

Questionnaire for Law Firms in Southeast Asian Nation Surveys 2020

フィリピン (Philippines)

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資格保持者人数 (Number of Licensed People)	弁護士 (Number of Barristers)	61
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コミュニケーション (Capability of Communication)	言語 (Language)	会話可能者数 (Number of Persons Who Are Able to Talk in the Language)	読み書き可能者数 (Number of Persons Who Are Able to Read and Write the Language)
	日本語 (Japanese)	1 (conversations)	0
	英語 (English)	143	143

主要業績 (Main Achievements)	業務内容 (Content of Business)	2018 (Year of 2018)	2019 (Year of 2019)	2020 (Year of 2020)
	国内特許出願代理件数 (Number of Domestic Patent Application Filings by Your Law Firm)	0	0	0
	外国特許出願代理件数 (Number of Incoming Patent Application Filings by Your Law Firm)	1-50	1-50	1-50
	国内実用新案(小特許)出願代理件数 (Number of Domestic Utility Model Application Filings by Your Law Firm)	0	0	1-10
	外国実用新案(小特許)出願代理件数 (Number of Incoming Utility Model Application Filings by Your Law Firm)	1-10	1-10	1-10
	国内意匠出願代理件数 (Number of Domestic Industrial Design Application Filings by Your Law Firm)	0	0	0
	外国意匠出願代理件数 (Number of Incoming Industrial Design Application Filings by Your Law Firm)	11-50	1-10	11-50
	国内商標出願代理件数 (Number of Domestic Application Filings for Trademark Registration by Your Law Firm)	1-50	1-50	1-50
	外国商標出願代理件数 (Number of Incoming Application Filings for Trademark Registration by Your Law Firm)	101-300	201-500	201-500

訴訟関連業務 (Lawsuits Related Service)	業務内容 (Content of Business)	2018 (Year of 2018)	2019 (Year of 2019)	2020 (Year of 2020)
	知財関連刑事訴訟 (Criminal Lawsuits Related to Intellectual Property cases)	11-50	11-50	11-50
	侵害訴訟代理件数 (Number of Infringement Proceedings)	11-50	11-50	11-50
	商標不使用取消審判代理件数 (Number of Trials for Cancellation of Trademark for Non-Use)	11-50	11 over	6-10
	他効審判代理件数 (Number of Trials for Invalidation)	11-30	11-30	11-30

その他関連業務 (Other Related Service)	業務内容 (Content of Business)	2018 (Year of 2018)	2019 (Year of 2019)	2020 (Year of 2020)
	出願に関する先行技術調査件数 (Number of Prior Technology Searches related to Applications)	1-10	0	1-10
	模倣品に関する調査件数 (Number of Surveys related to Counterfeit goods)	1-5	1-5	1-5
	鑑定業務件数 (Number of Assessment Services)	1-10	1-10	1-10
	パテントクリアランス調査件数 (Number of Freedom-to-Operate Opinion Services)	1-10	0	1-10
	その他の業務の件数 (Other)	6-10 (Trademark Search) 1-5 (Patent Drafting)	6-10 (Trademark Search) 1-5 (Patent Drafting)	6-10 (Trademark Search) 1-5 (Patent Drafting)

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**事務所コメント
(Messages to your potential clients in Japan)**

We are a full-service firm with proven expertise in Intellectual Property, Litigation and Corporate Law. The Firm's practice in Intellectual Property includes, but is not limited to: prosecution of applications for the registration of patents (inventions, utility models, industrial designs) and trademarks; copyright deposit; IP commercialization, which includes negotiating, drafting and reviewing agreements for licensing and franchising; registration of technology transfer agreements with the Documentation, Information and Technology Transfer Bureau of the Philippine Intellectual Property Office ("IPPT"); registration of food, cosmetics and drugs with the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA); handling administrative, civil and criminal cases on infringement and unfair competition; dispute settlement; mediation involving intellectual property rights; and anti-piracy programs and intellectual property enforcement cases.

The Firm's reputation for excellence in its IP practice is recognized by both its clients and contemporaries. It is consistently ranked as a top IP practice by World Trademark Review, Asian Legal Business, Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners. V&A Law was ranked Band 3 in 2016 and 2017 and Band 2 in 2018 to 2020 in the Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide for Intellectual Property; Tier 1 for Intellectual Property from 2016 to 2020 by Legal 500 Asia-Pacific; Bronze Band from 2016 to 2019, and Silver Band in 2020 in the World Trademark Review; Silver Band in 2019 in the IAM Patent 1000; and Tier 1 for Patents/Trademarks/Copyright from 2016 to 2020 in the Asian Legal Business ("ALB") Rankings.

The Firm's IP Department is composed of highly-competent and motivated individuals, each with a dynamic and broad skill-set. Its lawyers have diverse backgrounds in science, law, political science and even fashion, and are equipped with industry experience, which enables the Firm as a whole to provide services which are multi-disciplinary and specifically tailored to the client's IP needs. In particular, its patent practice is handled by lawyers who have degrees in biology, biotechnology, chemistry, material science, applied physics, and medicine, with relevant industry experience, and have completed patent drafting courses such as those provided by FICPI, which give them the competence and capability to, among others, draft and amend patent specifications and claims, prepare arguments to overcome objections raised in the office actions, perform Freedom to Operate searches and analysis, and represent clients in patent cancellation, invalidation and infringement cases. The Firm's IP Department's legal team is also supported by a dedicated and experienced team of paralegals. Its diverse but well-balanced right-kick team makes the Firm's IP Department well-equipped to provide efficient and excellent services to its clients in a broad expanse of matters not ordinarily handled by IP Firms in the Philippines. The Department takes pains to foster strong relationships with its clients and to engender a reputation of reliability and competence by providing prompt and comprehensive service for all of its clients' needs, even including the non-IP aspects of their concerns.

The Firm is also dedicated to the continued development of the IP practice in the Philippines. Our senior lawyers are well-respected resource speakers in their respective fields and have been tapped for various programs relating to IP education such as the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education ("MCLE") and the Uireal Campaign of INTA. The Firm also continues its membership in leading international IP associations, namely: International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property ("AIPPI"), Licensing Executives Society (LES), International Trademark Association (INTA), Asian Patent Attorneys Association (AAPAA) and ASEAN Intellectual Property Association. The Firm is also a member of the ASEAN Plus Group, a network of leading firms in eight (8) ASEAN countries. Through the foregoing, the Firm fosters and maintains strong relationships with IP practitioners around the world, ensuring that its clients have access to top-notch service in every field and jurisdiction needed.