



Firm Overview

Tilleke & Gibbins is a leading Southeast Asian regional law firm with over 150 lawyers and consultants practicing in Bangkok, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta, Phnom Penh, Vientiane, and Yangon.

Our firm represents the top investors and high-growth companies that drive economic expansion in Asia in the key areas of commercial transactions and M&A, dispute resolution and litigation, and intellectual property.

Established in 1890, we have grown into the largest independent law firm in Thailand and a leading international firm in Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam due to our client focus, regional expertise, and international vision.



Service

Intellectual Property (IP)

Anticounterfeiting; copyrights; geographical indications; government relations; IP commercialization; IP enforcement; IP litigation; patents, petty patents, and designs; regulatory affairs; strategic filing advice; trademarks; and trade secrets.

Corporate and Commercial

Antitrust and competition; banking and finance; capital markets; commercial transactions and M&A; corporate services; employment; energy and infrastructure; insurance; property; tax; technology, media, and telecommunications; and transportation and logistics.

Dispute Resolution and Litigation

Bankruptcy and reorganizations; construction disputes; contract disputes; director's liability; intellectual property litigation; insurance disputes; international trade disputes; labor litigation; product liability; shareholder disputes; shipping and maritime disputes; tax litigation; white-collar crime; and wrongful act cases.



Experience

- Won a landmark ruling in a design patent infringement case for a leading Japanese automotive manufacturer in Thailand.
- Represented a leading life sciences company in a patent litigation action against a Thai generic drug manufacturer and local distributor.
- Won a favorable decision for one of the world's largest oil and gas companies in a trademark litigation suit.
- Won a historic judgment for a global technology leader against former employees who misappropriated our client's tremendously valuable trade secret technology.
- Protected the intellectual property rights of a famous drug company in regard to an osteoporosis drug product passed off by another pharmaceutical company.
- Secured a victory for a top Italian fashion company against an infringer who was using 18 of our client's trademarks without permission.
- Stopped a Thai manufacturer of counterfeit Italian sports cars from infringing on our client's brand name.
- Represented a U.K. sportswear company in a civil suit against its former Thai distributor, obtained an Anton Piller order, and sized 96,000 counterfeit items.
- Obtained a favorable Supreme Court judgment for a French electrical equipment company in a civil action involving passing off.
- Managed the trademark portfolio for one of Thailand's leading beverage producers in 40 countries worldwide.



Awards

Highlight IP Awards for Tilleke & Gibbins' Thailand office

- *Asialaw Profiles 2017*: Outstanding – Intellectual Property
- *Managing Intellectual Property 2017*: Tier 1 – Trademark Prosecution and Contentious; Tier 1 – Patent Prosecution and Contentious; Recommended – Copyright
- *Managing Intellectual Property*: Firm of the Year 2015 – Asia
- *The Asian Lawyer Emerging Markets Awards 2016*: Intellectual Property Firm of the Year (International)
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2017*: Intellectual Property
- *Chambers Asia-Pacific 2017*: Band 1 for Intellectual Property
- *Asian Legal Business IP Rankings 2017*: Tier 1 for Patent, and Trademarks/Copyright
- *World Trademark Review 1000 2017*: Gold Band – Trademarks
- *Intellectual Asset Management 1000 2017*: Gold Band – Patents



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Experience

- Obtained a very favorable settlement for a client in what has been widely regarded as the largest and most complex patent infringement case in Thai history.
- Negotiated with government agencies and an event organizer after learning that a variation of our client's trade name and trademark would be used in a major concert festival, and compelled the hosts to change the name and mark.
- Provided strategic planning advice on the holding and assignment of trademark owners for trademarks registered worldwide.
- Represented a food manufacturer in carrying out an international raid in Laos against trademark violations by local retailers

Career

Darani Vachanavuttivong is a formidable enforcer of intellectual property rights (IPR), including trademarks, copyrights, and patents. Regarded as "a brilliant, hands-on lawyer who works extremely hard for her clients" (*WTR 1000*), Darani is currently recognized as a top IP practitioner by numerous legal publications.

Darani helps clients protect IPR in some of the toughest jurisdictions in the world—Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar. She previously headed the firm's trademark registration group and is well-versed in writing patents, having represented numerous patent clients and having attended several high-level courses on drafting patent specifications organized by the Thai Department of Intellectual Property.



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Experience

- **Chief Investigator and Coordinator.** "A Joint Research Agenda of Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development for Asia," ICTSD-UNCTAD Project on IPRs and Sustainable Development, 2004-2006.
- **Chief Investigator.** "Devising New Kinds of International and National Systems for the Protection of Traditional Medicines," The World Health Organization (South East Asian Regional Office), 2003.
- **Consultant.** "IP Protection for Pharmaceuticals in ASEAN Countries," ASEAN Secretariat and the Rockefeller Foundation, Jakarta, Indonesia, 2004.

Career

Dr. Jakkrit Kuanpoth champions intellectual property protection as an advisor to Tilleke & Gibbins' IP group. An esteemed expert on intellectual property rights and other related global issues, Dr. Jakkrit's knowledge and advice has been sought by many organizations (as listed in his qualifications section). He has also sat on various Parliamentary and National committees at the request of the Thai government.

Dr. Jakkrit is both a legal practitioner and an academic, with continuing teaching responsibilities and numerous authoritative texts on patent rights in pharmaceuticals, developing countries, TRIPS, biotechnology, globalization, economic development, and geographical indications. Dr. Jakkrit, a recognized expert in compulsory licensing and the effects thereof, counsels developing countries to be "extremely cautious in undertaking measures, such as compulsory licensing, that could be detrimental to the development of new drugs."

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property
 Government Relations
 Regulatory Affairs

Qualifications

Education

- LLB, Ramkhamhaeng University
- MSc, Thammasat University
- BBA Thammasat University

Professional association positions

- Country Head and Council Member of ASEAN Intellectual Property Association (2009-2017)
- Member of the International Trademark Association (INTA) Harmonization of Trademark Law and Practice Committee (2016-2017)
- President of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) – Thailand Group (2012-2015)
- Vice President of APAA – Thailand Group (2015-2018)
- President of the Intellectual Property Association of Thailand (IPAT) (2005-2009)
- Secretary General and Member of the Board of Directors of IPAT (current)

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property
 Technology, Media, and Telecommunications
 Antitrust and Competition

Qualifications

Education

- PhD, University of Aberdeen
- LLM, University of Warwick
- LLB, Ramkhamhaeng University

Additional legal credentials:

- Barrister-at-Law requirements of the Institute of Legal Education, Thai Bar Association

Organizations advised:

- World Intellectual Property Organization
- World Health Organization
- Ford Foundation
- United Nations Conference on Trade Development
- United Nations Development Program
- International Centre on Trade and Sustainable Development

Academic position:

- Lecturer at the University of Wollongong in Australia