

January 2019

Vacancy Announcement

Consultancy: Development of a Strategic Litigation Handbook for Myanmar

Type of Contract: Consultancy
Location: Global with 10 days of work in Myanmar
Duration of Contract: A total of 28 work days
Start Date: 1 February 2019
End Date: 30 May 2019

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is seeking qualified applicants to develop a handbook on strategic litigation for lawyers and civil society actors in Myanmar for its project **Empowering Communities Promoting Rights and Good Governance** from to 1 February to 30 May 2019.

OVERVIEW OF THE ICJ

Composed of 60 eminent judges and lawyers from all regions of the world, the ICJ promotes and protects human rights through the rule of law, by using its unique legal expertise to develop and strengthen national and international justice systems. Established in 1952 and active on the five continents, the ICJ works towards the progressive development and effective implementation of international human rights and international humanitarian law; secure the realisation of civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights; safeguard the separation of powers; and guarantee the independence of the judiciary and legal profession.

OVERVIEW OF THE ASIA REGIONAL OFFICE

In 2005, the ICJ established a regional office in Bangkok, Thailand with the aim of strengthening the capacity of legal communities in the ASEAN region to apply international human rights standards in combating impunity and reaffirming the rule of law. In 2013, the Asia Regional Office established an office in Myanmar to advance the promotion and protection of human rights in line with international law and standards.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The project works to promote accountable governance by increasing the knowledge and understanding of civil, political, social and women's rights amongst marginalised groups as well as duty bearers, and supports marginalised groups, particularly women, to access justice. Primary areas of project implementation are Mon, Shan and Kayah states of Myanmar. The ICJ implements activities as part of a consortium of national and international partners.

OVERVIEW OF THE CONSULTANCY

The Consultant/s will develop a handbook on strategic litigation for lawyers and civil society actors in Myanmar. It is intended as a reference tool/guide to aid advocacy and outreach efforts relating to responsible investment issues.

Desk based research will be conducted to support its development, drawing on ICJ's prior experience both in Myanmar's legal profession and in strategic public interest litigation. The Consultant/s will draw upon applicable literature and cases from other countries and regions. With support from the ICJ's team in-country, the Consultant/s will also consult with actors such as civil society members,

parliamentarians, judges, prosecutors and lawyers in Myanmar on best practices in Myanmar and the region. The handbook will be a comprehensive whilst accessible tool/guide for use by lawyers and activists. The handbook will be drafted in English language, and subsequently translated into Burmese by the ICJ.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSULTANCY

- Produce proposed plan for strategic litigation handbook;
- Draft handbook based on best practice strategies and examples with applicability to the Myanmar context;
- Conduct interviews with actors in Myanmar, in coordination with the ICJ Team;
- Provide full draft to the ICJ legal advisers;
- Respond to and integrate comments and feedback from ICJ legal advisers and deliver final version of the handbook; and
- (Preferable but not mandatory), participate in event to launch the handbook.

DELIVERABLES:

- A brief note outlining the proposed plan, scope, approach and methodology for the strategic litigation handbook within 5 work days of the start of the consultancy;
- A draft strategic litigation handbook within 18 work days of the consultancy; and
- Final version of the strategic litigation handbook by the 30 May 2019.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful consultant/s will have:

- A degree in law;
- At least ten years cumulative experience engaging on and/or advising strategic litigation on human rights issues;
- relevant professional experience in Myanmar; and
- Strong English language competency is essential; local language competency is an asset

The ICJ is an equal opportunities employer.

APPLICATIONS close on **31 January 2019 by 5 pm. Bangkok time** and should be addressed with your resume, an expression of interest and the names of at least two recent references to:

Ref: Consultancy: Strategic Litigation Handbook for Myanmar

By email: asia-recruitment@icj.org

These materials should clearly outline the candidate's key skills and experience that are relevant to this consultancy, as well as any key standards or principles that inform her or his work. Please also provide a short cost justification – including your salary history and/or daily rate for your last three consultancies. The ICJ may ask for examples of previous work after reviewing the application materials.

Please appreciate that due to the volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. We cannot answer phone enquiries. We thank you for your understanding.