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EDUCATION

LL.M.,Harvard Law School,1985.
Ph.D. and M.A.in Government and Foreign Affairs,University of Virginia,1965 and 1964.
Bachelor of Laws,Saigon University Law School,1960.
Other academic training:Academy of American and International Law,Southwestern Legal Founda-
tion,Dallas,1974;courses in Chinese language and law,Harvard Department of East Asian Lan-
guages and Law School,1976-82.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Research Associate,Harvard Law School East Asian Legal Studies Program since 1975.Produced two
books and a number of scholarly journal articles(see publications below).Preparing other books
on legal aspects of doing business in Vietnam and on the current codes there.Especially worked
on Vietnamese law with firms such as Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy and Shearman & Sterling
and banks such as Bank of America,Chase Manhattan,City Bank of New York,as consultant and
expert witness.Served as master on Vietnamese law in U.S. Courts.

Attorney-at-Law,admitted in Massachusetts at the February 1986 examination,after a two-year
program of course work required by the Mass.Board of Bar Examiners,done at Harvard Law School.

Legal Researcher in the firm of Reed Smith Shaw & McClay,Pittsburgh,1975.

Attorney-at-Law in Vietnam,practising 1968-75 as a partner in the firm of Tang Thi Thanh Trai &
Ta Van Tai,Saigon,in the areas of corporation,taxation,trade,investment(especially oil exploration)
banking,patent & trademarks,criminal,civil,labor and real estate law.Representative clients,
listed in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, included:

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS: American Express International Banking Corp.; Asian Development
Bank; Australian Embassy; Bank of America; Bank of Tokyo; Dohyo Aircon Co.; Bristol Myers Co.;
Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd.; Caltex (Asia) Ltd.; Canadian Industrial Oil and Oil, Ltd.; The
Chartered Bank; The Chase Manhattan Bank; Chicago Bridge and Iron Co.; Ciba-Geigy; Columbia Broad-
casting Co.; Elanberg and Co. Ltd.; Flying Tiger Line; Fiat National City Bank; Foremost Dairies;
Geographical Service Inc.; Herbol; IBM; Industrial Development Bank of Vietnam; Itab and Co.;
Jax-Lane Embassy; Marathon Oil Co.; Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha; Mobis (M); National Bank of Vietnam;
National Broadcasting Co.; Nomura Trading Co.; Nippon-Iwai Co. Ltd.; Oil and Minerals Ltd.; Reynolds
Tobacco Co.; Rochelle Laboratories Ltd.; Sea-Land Service, Inc.; Shell Oil Co.; Shaly Asian Oil Co.; Sun
Oil International; Sunningdale Oil; Three M; Trans-World Airlines, Inc.; U.S. Government.

Professor at Saigon Law School and National Institute of Administration in Saigon,Vietnam,1965-75.

Also conducted, or assisted in, research on Vietnam and developing countries with grants from
Asia and Ford Foundations,US Department of Defense and Rand Corporation.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

French.Chinese and Vietnamese(having been teaching Vietnamese at Harvard for some years)

PUBLICATIONS

The Vietnamese Tradition of Human Rights,forthcoming at Univ. of California,Berkeley-Institute
of East Asian Studies. The Le Code:Law in Traditional Vietnam,Ohio Univ. Press,
1987.Contributor to Brian McKnight,ed. Law and the State in Traditional East Asia,Honolulu:Univ
of Hawaii press,1987 and Hooker,ed.The Laws of South-East Asia,Univ. of Kent at Canterbury,1986.
Doing Business in Vietnam(co-author),Saigon,1970,1974.Research Methods,Saigon,1972,1974.
Articles in Journal of Asian History,American Journal of Comparative Law,Asian Thought and
Society,Vietnam Forum(1981)
(1982) (1986,1987) (1982)

AWARDS Fulbright,US Agency for International Development,Asia and Ford Foundations.

REFERENCES.

Jerome Cohen,at Paul Weiss RifkindWharton & Garrison, NYC;Andrew Farley at Reed Smith,Pitts-
burgh,Harvard Law School Deans Frederick Snyder,David Smith and Professor Oliver Oldman
(Director of East Asian Legal Studies)