Wachirawit Ongkhana

ASSOCIATE

PROFILE

Wachirawit's expertise lies in infrastructure project development, public private partnerships, construction, and aviation. His interests in project development have allowed him to specialize in project development.

He provides crucial services throughout project lifecycles including those for negotiation, advisory, and contract management. His involvement ensures optimal project outcome by balancing the interests of all stakeholders including government entities, project companies, sponsors, and lenders.

His notable involvement includes his representation to one of the Thailand's largest transportation conglomerate, in relation to the development and contract management of the mass rapid transit systems.

EDUCATION

LL.B. (Honors)
Thammasat University, 2019

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Lawyers Council of Thailand, admitted 2019

Thai Bar Association, admitted 2020

RECENT ACCOLADES

- Recommended Lawyer, Legal500, (2025)

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

1. Projects, Infrastructure, Public-Private Partnerships, and Concession

- Representation of the first and largest mass transit and monorail operator in Thailand in connection with the legal strategic planning and negotiating of the implementation government's new public transport fare policy in the Green Line project, the largest mass rapid transit network across and connecting Bangkok to the surrounding provinces with an estimated valuation of THB 505.69 billion.
- Representation of the first and largest airport concessionaire in Thailand in connection with the development of new airport facilities at U-Tapao International Airport as a part of the Eastern Economic Corridor of Thailand development, including the development of a new terminal, cargo, maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) and other airport facilities as well as the preparation of the master plan of the project. This project is the first airport concession project under the public-private partnership scheme in Thailand and the largest concession project in Thailand with an estimated value of THB 300 billion.
- Representation of the one of the largest of property and infrastructure developers in Thailand in planning of the development of the THB 300 billion Eastern Airport City at U-Tapao International Airport, the first aerotropolis in Thailand, providing a comprehensive legal and public-private partnership framework for its development as well as a negotiation for special privileges including: special tax privileges, visa and permits, and the unprecedented 24-hour places of entertainment operation. The aim of the Eastern Airport City is to serve as a regional aviation hub, tourist destination, and logistics center in Thailand, boosting Thailand's economy in the long run.
- Representation of the first and largest airport concessionaire in Thailand in connection with negotiation and drafting of the agreement to provide Covid-19 impact relief for the project. This allows the

concessionaire to develop the project with remedial measures in order to feasibly and viably operate the project further.

- Representation of the first and largest airport concessionaire in Thailand in connection the impact relief for the project from Government policy changes regarding high-speed rail delays and other airports' expansion. We negotiated mitigation measures including financial relief, economic rebalancing, scaling down of unnecessary investment, adjustment of revenue sharing and concession fees, plus special tourism and investment privilege packages for the viability of the project.
- Representation of the first and largest airport concessionaire in Thailand in connection with negotiation and drafting of the agreement to utilize existing facilities in the airport for the operation as the existing airport facilities in airport are under the management of the military sector.
- Representation of the first and largest airport concessionaire in Thailand in negotiations concerning an integration plan with the operator of the country's two largest international airports, including allocating flight slots, managing a metroplex, and synchronizing development plans between the airports to enhance operational efficiency and connectivity.
- Representation of the contractor, a joint venture between leading Thai construction firms and a Chinese state enterprise, on contract management for the THB 22 billion Lamchabang Port Phase 3 project. Our support includes negotiating fine and penalty reductions, facilitating the introduction of a new joint venture partner, and amending the project agreement as necessary. Integrating a new member remains a key challenge, especially given strict RFP qualifications—this project is no exception.
- Representation of the first and largest mass transit operator in Thailand in connection with the contract management of the concession agreement of the main Green Line as well as the extension line's operation and maintenance agreement. The Green Line consists of two routes: the Sukhumvit Line and the Silom Line, with a total estimated value of THB 402.69 billion.
- Representation of the first and largest mass transit operator in Thailand in the negotiation of the settlement for the outstanding debt owed by the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) under the Operation and Maintenance of BTS Green Line Project extension which had been challenged in court and among the public opinions, we strategized contractual and legal solutions and negotiated with BMA for it to honor its obligations. Outstanding debt exceeding THB 50 billion continues to recur in public service provision.
- Representation of the first and largest monorail operator in Thailand in connection with the contract management of Public Private and Partnership agreement of the MRT Yellow Line. This is the first and largest public monorail project in Thailand with the value to THB 53 billion.
- Representation of the first and largest monorail operator in Thailand in connection with the contract management of Public Private and Partnership agreement of the MRT Pink Line. This is the first and largest public monorail project in Thailand with the value to THB 50 billion.
- Representation of the government agency on Eastern Economic Corridor in connection with the contract management of the Public-Private Partnership Agreement (PPPA) on the development of the THB 220 billion (USD 7.2 billion) High-Speed Rail Connecting Three Airports (HSR). The HSR connects Don Mueang International Airport, Suvarnabhumi International Airport, and U-Tapao International Airport, which will provide greater access between Bangkok and the Eastern Economic Corridor, the economic powerhouse of Thailand.
- Representation of the government agency on Eastern Economic Corridor in connection with the bidding, negotiation, drafting, and execution of the Public-Private Partnership Agreement (PPPA) on the development of the THB 55.4 billion (USD 926 million) Lam Chabang Port Phase 3 Terminal F. This port is designed for the port itself and Thailand to be the the center of international and regional sea freight between Thailand mad ASEAN.
- Representation of the government agency on Eastern Economic Corridor in connection with the bidding, negotiation, drafting, and execution of the Public-Private Partnership Agreement (PPPA) on the development of the THB 55.4 billion (USD 926 million) Map Ta Phut Port Phase 3. This port is a key infrastructure project for the petroleum industry designed accommodate 19 million tons of natural gas and liquid cargo.

2. Government & Regulatory

- Representation of the government agency on Public-Private Partnership in proposing the amendment and guidelines to Public-Private Partnership Act B.E. 2562 (2019) following its fifth year of implementation to identify its current practical challenges to prepare for the subsequent amendment for it to achieve its goals in enabling the investment in various new infrastructure projects as well as providing seminars for officials of the relevant state agencies.
- Representation of the government agency in reviewing and revising the Draft Bill of The Rail Transport Act to enhance its effectiveness and efficiency prior to enactment.