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<td>Ms. Bharathi, Regional Programme Manager, CEDAW Southeast Asia Programme. With her extensive experience and exposure to the region – she oversees and manages the Regional Programme “Facilitating CEDAW Implementation towards the Realization of Women’ Human Rights in Southeast Asia (CEDAW SEAP). Supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the programme covers eight countries including Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam. The programme also supports the Human Rights bodies in ASEAN – the ASEAN Commission on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) and the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR). Prior to this, Ms. Bharathi served as a Regional Programme Manager – Empowering Migrant Workers in Asia. The UN Women Regional Programme on Empowering Women Migrants Workers in Asia (EWMWA) is active across Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Lao PDR, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam. Ms. Deepa also headed the Committee for Asian Women (CAW) as a Programme Manager. She has also written widely on Empowering Women Migrants Workers; some of her published papers are ‘Forced Migration, Forced Labour and Trafficking: Women’s Issues, Knowledge for Daily Living’, ‘Reclaiming Dignity, Struggles of Local Domestic Workers’. She received her Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Mathematical Statistics from Delhi University, India.</td>
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Justice Phattarasak Vannasaeng
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Justice Phattarasak Vannasaeng completed his Bachelor’s Degree in Law with honours from Thammasat University and a Master’s Degree in Law from Thammasat University in Thailand and Temple University in USA. After graduation, Judge Phattarasak spent his first three years teaching at his alma mater. In 1984, he was appointed as judge and later held several prominent positions within the judiciary, including Secretary-General to the President of the Supreme Court and Chief Justice of the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court.

In 2013, he was appointed as Secretary-General of the Office of Judiciary overseeing the entire administrative affairs of the Court of Justice. Judge Phattarasak has maintained his close tie with Thammasat University Faculty of Law where he teaches a number of courses as an adjunct professor. Judge Phattarasak holds an LL.B. and LL.M. degree from Thammasat and another LL.M. degree from Temple University.

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Justice Vacharin Patjekvinyusakul completed his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Law and Political Sciences and Master’s degree in Public Law from leading Universities in Thailand and also finished his Barrister at Law. He gained extensive experience from various courts from the first instance courts and the appealed courts dealing with juvenile and family cases and criminal cases. At present, he is the Presiding Judge of the Supreme Court of Thailand. He has established strong partnership with academic, civil society organizations, including national fudging agencies and UN Women to implement various projects to promote and protect human rights-based justice delivery. He has been largely involved in drafting the rules of Court under the law on Juvenile and Family court, and drafting for the amendment of the anti-domestic violence law. He has also played key role as supervisor to the civil society’s draft on Gender Equality Bill.

In 2009, as Chief Judge of the Thonburi Criminal Court, one of the three Criminal Courts in Bangkok, he was the pioneer in establishing the Women’s Friendly Court. It includes training for judges and other court personnel, provision of safe space for women survivors during the trial, issuance of the procedural guidelines on witness investigation without confronting with the offender and the rules of Court to protect the survivor from repeated violence and rehabilitation of the perpetrator, and establishment of the counseling clinic for the survivors from domestic violence, sexual violence and drug abused before Court trial.
| **Judge Sittisak Wanachagit**  
Deputy Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal, Region 7 | Judge Sittisak Wanachagit is currently the Deputy Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal, Region 7. He holds a Bachelor’s in Law and a Master in Public Administration (MPA) from the National Institute of Development Administration. His professional experience includes the following – lawyer, Judge of the Phangnga Provincial Court, Judge of the Surat Thani Provincial Court, Director of the Central Office of Probation – Ministry of Justice, Chief Judge of Ministry of Justice acting Chief Judge - Nonthaburi Provincial Court, Judge of Civil Court, Principal Research Judge of the Court of Appeal Region 1, Chief Judge of the Trang Juvenile and Family Court, Chief Judge of the Songkla Juvenile and Family Court, Chief Judge of the Office of the President of the Supreme Court acting in Office of Judiciary. |
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E-mail: krairitk@gmail.com | Judge Krairit Khaosangruang is currently serving at the Office of the President of the Supreme Court, Litigation Affairs Division, Office of the Judiciary of Thailand Criminal Court.  
Judge Krairit received his Graduate Diploma in Public Law from Faculty of Law, Thammasat University in Thailand, Master of Laws from Kyushu University in Japan, Bachelor of Laws from the University of Warwick, in the UK and another Bachelor of Laws from Thammasat University in Thailand. In addition, he has accomplished a Lawyer License from the Lawyer Council of Thailand and Barrister-at-Law from the Thai Bar under the Royal Patronage.  
Regarding Judge Krairit’s professional experience, his intensive hands-on work experience ranges from his designations as Practising Lawyer, Legal Team Volunteer at the Poll Watch Organisation, Political Assistant to the Member of the Thai Senate, Judge-Trainee, Judge of the Office of Judiciary, Acting Judge of the Civil Court and the Office of Judiciary, Acting Judge of the Prakanong Provincial Court, Judge of the Narathiwat Provincial Court, Judge of the Civil Court, Judge of the Central Labour Court, Judge of the Office of Judiciary and Judge of the Office of the President of the Supreme Court. |
| Milena Pires, Ms. | Ms. Pires is currently Executive Director of the Centre for Women and Gender Studies in Timor-Leste and is also a member of the CEDAW Committee. She is the first Timor-Leste national to be elected to a UN treaty body. She has served in the Committee since 2011 and will end her mandate at the end of 2014. Prior to her election to the CEDAW Committee, she was Senior Policy Advisor to the Vice Prime-Minister for Administration and Management of State Affairs.

She is a founding member of the Timor Women’s network, REDE and has worked on women’s rights and gender equality for close to 2 decades, in various roles including Country Program Coordinator for UNIFEM in Timor-Leste, Policy Officer for the Catholic Institute for International Relations (CIIR) and Civil Society Strengthening Socialist for the Justice Facility.

Ms. Pires is also a founding member of the Social Democratic Party and was a member of the Constituent Assembly that wrote and adopted the Constitution of Timor Leste and a member also of the first legislature. |
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| Christine Forster PhD | Ms. Forster obtained LLB from Otago University (NZ), BA Massey University (NZ), MA Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada), PhD in Law (University of Sydney) Post Graduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting (University of South Pacific)

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| Prof. Feliciano is a pioneer in legal and judicial education; judicial reform and rights of women and children. She is professor of law at the University of the Philippines College of Law, and was the Director of the University of the Philippines Law Centre Institute of Judicial Administration (IJA). The IJA conducts continuing legal education programs for members of the bar. Before the Philippine Judicial Academy was established, the IJA also assisted the Supreme Court in providing continuing education programs for judges and court personnel and other projects aimed to improve the administration of justice in Philippine courts.  
Prof. Feliciano is now Chair of the Philippines Judicial Academy’s (PHILJA) Department of Legal Method and Research and a Member of PHILJA’s Academic Council. She is an active proponent of mandatory continuing legal education and women and children’s rights, and has held the roles of a Commissioner of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW); first Executive Director of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Committee of the Supreme Court; and Member of the Rules Committee on Family Courts formed by the Supreme Court.  
Prof. Feliciano has obtained Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Law degrees from the University of the Philippines. She also holds a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Washington and a Master of Laws degree from Harvard University. |

| **Judge Rhona San Pedro**  
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| Judge Rhona San Pedro is a Commercial Court and Family Court Judge from the Philippines. She is a Professorial Lecturer of the Philippine Judicial Academy and a member of its Commercial Law Department and has lectured extensively on various topics both in the Philippines and abroad. Her work in Judicial Education finds roots in her being a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute in Canada.  
She has sat as member of several Committees on Rules Revision such as those on Rules of Procedure for Intellectual Property Rights Cases, Rules of Civil Procedure and Continuous Trial. She was tapped by the USAID and American Bar Association to write a Manual on Corporate Rehabilitation Proceedings and on the Highlights of the New Rules of Procedure for Intellectual Property Rights Cases. Currently, she is co-writing a Helpbook on Trafficking in Persons with the US DOJ as sponsor. She has served at all four levels of the judiciary, previously working as Court Attorney in both the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court and was a first level court judge for 3 years. She has been a Judicial Excellence Awardee and 1 of 3 outstanding Judges for 2011. |
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<th>Ms. Avisado is presently the Chairperson of the Transformative Justice Institute (TJI) and is a Commissioner of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW). She is a well known Christian Feminist and Developmental Lawyer. She is considered an expert in “Gender Law and Justice” which she teaches in the graduate school for Doctorate Students on Development Studies as well as to lawyers and other development practitioners. She is a blogger who regularly writes articles designed to advocate for the transformation of the Philippine Justice System. Her blog is <a href="http://dorycruzavisado.blogspot.com">http://dorycruzavisado.blogspot.com</a></th>
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<td>She is a regular contributor of the Mindanao Law Journal published by the Ateneo de Davao University (ADDU). ADDU also published three books she has authored in 2010, entitled: “Ate Perla and that Cancer,” as her contribution to the Program on Women and Health and two books pertaining to the needed transformation of the justice system titled: the Intertwining Culture of Corruption, Patriarchy and Impunity; Journey in the Advocacy for the Transformation of the Philippine Justice System; and AJAJ, Justice for Arbet, Justice for All, a story of a Woman Human Rights Lawyer who was killed right in her own home in Cebu city as she stood up for the rights of the murdered wife of a powerful politician, Ruben Ecleo and where stories about the intertwining culture of abuses in the various pillars of justice are told.</td>
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<td>Ms. Avisado is a well known Human Rights advocate and Advocate for the Rights of Women and Children. She was engaged in private practice of law and was a trial lawyer for about fifteen years. She also served as a Presiding Judge of Regional Trial Court Branch 9 in Davao City Philippines where she was a recipient of multiple awards including from all the three great branches of the national government.</td>
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<td>During the centenary celebrations of the Philippine Supreme Court she was given a special award as a Judge “for Transparency and Advocacy of Judicial Reform.” Thus, up to the present she is a member of the Society for Judicial Excellence. Both the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Philippine government likewise awarded Dory for “Speedy Disposition of Cases” and for “Pro-Active Measures in the Administration of Justice.” Despite her being a recipient of multiple awards she tendered an irrevocable resignation as a Judge in 2004 in order to proceed with her advocacy in transforming the Philippine Justice System, as “an outsider advocate.” She continues to work in that regard up to the present.</td>
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Ms. Evalyn Ursua is a human rights advocate, litigator, researcher and academic. She has worked on women and children’s rights issues in the Philippines for more than 20 years. She and two lawyer friends pioneered women’s rights legal advocacy in the Philippines when they founded a women’s legal resource advocacy group in 1990. Since then, she has engaged in test case litigation involving women’s human rights as well as in education and training programs in communities and for women activists in various parts of the Philippines. In 2008, she filed, as counsel for Karen T. Vertido, a complaint against the Philippines for discrimination under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and its Optional Protocol. It was the first complaint to come from the Asia-Pacific Region, and the first of its kind to be filed under the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW. The CEDAW Committee issued its landmark Views on the complaint on July 10, 2010, where it found the Philippines liable for discrimination. In 2011, she filed another communication with the CEDAW Committee, on behalf of a young deaf woman who was a victim of discrimination in the judicial process because of her disability.

Ms. Ursua’s policy development work included personally writing and co-writing proposed legislation on rape, abuse of women in intimate relationships and prostitution for non-government Organizations and government agencies that legislators sponsored and became the basis of enacted laws. She also wrote a proposed law on divorce for a party list group which is still pending in the Philippine Congress.

Ms. Ursua taught courses on gender and the law and on marriage and the family at the University of the Philippines College of Law and Department of Women and Development Studies in Diliman, Quezon City. For her work in defending and promoting women and children’s rights, she was given The Outstanding Women in the Nation’s Service (TOWNS) Award for Women and Children’s Rights Advocacy by the TOWNS Foundation, Inc. in 1998, during the Centennial Year of the founding of the Philippine Republic. Ms. Ursua has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines (Class Valedictorian, 1990), and a Master of Laws in Asian Legal Studies from the National University of Singapore.
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She worked as a consultant for the Philippine Supreme Court, a Professorial Lecturer of Administration of the UP Law Center Philippine Judicial Academy, a Professorial Lecturer and Resource Person On Case Management, Total Quality Management for Trial Courts and Trial Court Performance Standards Philippine Judicial Academy and Court Administrator.

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Mary Jane N. Real holds a Juris Doctor degree and a Master Degree in Development Studies at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands. She is a long-time advocate of women’s human rights having worked in various capacities with women’s rights and human rights organizations in Asia Pacific and internationally. Previously, she was Regional Coordinator of Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) and as a founding member and former Coordinator of the International Coalition on Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRD IC), an international network for the protection and support of women human rights defenders worldwide. A lawyer by profession, she was part of establishing the Alternative Law Groups (ALG), a network of legal organizations that advocates for human rights in the Philippines. Recently, she was a Global Associate at the Center for Women’s Global Leadership at Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA. She holds a Juris Doctor degree and a Masters Degree in Development Studies at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands.

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A litigation lawyer for 21 years, CA Elepano taught law at the UST, the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, and was a professorial lecturer at the UP College of Law. In 1988, she joined the Bench as Regional Trial Court Judge and served as Executive Judge for two terms. In 1994, she was awarded by the Foundation for Judicial Excellence the Justice Cayetano Arellano Award as Most Outstanding RTC Judge of the Philippines. In 1995, she was promoted to the Supreme Court as Deputy Court Administrator.

She is a professorial lecturer of the Philippine Judicial Academy and the Institute of Judicial Administration of the UP Law Center. She also lectures for the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education programs of the Supreme Court. She is a pre-bar reviewer in civil law and legal ethics, and was Bar Examiner in Remedial Law in 1995 and in Legal Ethics in 2006.

CA Elepaño has received several international study grants given by the United States, Canada, Japan and Swedish governments and has delivered numerous lectures in national as well as international conferences on topics such as the Rule of Law, the Philippine judiciary and judicial independence, women's and children's rights, rules of procedure for family courts, court administration and case management. She has likewise written and published several articles, lectures and monographs on these topics. She is a Fellow of the Canadian Judicial Education Institute (CJEI). Having recently retired as Court Administrator, she is presently Consultant of the Philippine Supreme Court on Judicial Reforms and continues to serve the Philippine Judicial Academy as Professorial Lecturer and Resource Person on Case Management, Total Quality Management for Trial Courts and Trial Court Performance Standards. She lectures at MCLE seminars on Family Law, Procedural Rules for Family Courts, Pretrial and Trial Techniques, Legal Writing, Preparation of Pleadings, Writ of Amparo and Habeas Data, Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Supreme Court Circulars affecting Lawyers and Conflict of Laws, among others.
Judge Jacinta C. da Costa

Graduated from Gadjah Mada University Yogyakarta, Indonesia in 1997. During Indonesian time, she worked as an Assistant Lawyer in the Human Rights NGO. Since 2000, she undertook the role of a Probationary Judge and as a Judge in the Dili District Court in 2007 up till today. She also serves as a Secretary Judge for the Supreme Court of Magistrate.

Judge Pelagio C. Paguican

Passed the Bar Examination in 1980. He also served as a Public Attorney under the Public Attorney Affairs, Department of Justice for 15 years. He was appointed Regional Trial Court Judge in 1998 for the past 16 years now. Presently the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court, Davao City Philippines for the past 4 years.