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VDB Loi is a specialized law and tax advisory firm with more than 60 transactional lawyers and tax advisors across our offices in Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam and our liaison office in Singapore. We provide the highest quality solutions for transactions and taxation.

With approximately 20 foreign and local lawyers and tax advisors in our offices in Yangon and Napyidaw, we are one of the leading professional services firms in Myanmar. You can find more information on our Myanmar offices [here](#).

Myanmar Investment Commission, which has been formed as per Notification No. (82/2012) dated 1st September 2011, Notification No. (70/2012) dated 23rd September 2012 and Notification No. (24/2013) dated 18th February 2013 of President Office, is reformed as per below.

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| 1. U Win Shein Union Minister Ministry of Finance and Revenue | Chairman |
| 2. U Win Htun Union Minister Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry | Member |
| 3. U Zayar Aung Union Minister Ministry of Rail Transportation | Member |
| 4. Dr. Htun Shin Attorney General Union Attorney General | Member |
| 5. Dr.Aung Htun Thet Economist | Member |
| 6. U Nyunt Tin Ambassador (Retd) | Member |
| 7. U Win Khaing Chairman Myanmar Engineers Society | Member |
| 8. Daw Mya Thuzar Expert | Member |
| 9. Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe Business Professional | Member |
| 10. Dr. Kan Zaw Union Minister Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development | Secretary |
| 11. Thura U Thaung Lwin Vice Minister Ministry of Rail Transportation | Joint-Secretary |

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Jean Loi is widely recognized as one of the region's most experienced tax specialists. She was formerly a tax partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Southeast Asia. Jean is a highly successful tax advisor with a CPA background. She works on major projects throughout Southeast Asia, dividing her time between Yangon and the rest of the region, but she lives in Yangon.



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Edwin was formerly with Loyens & Loeff and a partner at DFDL. He has 21 years of experience as a lawyer, academic and government advisor, including five years of experience on Myanmar tax and investment issues. Edwin has advised oil companies, distributors, property funds, and private equity funds on making investments in Myanmar. He lives full-time in Yangon.

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Paul is a US attorney with 15 years of experience, and was formerly with Clifford Chance and O'Melveny & Myers. He holds an MBA from Cambridge University and a J.D. from Duke University. He has extensive experience in providing integrated solutions for M&A and private equity transactions. He lives full-time in Yangon.



U Myo Nyunt

U Myo Nyunt is an advocate to the Supreme Court of Myanmar and one of Myanmar's most distinguished senior lawyers. He is the former Director of the Supreme Court and Appellate Judge, and a noted author on Myanmar law. He is a member of the Bar Council, and a member of the board of editors of the Myanmar Law Review.



May May Kyi

May directs our licensing team, focusing primarily on investment permits, operating licenses and import/export licensing. In addition, her practice areas include customs duties, customs valuation, compliance and company establishment. She holds a bachelor's degree in Commerce from the Institute of Economics, University of Yangon.



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Moto has 20 years of experience working in Southeast Asia as an administrator, auditor and accountant, including several years with PricewaterhouseCoopers as a senior auditor, where she worked with a broad cross-section of organizations and industries. Moto heads the Japanese desk of our firm, dividing her time between Cambodia and Yangon.

Some of our Managers, Consultants and Associates



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Cynthia, living in Yangon, is a Chartered Accountant and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. She also holds a Master's in Mechanical Engineering with Business Finance (University College London, UK). Her experience in mining, oil & gas and utilities audits and management accounting are a major asset to VDB Loi.



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Adam Mcbeth is a US attorney with a J.D. from St. John's University and an LL.M. from NYU. Adam has experience in assisting clients in Myanmar with the legal structuring of power generation projects, real estate, telecommunications and oil and gas transactions. He lives full-time in Yangon.



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Lin holds a Bachelor's in Commerce from the University of Newcastle, Australia. She formerly worked with a global audit and advisory firm, where she was based overseas for a number of years. At VDB Loi, Lin advises clients on tax structuring, licensing, general regulatory and customs duty issues. She has worked on major projects in the FMCG sector, oil and gas, power and health/life sciences.



Marla Bu

Marla is an American of Burmese descent with a degree in law from the College of Law of England and Wales and a bachelor's degree from Fordham University in New York. She has seven years of experience with the United Nations and law firms in New York, where she worked on commercial and civil legal matters and prepared briefs on Myanmar law. She lives in Yangon.



Chaw Nandar Aung

Chaw has built up a comprehensive knowledge of taxation, including calculation of tax liabilities, preparation of tax returns, and in particular, the tax clearance and audit process. She holds a Bachelor's degree and has a diploma in Accounting. She also has an extensive knowledge of company establishment and investment licensing.



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Kyi Naing is a Myanmar-qualified lawyer with seven years of experience, most recently with DFDL in Myanmar. Experienced in cross-border legal issues, he has assisted international clients with their investment projects in Myanmar, and advised on a wide range of corporate and commercial issues.



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Nay has six years of experience in tax, accounting and corporate compliance working for international enterprises in Myanmar. She liaises with various authorities on licensing issues, and is an accomplished corporate tax advisor. Nay holds a bachelor's degree from Yangon University.



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Aung Myat Thu advises on corporate establishment and investment licensing. He has extensive experience liaising with Government offices, especially for the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, the Myanmar Investment Commission, and the Trade Department.

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Huy C. Luu

Huy is a tax lawyer with a J.D. from Hofstra University and an LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University. After practicing with Latham & Watkins and Ernst & Young in the US, he came to Southeast Asia in 2008. Huy combines his international tax expertise with a detailed knowledge of tax and laws in Southeast Asia. Huy has worked on Myanmar projects in oil & gas, FMCG, mining, and oilfield services. He is based in Vietnam.



Chris Muessel

Chris is one of Southeast Asia's most experienced foreign lawyers. As a Baker & McKenzie lawyer, he advised MNCs on a broad range of legal matters. As a partner with the US firm Duane Morris LLP, Chris headed the firm's Ho Chi Minh City office, and later undertook partnership roles with Watson Farley & Williams and Rajah & Tann. He is based in Cambodia and Singapore. Chris has overseen Myanmar due diligence and M&A projects.