks and service marks for their services;
- Advising a Japanese company on laws applicable to acquisitions and sales of digital maps;
- Advising a US company on using State flag and symbol with their digital contents for global distribution;
- Advising a US ecommerce company on import of telecommunication and data center equipment and devices.

LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Representing a Myanmar client on claims for US\$1.9 Million damages under multiple sales and purchase contracts with a Chinese supplier;
- Representing a Japanese automobile parts company on trademark infringement;
- Acting for an association in Europe of infringement of a geographical indications and collective mark;
- Assisting a Thai food manufacturing company on trademark dispute with a local distributor.

OUR TEAM



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EDUCATION

- ❖ Certificate of Instruction for Lawyers, Harvard Law School
- ❖ LL.M., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- ❖ LL.B., Thammasat University
- ❖ B.A. (Education-English), Ubon Ratchathani Rajbhat University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ Lawyers Council of Thailand and Thai Bar Association
- ❖ Intellectual Property Association of Thailand (Director 2009-2016, Vice President 2017-2019)
- ❖ ASEAN Intellectual Property Association
- ❖ Asian Patent Attorneys Association (Co-Chair of the Emerging IP Rights Committee 2013-2015, Member of the Anti-Counterfeiting Committee (2016-2018))
- ❖ International Trademark Association (Chair of East Asia & Pacific Sub-Committee of Anti-Counterfeiting Committee 2014-2015, Chair of Harmonization of Trademark Law and Practice Committee 2016-2017, Co-Chair of the Global Advisory Council-Asia Pacific 2016-2017, Member of Global Advisory Council-Asia Pacific 2018-2019, Member of the Board of Directors 2018-2020, Member of the Digital Transformation Advisory Board 2020-2021, Member of the Nominating Committee (2022-2023), Member of the Data Protection Committee (2022-2023 and 2024-2025))
- ❖ Meritas (Board of Directors 2024-2027)

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Kowit Somwaiya has over 30 years of experience on intellectual property, banking, commercial, corporate and M&A, FDI, employment, investment promotion, IT, telecoms, data privacy, arbitration, litigation, probate and inheritance. Before founding LawPlus Ltd. in 2003, he was the Managing Partner of the Bangkok Office of a leading UK law firm.

Kowit has been ranked and recommended by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific for **corporate and M&A and intellectual property** from 2020 to 2024. The Asia IP named him as **one of the IP Experts** in Thailand in 2024. The Asia Business Law Journal selected him as one of **The A-List Lawyers** in Thailand in 2023. His other accolades includes:

- ❖ **"One of The Leading Practitioners in the Telecoms, Media & Entertainment"** by Who's Who Legal 2024.
- ❖ **"Top Lawyer"** for Intellectual Property by Chambers and Partners 2024 to 2025.
- ❖ **"Recommended Individual in 2024"** by WTR 1000 2024.
- ❖ **"Litigation Star"** by the Benchmark Litigation in 2023.
- ❖ **"Distinguished Practitioner"** for Intellectual Property by Asialaw Profiles from 2020 to 2023.
- ❖ **"One of Thailand's Top 100 Lawyers"** in the A-List by the Asia Business Law Journal from 2018 to 2023.
- ❖ **"Top Lawyer"** by Legal Media360 in 2022 and 2023.
- ❖ **"Leading lawyer"** for Corporate and M&A and Intellectual Property by the AsiaLaw in 2018 and 2019.
- ❖ **"Leading lawyer"** for Patent Prosecution by the WIPR Leaders from 2018 to 2023.
- ❖ **"Leading lawyer"** for Trademarks and IT & Telecoms by the Asia IP Experts in 2017
- ❖ **"Leading lawyer"** for Banking and Finance by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific from 2003 to 2017.
- ❖ **"IP Star"** by the World IP Surveys of the Managing Intellectual Property from 2017 to 2022.
- ❖ **"On-point, precise advice"** to a global clientele by the WTR 1000 in 2013.
- ❖ **"Knowledgeable and decisive partner"** by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific in 2012.
- ❖ **"Hardworking and commercial"** by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific in 2011.
- ❖ **"Intelligent lawyer, who engages with his clients"** by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific in 2010.
- ❖ **"Recommended" for corporate / M&A** by the PLC Which Lawyer? Yearbooks in 2008.
- ❖ **"Highly recommended"** for corporate/M&A by the PLC Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions Handbook in 2007.
- ❖ **"Well-known"** IP practitioner by Asia IP Profiles in 2006.
- ❖ **"Leading lawyer"** for banking, general corporate practice, corporate governance, restructuring and insolvency by the AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers in 2005.
- ❖ **"Highly recommended company and corporate transaction practitioner"** by the Global Counsel 3000 in 2004.

**PRASANTAYA BANTADTAN**

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- ❖ LL.M., International Economic Law, University of Warwick
- ❖ LL.M., International Business Legal Studies, University of Exeter
- ❖ LL.B., Thammasat University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ Lawyers Council of Thailand and Thai Bar Association
- ❖ Intellectual Property Association of Thailand (Director 2019-2021, 2021-2023)
- ❖ ASEAN Intellectual Property Association (Treasurer and Councilor in the Council Committee 2021-2023)
- ❖ Asian Patent Attorneys Association (Trademark Committee 2013-2015 and 2019-2021, Conference Operation Committee 2022-2023)
- ❖ International Trademark Association
- ❖ Licensing Executives Society

ACCOLADES

- ❖ “**Recommended lawyer**” for Intellectual Property by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific from 2020 to 2025.
- ❖ “**Recommended lawyer**” for Intellectual Property by Chambers and Partners in 2023 to 2025.
- ❖ “**Recommended Individual in 2024**” by WTR 1000 2024.
- ❖ “**One of Thailand’s Top 50 IP Experts**” by the Asia IP Experts from 2021 to 2024.
- ❖ “**Notable Practitioner**” for Intellectual Property by the Asialaw Profiles 2020.
- ❖ “**One of Thailand’s Top 100 Lawyers**” in the A-List by the Asia Business Law Journal from 2018 to 2020.
- ❖ “**Leading Lawyer**” for Corporate and M&A and Intellectual Property by the AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers in 2018.
- ❖ “**Leading Lawyer**” for Intellectual Property by the AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers in 2015 and 2016.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Prasantaya worked with the Bangkok office of Herbert Smith Freehills for two years before joining LawPlus Ltd. as a founding member in 2003. She has over 20 years’ experiences. Prasantaya specializes in intellectual property, information technology, telecommunications, restructuring, insolvency, corporate, M&A and real estate. She has advised local and international clients on patent, design and trademark registration and enforcement, business reorganization, debt recovery, funds repatriation, joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions and disposal of distressed debts.



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EDUCATION

- ❖ LL.M., University of East Anglia
- ❖ LL.B. (2nd Class Honours), Chulalongkorn University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ Lawyers Council of Thailand
- ❖ Thai Bar Association

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Naddaporn joined LawPlus Ltd. in 2004. She has extensive experiences in representing, assisting and advising local and MNC clients on company registration, setting up branches and representative offices, commercial transactions, joint ventures, real property matters, employment law issues, business reorganization, telecommunications, e-commerce, banking transactions, digital assets, legal due diligence and M&A. Naddaporn has been recommended for corporate and M&A by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific from 2020 to 2024.



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EDUCATION

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- ❖ LL.B. (2nd Class Honours), Chulalongkorn University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ Lawyers Council of Thailand
- ❖ Thai Bar Association

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Usa started working at LawPlus Ltd. in May 2007. She has over 17 years of experience practising on corporate, commercial, M&A, FDI, business reorganization, real property, employment, e-commerce, personal data protection, and cross-border transactions. She has extensive experience assisting both domestic and international clients in establishing their business operations in Thailand, as well as providing advice on relevant laws governing foreign investment, e-commerce, personal data protection, and cross-border transactions. The Asia Legal Business (ALB) has named Usa as a Rising Stars Thailand 2023. The Legal 500 Asia Pacific recommended her for corporate and M&A from 2021 to 2024.



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EDUCATION

- ❖ LL.M., Yangon University
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ Yangon Bar Association
- ❖ International Trademark Association (INTA)
- ❖ Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA)
- ❖ ASEAN Intellectual Property Association (AIPA)
- ❖ Myanmar Intellectual Property Proprietors' Association (MIPPA)

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Khin Khin Zaw has 35 years' experiences in laws on real property, joint ventures, commercial transactions and civil and criminal litigations. She worked as an officer of the Ministry of Construction for 10 years then as a staff officer of the Ministry of Immigration and Population for 7 years. She worked with a law firm in Singapore before started her private practice in Myanmar in 2009. She joined LawPlus Myanmar Ltd. in 2013. She has extensive experiences in advising and assisting local and MNC clients on FDI, company and branch office registration, land purchases, land leases, joint ventures, shareholder agreements, MIC permits, import licenses, banking and foreign exchange regulations, off-shore loans, inter-company loans, legal due diligence, M&A, international trading, cross-border commercial transactions, litigation and dispute resolutions, IP enforcement, trademark registration, trademark renewal and trademark re-filing. The Asia IP named her as an IP Expert in Myanmar from 2022 to 2024. The WTR 1000 named her as a Global Leaders in Myanmar in 2022.



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EDUCATION

- ❖ LL.B., Mawlamyine University
- ❖ Diploma in Business Law, Yangon University

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Nilar Win is a Higher Grade Pleader. She worked as an assistant associate with a law firm in Yangon for 3 years before she joined LawPlus Myanmar Ltd. in 2018. Nilar has extensive experience in advising and assisting local and foreign clients on foreign direct investment, company registration, company liquidation, legal due diligence, employment, data privacy, real property, government permits and licenses, commercial transactions, trademark registration and trademark re-filing. The WTR 1000 2023 named her as a Leading Individual in Myanmar.



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EDUCATION

- ❖ LL.M., University of East Yangon
- ❖ LL.B., University of East Yangon
- ❖ Diploma in Business Law, Yangon University
- ❖ Diploma in Intellectual Property Law, Yangon University
- ❖ Certificate of WIPO Summer School on Intellectual Property, Bangkok University

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

- ❖ Advocate (Myanmar), 2017

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ Yangon Bar Association
- ❖ Myanmar Intellectual Property Proprietors' Association (MIPPA)

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Thae Ei Shwe Zin is an Advocate. She worked as an associate with a local intellectual property law firm and as a senior associate with the Myanmar offices of two foreign law firms for 9 years before she joined LawPlus Myanmar Ltd. in 2023. She advises and assists clients on trademark registration, company registration, company liquidation, M&A and commercial transactions.



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EDUCATION

- ❖ LL.B., Dagon University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ Myanmar Intellectual Property Proprietors' Association (MIPPA)

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Yin Min Aye is a Higher Grade Pleader with extensive experience in criminal litigation. She started working at LawPlus Ltd. in June 2023. She assists other members of our team and clients on intellectual property matters.



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EDUCATION

- ❖ LL.B. Study (Final Year), Yangon University
- ❖ Diploma in Business Law, Institute of Commercial Management
- ❖ Diploma in Business Management & Administration, Institute of Commercial Management
- ❖ Certificate of General Course on Intellectual Property, WIPO Academy

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ Myanmar Intellectual Property Proprietors' Association (MIPPA)

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Thet Ngone Lin worked as a paralegal with a law firm in Yangon for 4 years before she joined LawPlus Myanmar Ltd. in 2023. She assists our partners and clients on corporate, commercial and intellectual property matters.



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EDUCATION

- ❖ B.A. (English), 2005, Dagon University
- ❖ Certificate of Business Statistics, Cost Accounting, Management Accounting, 2003, London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- ❖ Diploma in International Financial Reporting, 2013, Yangon Business School

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Hnin Ei Phyu worked as an accountant for 10 years with one of the leading Myanmar conglomerates before she joined LawPlus Myanmar as an accountant and office manager in 2013. She has expertise in compiling and analyzing financial information, preparing entries to accounts, documenting business transactions, preparing balance sheets, profit and loss accounts and other reports to summarize current and projected company financial position.