



# Natthapong Tohyeelah

ASSOCIATE

## PROFILE

Natthapong has a strong focus in public-private partnerships projects, energy laws, and laws relating to the government's good governance.

He has assisted clients across multiple sectors including public sectors, leading renewable energy companies, infrastructure development companies, and telecommunication companies.

## EDUCATION

**LL.B.**

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## 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 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 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 concessionaire of Thailand's largest gold mine in relation to its THB 235 billion expansion of the gold mine, spanning three northern provinces. Our role includes ensuring regulatory compliance with relevant licenses and concession agreements. As part of the expansion, we are assisting in securing a new concession license, conducting a legal feasibility review, and formulating a negotiation strategy for the revocation and redirection of a public waterway.
- 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 leading construction company in Thailand in connection with project operation, contract management and negotiation with EPC contractors, including renegotiation of contract amendments to revise specifications of 3 water supply plants across multi-industrial estates to reserve compensation under breach of IEAT agreement, with a total estimated value of THB 2,000-3,000 million.
- Representation of the leading construction company in Thailand in connection with project operation, contract management and negotiation with relevant authorities, including renegotiation of contract amendments to revise the quality and quantity of 3 water supply plants across multi-industrial estates to align with current position, with a total estimated value of THB 2,000-3,000 million.
- Representation of one of the leading logistics operators in Thailand in connection with project management, restructuring of the bidder, and negotiation with partners and relevant government authorities to resolve obstacles under the Public Private Partnership Act for the ICD Ladkrabang Project, including revisiting project feasibility to renegotiate with both government authorities and its partners to remodel the commercial structure of the project to be more competitive and align with the current commercial situation, with a total estimated value of THB 40 billion.

## **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.

## **3. Energy**

- Representation of the leading energy company in Thailand connection with a renewable energy trading scheme using load aggregator concept under the sandbox project of the Energy Regulatory Commission.