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EXPERT PRACTICES

- ☐ Corporate
- ☐ Real Estate
- ☐ Mergers & Acquisitions
- ☐ Private Equity and Restructurings

EDUCATION

- ☐ Master of Law in Bristol Law School, the UWE Bristol, UK (majored in International Trade Law).
- ☐ Bachelor of Law Degree, from the Law University of Ho Chi Minh City (majored in Economic and Trade Law).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ☐ Member of Singaporean Business Association in Ho Chi Minh City.
- ☐ Member of Hong Kong Business Association in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- ☐ Member of the Commonwealth of Australia Trade Commission in Vietnam.
- ☐ Member of the Nordic Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam.

BAR ADMITTANCE

- ☐ Member of the Bar Association of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; and
- ☐ Member of the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific.

LANGUAGES

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BIOGRAPHY

Lawyer Nguyen Gia Huy Chuong has 20 years of experience in corporate consulting, tax advisory and technology & intellectual property management. His work has primarily been in the areas of corporate consultancy, mergers and acquisitions, emerging growth companies, taxation, business litigation, executive team effectiveness and leadership coaching with clients spanning most industry sectors: construction, technology information, family health care, inbound travel, intellectual property, home appliances manufacturing, port management, transport and telecommunications.

Lawyer Chuong also possesses vast experience in corporate law, particularly in corporate matters for domestic and foreign enterprises in Vietnam and mergers & acquisitions in all aspects. Whether you are an entrepreneur just starting a business or being at the helm of an emerging or high-growth company, his experiences in management and strategic development of corporations can provide counsel and problem-solving assistance to you along the way.

Along with his knowledge of Corporate, Private Equity, M&A, Real Estate and Construction, Lawyer Chuong has acquired experience in tax matters through his working at a leading consulting firm in Vietnam allowing him to give in depth advice on law and tax compliance practices in Vietnam. Lawyer Chuong has advised and completed numerous mergers and acquisitions of foreign-owned corporations and assisted in resolving intricate tax issues linked to restructuring and M&A operations.

Currently, Lawyer Chuong is acting as the Managing Partner of GV Lawyers, an international law firm lately established by a group of dedicated and experienced lawyers who have started and advanced their careers with the most prominent law firms in Viet Nam.

Lawyer Chuong was also invited to lecture international and domestic law at the Polytechnics University of Ho Chi Minh City.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Vietnamese Real Estate Law Firm of the Year and Acquisition International Legal Award - Merrill Data site and www.acquisition-intl.com

Leading by Mr. Nguyen Gia Huy Chuong, it is the great honor for Phuoc & Partners to be named as one of the winners of the Acquisition International M&A Award: **Vietnamese Real Estate Law Firm of the Year and Vietnamese M&A Law Firm of the Year**. As two of main professional practices of the firm, Mergers and Acquisitions team and Real Estate team have experience and expertise in acting on complex, high-value, cross-border work as well as a range of smaller transactions. We are a top-tier firm for M&A and Real Estate work in Vietnam in which we operate bringing together international experience and local knowledge. We advise on the full range of deal structures from public takeovers/tender offers through to divestments, auctions, take privates and demergers.

2. Leading lawyer in M&A and Corporate legal practice in Vietnam - The Legal 500, (<http://www.legal500.com/c/vietnam/corporate-and-manda>)

In consecutive years, Chuong is voted as a leading individual of Vietnam.

3. Asialaw Leading Lawyers in consecutive years from 2013 to 2018 (<http://www.asialaw.com/Issue/71638/Asialaw-Leading-Lawyers.html>)

Asialaw.com is a corporate counsel's leading online guide to legal developments in the region. Asialaw Leading Lawyers is one of the largest annual survey of Asia Pacific-focused practitioners and a comprehensive resource for corporate counsel around the world. It aims to identify the region's most highly acclaimed legal experts across key practice areas.

4. Mr. Chuong Nguyen has been named an In-House Community – Commended External Counsel of the year for 2017-2018 and also honoured to be ranked in Asian Legal Business Magazine's short list of "Managing Partners of the Year for 2016", as leading lawyers in consecutive years of 2013-2020 ranked by Asialaw.

5. **Named in the A-List:** Vietnam's Top 100 Lawyers by Asia Business Law Journal for five consecutive years (2020–2024). - <https://law.asia/top-100-lawyers-vietnam/>
6. **Ranked as Highly Regarded in Corporate and M&A by IFLR1000** for four consecutive years (2022–2025).

SOME OF TYPICAL DEALS

1. Leader of the consulting group of the 1st biggest container joint venture port in Vietnam between International Port Authority of Singapore (PSA) and Saigon Port in Cai Mep, Phu My, Ba Ria – Vung Tau, with total investment capital of the 1st stage is up to 650 million USD.
2. The Company's Vietnam Counsel for Texchem-Pack Holdings Limited (ISIN Code: SG1U10932531) (a corporation in Singapore) for its IPO submission at the Singapore Stock Exchange
(<http://globaldocuments.morningstar.com/documentlibrary/document/9b63006c646dc1a8.msdoc/original>).
3. Leader of the consulting group of a joint venture project (including establishment of the project, incorporation of a joint venture company, and post-licensing assignments) of a new urban area in Nhon Trach District, Dong Nai Province (between a State-owned corporation – now a listed company and the biggest foreign investment fund in Vietnam) with total investment capital of 1st stage of approximately 400 million USD.
4. Leader of the consulting group in setting up the 1st hypermarket in District 7 and the 2nd one in District 11, Ho Chi Minh City of Lotte Mart, with total investment capital of approximately 68 million USD and 111 million USD respectively.
5. Leader of the consulting group of the High express project Hanoi – Hai Phong (with total investment capital is of approximately 1.3 billion USD).

6. Leader of the consulting group in an M&A deal acquiring a well-known fast-food brand, Popeyes® Louisiana Kitchen for their franchise and investment of three first stores in Vietnam.
7. Leader of the consulting group for a real estate M&A deal for development of a new urban area (capital structure, legal due diligence, share acquisition, deal documents preparation, post-licensing) in Tan Phu District, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam with total investment capital is up to 165 million USD between a local real estate and securities developers and a Malaysia investor.
8. Leader of the consulting group for a foreign investor in a divestment project and tax planning of a major real estate project in Hanoi with a listed company in Hanoi, Vietnam (Code: HPG) with deal value is about 38million USD.
9. Leader of the consulting group for one of the biggest multi-national companies based in Atlanta, the US for a legal and intellectual property in an M&A project over a HOSE listed company in Vietnam and delisting the target company to become a wholly foreign owned company.
10. Leader of the consulting group for an investment consortium of 6 companies based in the United Kingdom in an M&A deal with a listed company based in Long An province (Code: DTG), to provide deal structure, tax planning, and preparation of all deal related documents to transfer a complex project investing in port, industrial park, residential and utilities in Long An Province.
11. Leader of the sole Vietnamese counsel team for the **Green Project of TVX Holdings Group and Etika Groups** in Vietnam, legal services were rendered regarding the acquisition by a Japanese master purchaser of companies operating in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam. **The deal is valued at approximately 231million USD and required consideration of the laws of various jurisdictions, including Japan (as master purchaser), Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam.**
<http://www.etika-intl.com/pdf/announcement/20140630%20-%20EIH%20-%20Completion%20of%20Disposal%20of%20Subsidiaries.pdf>.

12. Leader of the Company's Vietnam Counsel for Serrano Holdings Limited for its divestment and reorganisation in Vietnam and for its IPO submission at the Stock Exchange of Singapore, ISIN Code: SG1AD7000003 (For more information: http://www.btinvest.com.sg/markets/news/96759.html?source=si_news) and <http://www.serrano.com.sg/attachment/Serrano-Launch-Press-Release.pdf>)
13. Leader of the Company's Vietnam Counsel for KAfe Group Limited ("KAfe Group"), the first urban fusion cafe chain in Vietnam, has secured **about US\$11.8 million in Series A and B** financing from institutional investors in London and Hong Kong, including leading investor, Cassia Investments. Closed over the summer, the Series A financing will be used to support KAfe Group's rapid expansion beyond its current network in Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City and other cities throughout the rest of Vietnam. KAfe Group is eyeing an overseas public listing at a later stage for further expansion throughout Vietnam (<http://www.dealstreetasia.com/stories/cassia-investments-leads-5-5m-series-a-in-vietnamese-cafe-chain-kafe-group-15818/>).
14. Leader of the Company Vietnam Counsel for Huy Vietnam Group Limited ("Huy Vietnam"), one of the first international, professionally managed restaurant chains, branded Món Huế, operating in Vietnam and serving traditional Vietnamese food, **has secured capital (Series B of US\$15 million in 2014** (<https://www.dealstreetasia.com/stories/vietnam-restaurant-chain-huy-vietnam-secures-a-15-mn-series-b-funding-123/>) **and Series C of US\$15 million in 2015** in Malaysia and HongKong) from institutional investors in Singapore and Hong Kong, including **AIF Capital, Welkin Capital and Templeton Emerging Markets Group of Templeton Asset Management Ltd** to facilitate its ongoing expansion process in Vietnam, (<http://www.dealstreetasia.com/stories/templeton-leads-15m-series-c-for-vietnam-restaurant-operator-5161/>), and Series D of about US\$60 million in late 2016 in HongKong and Singapore.

15. Leader of the Vietnamese counsels team for an investment fund based in the United States of American (Global Emerging Markets Group) and British Virgin Islands (AnsenHoldco) implementing an M&A and Share swap deal in a listed Vietnamese company (Duc Long Gia Lai Corporation - Code: DLG, HOSE). This is the unprecedented M&A deal via share swap between a foreign investor and a listed company in Vietnam, which was approved by the Ministry of Planning and Investment and the State Securities Commission of Vietnam. The deal was closed and the foreign investors had become a majority shareholder of Duc Long Gia Lai Corporation.
16. Leader of the Vietnamese counsel **for an M&A, restructuring and divestment deal** between a group of Vietnamese transferors (Sacomreal, Code: SRC and TTC Investment JSC) divesting 40% of shares holding in a joint venture company and Gamuda Land Limited after about 5 years of cooperation and discussion on separation methods. We consulted the clients in restructuring structure of a real estate project scaled at 182ha, deal negotiation, deal documents preparation, and tax planning with total deal proceeds is up to 68 million USD. The deal was successfully closed on 30 June 2015.
17. Leader of the Company's consulting team advising Vingroup in a US\$85 million M&A deal to buy out stake of all shareholders to acquire a well-known supermarket chain in Ho Chi Minh City, Dong Nai, Nha Trang, Binh Thuan, and Ninh Thuan provinces.
18. Leader of the Company's consulting team advising Vingroup in a Restructuring project upon completion of an M&A deal acquiring 70% stake of Truong Thanh Furniture Corporation (Code: TTF, HOSE).

19. Leader of the sole legal team for a Vietnam listed corporation, An Duong Thao Dien (HOSE Stock code: HAR) in dealing with a Singapore-based investment fund Frasers Centrepoint Limited (ISIN Code: SG2G52000004) for a US\$ 85million M&A deal of acquiring a 70 percent stake in a luxury residential apartment project covers one hectare in downtown in District 2, Ho Chi Minh City.
20. Leader of the sole Vietnamese legal advisor for the successful IPO and listing of **Hyfusin Group Holdings Limited (HKEX: 8512)** on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, advising on legal due diligence, regulatory compliance, drafting and reviewing the IPO Prospectus, preparing legal opinions, and providing comprehensive legal support throughout the IPO and listing process.
<http://www.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/GEM/2018/0629/GLN20180629005.pdf>
21. Leader of the sole legal team for a consortium of prominent and professional investors, who are holding key managerial positions in a well-known information technology company and a leading investment fund in Vietnam, has completed an M&A and private equity placement deal in Rever Technology Joint Stock Company (“Rever”) – the target company operating in high-tech real estate business in Vietnam.
22. Advised TTC Energy on the M&A of a 48 MW solar power plant project in Tay Ninh Province with Gulf Energy Development Public Company Limited (Thailand).
23. Advised TTC Energy on the M&A of a solar power project in Tay Ninh Province with B.Grimm Power Public Company Limited (Thailand).
24. Advised GHW International on its successful initial public offering (IPO) and listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEX) under stock code 9933.HK.
<https://www1.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2019/1231/2019123100037.pdf>

25. Advised Lineage Logistics Holdings LLC, the world's largest and most innovative temperature-controlled logistics solutions provider, on its acquisition of Emergent Cold Storage, one of the world's top 25 cold chain service providers.
<https://www.gcca.org/about/resources/about-industry/technical-publications/surveys-market-research/iarw-global-top-25>.
26. Advised National Housing Organization JSC (N.H.O JSC) on the acquisition of a real estate project in Phu Do Ward, Nam Tu Liem District, Hanoi.
27. Advised the seller on the undisclosed sale of its entire equity interest in a Singapore-based structural architectural design company to Tokyu Construction Corporation (TYO: 1720).
28. Advised the seller on the undisclosed sale of its equity interest in a Vietnamese unicorn technology company specializing in digital content and online entertainment, social networking, and e-commerce. The purchasers were a Korean investment fund and a financial group focusing on asset management and investment banking across South Korea, Singapore, and Vietnam. We played a key role in advising the seller on transaction structuring, foreign exchange regulations, tax matters, and the drafting and negotiation of the share purchase agreement and related transaction documents. The transaction was successfully completed in 2021.
29. Advised the seller on the sale of more than 60% of the equity interest in a project company holding a tourism urban area development project on an islet in Dong Nai Province, Vietnam. The project was valued at over VND 10 trillion. The purchaser was a leading real estate developer operating in Ho Chi Minh City and Central Vietnam. GV Lawyers played a key role in advising on the transaction structure, conducting legal due diligence, and drafting all transaction documents. The transaction was successfully completed.

30. Advised an affiliate of one of Singapore's largest real estate developers on the successful issuance of approximately VND 2 trillion in corporate bonds through two private placements to finance the development of a residential project in Thu Duc City, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The transaction was recently completed successfully.
31. Advised Liwayway (Global) Company Limited, a Philippine snack food manufacturer, on its proposed Main Board initial public offering (IPO) on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEX). In light of market conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic, the listing applicant subsequently decided to withdraw the proposed Hong Kong public offering (PHIP).
32. Advised a U.S.-Japan joint venture investment fund on its acquisition of a HoSE-listed industrial park developer and on the delisting procedures following the acquisition. The transaction was successfully completed.
33. Advised East Ventures Capital on the legal due diligence and fundraising transaction involving Medigo Vietnam, a Vietnam-based telehealth platform providing on-demand prescription and medicine delivery services. Medigo successfully raised US\$2 million from East Ventures. (For more information: <https://www.dealstreetasia.com/stories/east-ventures-medigo-334213>)
34. Advised a shopping mall operator on the acquisition of the retail podium of a premium mixed-use commercial development in Thu Duc City, Ho Chi Minh City.
35. Advised a HoSE-listed company on conducting a large-scale legal review of approximately 90 shopping malls across Vietnam.
36. Advised Keppel Corporation (SGX: BN4) and Keppel Vietnam Fund (KVF) on the acquisition of a 49% equity interest in two adjacent residential development projects in Ho Chi Minh City from Khang Điền Group (HoSE: KDH), with a total transaction value of VND3.18 trillion (approximately US\$138 million). (For more information: <https://sginvestors.io/sgx/stock/bn4-keppel-corp/news-article>)

37. Advised SkyWorld Development (Vietnam) Co., Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of SkyWorld Group, on its acquisition of a 100% equity interest in Thuan Thanh Manufacturing, Trading and Real Estate Business Joint Stock Company, enabling SkyWorld Development to become the developer of a residential apartment project with a land area of 5,206.7 m² in District 8, Ho Chi Minh City.
38. Advised Leading Star (Asia) Holding Co., Ltd., a Vietnam-based garment manufacturer, on its proposed Main Board initial public offering (IPO) on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEX). In light of prevailing market sentiment in late 2023, the listing applicant decided to withdraw the IPO at the final stage, despite having already obtained its stock code.