



## **Curriculum Vitae**

Weerawit Weeraworawit is now Deputy Secretary General of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (since December 2007). He was an associate judge of the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court of Thailand for 10 years since its establishment on 1 December 1997.

He graduated with honours from Oxford University with BA (Jurisprudence) and Cambridge University with LLB.

He served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand for 13 years before moving to the Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce in 1993. He was posted to the Royal Thai Embassy in London and to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta. During his time in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he was involved in the works concerning legal, political, and economic affairs. He was also instrumental in Thailand's becoming member of the Non Align Movement.

At the Department of Intellectual Property, he used to serve as the Director of Registration and Documentation Division, Director of Technical and Planning Division, Assistant Director General responsible for legal affairs, and Deputy Director General responsible for promotion and enforcement of intellectual property rights. After 8 years at the Department of Intellectual Property, he was Minister (Commercial Affairs), Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, responsible for all issues under the World Trade Organization during March 2001 to November 2007.

Mr. Weeraworawit is a genuine believer in the regional and international cooperation as well as in the synergy from closer cooperation between the public and private sectors on intellectual property. He was the first chairman of the ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property and the first Chairman of the ASEAN Trademark Experts Group which worked on the ASEAN trademark filing system. He was appointed Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Faculty of Law, University of Wollongong in 2007.

He has been an active speaker on modern and emerging intellectual property issues at the national, regional, and international seminars and conferences especially from development and human right perspectives, advocating a balanced development of the intellectual property system and its use to bridge the global technological and knowledge gap which is alarmingly widened. He believes that full respect to fundamental human rights is the key to solve many domestic, regional, and international problems.

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