



Thailand Senior Legal Advisor – Asia-Pacific Programme

Vacancy Announcement

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is a worldwide network of judges and lawyers united in affirming international law and rule of law principles that advance human rights.

We are seeking to recruit a Thailand Senior Legal Advisor to be based in the regional office in Bangkok. The Thailand Senior Legal Advisor will be working with a team of international and Thai staff, implementing a hands-on project aimed at strengthening the rule of law and applying international human rights standards in Thailand, with emphasis on addressing security and criminal justice issues in the southern border provinces. The ideal candidate will be a dedicated human rights lawyer with knowledge of international human rights, practical experience of legal advocacy and the legal system of Thailand, and a well-developed network of contacts in Government, civil society, and academia. The candidate will be expected to work cooperatively both Government officials, including from the Ministry of Justice, and local civil society groups and members of the legal community.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to the Asia-Pacific Programme Director, the Thailand Legal Advisor has the following responsibilities:

- Implement aspects of the ICJ's Thailand Programme, using the full range of innovative ICJ advocacy strategies and legal interventions, including through public reports, memoranda to government, legal research, trial observations, advocacy in international fora, capacity building and training;
- Monitor and analyse legal developments concerning human rights and the rule of law situation in Thailand, with particular focus on the justice system in the southern border provinces;
- Carry out field research missions, especially in the southern Thailand, edit and write human rights reports and legal memos, with particular focus on justice systems and security laws;
- Assist in strategic planning and preparing work plans and activity reports;
- Represent the ICJ externally, develop and maintain relations with relevant government agencies, inter-governmental organizations, NGOs and the judicial, legal, academic and human rights communities;
- Supervise the work of relevant interns of the Thailand Programme;
- Carry out other, appropriate responsibilities as requested.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education & Experience

- Minimum 8 years progressive experience as a criminal or human rights lawyer, including at least 5 years relevant work experience in Thailand;
- A degree in law, preferably from a Thai university. Further academic studies in international law, human rights law or international humanitarian law highly desirable;
- Admission to practice law in Thailand and experience of legal practice in Thailand are highly desirable, as is other practical legal and advocacy experience at the national level working for the implementation of international human rights standards;
- Demonstrated commitment to human rights and the rule of law.

Essential Skills

- Excellent applied knowledge of human rights law and jurisprudence in Thailand;
- Excellent political judgment and the proven ability to develop and carry out innovative advocacy and legal work;
- Strong analytical and organisational skills;
- Proven communication skills and policy experience;
- Fluency in written and spoken Thai and English, and proven legal writing skills in Thai; and,
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work as part of a multi-cultural team.
- Willingness to work for extended periods and travel within Thailand's southern border provinces, including to Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat.

The ICJ is an equal opportunities employer.

APPLICATIONS: Please send your CV/resume and a covering letter by close of business on 25 April 2010 to:

Ref: Thailand Legal Advisor, Asia-Pacific Programme.

By email: asia-recruitment@icj.org

Or by post:

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Only short listed candidates will be notified.
