

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **International Legal Adviser - ASEAN/Southeast Asia**

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is a worldwide network of judges and lawyers united in affirming international law and rule of law principles that advance human rights.

The ICJ is seeking to recruit an International Legal Adviser who will assist in implementing ICJ's work in ASEAN/Southeast Asia. The ICJ programme on Asia and the Pacific is run from its Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand. The position will be based in ICJ's regional office or a mutually agreed upon location in Southeast Asia, with frequent travel in the region.

The ideal candidate is an international human rights lawyer with a comprehensive knowledge of international human rights law and standards, with practical experience of human rights legal advocacy and an understanding of the history, politics and legal system in ASEAN/Southeast Asia.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The International Legal Adviser has the following responsibilities:

- Implement all aspects of the ICJ's Southeast Asia programme, focusing on ASEAN as an institution and the following Southeast Asian countries: Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia, and Timor Leste;
- Advocating for the domestic implementation of international human rights law and standards, especially in the following focus areas: national security legislation, counter-terrorism and human rights, freedom of opinion and expression, and freedom of religion or belief;
- Writing and contributing to human rights reports, legal memos, briefing papers, press releases and court submissions;
- Drafting interventions, whether written or oral, at the regional and international levels;
- Assist in organizing and participating in training and capacity building exercises;
- Conduct trial observations and confer with partners at the national level in developing litigation strategies;
- Assist in developing proposals and reports for donors; and
- Actively maintain supportive working relations and seek opportunities for joint work with the staff in Bangkok, Geneva, and other offices of ICJ.
- As agreed with the Asia & Pacific Regional Director and the Senior International Legal Adviser implement strategies to strengthen, inform and mobilize the ICJ Network of Commissioners, National Sections and Affiliated Organizations in the region and engage them in the work of the ICJ.
- Carry out other, appropriate responsibilities as requested by the Asia and Pacific Regional Director.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

The successful candidates will have:

- A degree in law, including the study of international law and international human rights law. An advanced degree in international human rights law, international humanitarian law or international business law is highly desirable;
- At least 3-5 years experience practicing as a lawyer at the national level. Litigation experience at the national level is desirable;
- Previous experience in the field of human rights, working with a national or regional human rights organization;
- Fluency in English with proven legal writing and editing skills;
- Fluency in at least one South East Asia language;
- Knowledge of public international law, including international human rights law, and human rights protection mechanisms at the regional and international levels;
- Political judgment and the proven ability to develop and carry out innovative advocacy and legal work;
- Strong analytical and organizational skills;
- Proven communication skills with media and advocacy;
- Willingness to travel within South East Asia and internationally;
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office: Word, Excel and Powerpoint.
- Ability to work quickly and efficiently under pressure, in a complex, dynamic and changing work environment, as part of an international multi-cultural team;
- Demonstrated commitment to human rights and the rule of law.

The ICJ is an equal opportunities employer and offers a competitive salary package.

## **APPLICATIONS**

The deadline for applications is on **31 October 2017**. Applications must include a cover letter, resume, and names of at least three references and be entitled Ref: International Legal Adviser- ASEAN/Southeast Asia. Applications should be sent by email to: [asia-recruitment@icj.orf](mailto:asia-recruitment@icj.orf)

Please appreciate that due to the volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. The ICJ is unable to respond to phone enquiries.