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Waranon (Warren) Vanichprapa is a leading banking lawyer in Thailand and he focuses on all types of bank lending transactions, cross-border deals, acquisition finance, structured finance, interbank lending, export credit financing, projects and debt restructuring. Warren has substantial experience in advising leading financial institutions and multi-national corporations on their most complex financing and restructuring transactions, financing regulatory matters, bankruptcy and commercial law issues.

With his professional background including years of practice in London, Hong Kong and Singapore, Warren has been appointed to advise foreign clients on their demanding inbound investment as well as leading domestic clients on their most complex and often first outbound investments.

Warren has been recognised by various leading legal directories and publications such as **Chambers Asia Pacific**, **Legal 500 Asia Pacific** and **IFLR1000** over the past 15 years as a leading practitioner in **Banking & Finance** and **Restructuring**. His recent deals won many prestigious awards including “Best Deal of the Year: Best Acquisition Financing” and “Best Cross Border Financing” where he acted for leading banks in Thailand. He is noted by clients in Chambers and Partners 2022 as “a remarkable lawyer” and “eminently capable of advising creditors...”

Warren holds the role of Co-Country Managing Partner for DLA Piper Thailand.

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Thai

- Finance
- Restructuring
  
- Financial Services

English Thai

- Advising Bangkok Bank PCL, Mizuho Bank, SMBC, Krungthai Bank PCL and Government Savings Bank on their THB38.5 billion five

syndicated facility agreements for PTTOR Public Company Limited.\*

- Advising Bangkok Bank PCL as mandated lead arranger and lender and The Siam Commercial Bank PCL and Krungthai Bank PCL on their approx. THB60 billion (USD2 billion) financing for the construction of Mass Rapid Transit Pink and Yellow Line with sponsors being BTS Holding, Ratchaburi and Stecon.\*
- Advising Bangkok Bank PCL, the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China and Mizuho Bank on their THB5 billion, JPY9 billion and USD70 million share acquisition facilities agreement to BCPG Public Company Limited with Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand being relevant jurisdictions. (Best Deals of the Year: Best Acquisition Financing, The Asset Country Awards 2017)\*
- Advising TISCO Bank PCL in connection with its acquisition of over THB40 billion retail businesses from Standard Chartered (Thai) Bank Plc.\*
- Advising Bangkok Bank PCL, Kasikornbank PCL, Tisco Bank PCL and Mizuho Bank, Bangkok Branch on their THB10 billion secured facilities agreement to BCPG Public Company Limited. (Renewable Energy Deal of the Year, Thailand - The Asset Triple A Asia Infrastructure Awards 2017)\*
- Advising seven mandated lead arrangers (three Thai and four international banks) on their USD 6 billion acquisition financing. The financing was for the acquisition of Siam Makro PCL shares by CP All PCL.\*

\* Denotes experience at a previous firm.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Professional Qualifications

- Lawyer admitted with the Lawyers Council of Thailand

### Recognitions

- Ranked as a leading individual (Band 2) for Banking and Finance in Thailand by *Chambers Asia Pacific* and *Chambers Global*, 2018 – 2022.
- Ranked as a leading individual (Band 2) for Restructuring/Insolvency in Thailand by *Chambers Asia Pacific*, 2022.
- Recognised as Next Generation Partner for Banking and Finance in Thailand by *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2020 – 2022.
- Named as one of Thailand's Top 100 Lawyers: A-List lawyers by *Asia Business Law Journal*, 2021.
- Recognised as a Rising Star for Banking and Project Finance by *IFLR1000*, 2011, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021
- Named as an Up-and-Coming (2012 – 2015) and Associate to Watch (2008 – 2011) for Banking and Finance in Thailand by *Chambers Asia Pacific*.

### Education

- University of Bristol, UK, LLM in Commercial Law, 2005
- Thammasat University, Thailand, LLB (2nd-class Hons), 1997

### Memberships

- Member, Thai Bar Association
- Lawyers Council of Thailand

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

## **An alarming shift in the court precedent following the amendments to Thai guarantee law**

18 July 2022

Before the amendments to the guarantee law in 2014 and 2015 (Amendments), a guarantee was entered into in line with a standard guarantee agreement acceptable in the financial markets (i.e. guarantee the full performance of obligations) without any restriction.

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## **Thailand land and building tax update 2022**

29 June 2022

On 24 June 2022, Minister of Interior Ministry announced that the payment of land and building tax for Year 2022 will be extended for another 3 months.

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## **Recent changes on the interest rate, debt repayments and how these would affect your financing in Thailand**

18 June 2021

On 10 April 2021, the Thai Government enacted The Emergency decree amending the Civil and Commercial Code B.E. 2564 (2021) (Emergency Decree) to amend the Thai Civil and Commercial Code (CCC) (as amended, the Amended CCC). Recently, the Bank of Thailand (BOT) issued its notification no. SorKorSor. 9/2563 Re: Default interest calculation and application of debt repayment dated 9 October 2020 (New BOT's notification). This new set of law has changed a Thai legal landscape on the interest calculation and the debt repayment.

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