

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Languages: French, English, Basic Dutch.

Professional Career.

- January 2010: Admission as Honorary Member to the Bar Association in Brussels.
- March 2008: Founder and President of Lotus Consult Ltd., a company providing assistance to companies and foreign investors in Lao PDR. Representative in Lao PDR of Vovan, a French law firm in Bangkok.
- June 2006: Business and legal consultant in Vientiane, Lao PDR.
- September 2005-April 2006: Senior consultant at Seri Manop & Doyle, a Thai-American law firm in Bangkok.
- January 1998-October 2004: After setting up the structure of Delhaize Group in Asia, based in Bangkok (Thailand), Director of Administration and Legal Affairs for Delhaize Pacific, the Headquarter of Delhaize Group in Asia, reporting to the CEO. (*Delhaize Group is a food retailer, ranked in Fortune 500, with USD 22 billion turnover, and is listed in New York Stock Exchange and Brussels*). Delhaize Group was operating in Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia. In October 2003 Delhaize Group stopped the operations in Singapore and in October 2004 Delhaize Group stopped operating in Thailand and the Headquarter was therefore shut down.
- 2002-2004: Member of the Board of Directors of "Delhaize Siam Ltd", a company of Delhaize Group in Bangkok.
- 1998-2004: Member of the Board of Directors of "Lion Garden Food Ltd", a company of Delhaize Group in Bangkok.
- January 1996-December 1997: Business and legal consultant, based in Guangzhou (P. R. China).
- 1994-1995: Conducted various missions in China for European and Chinese companies.
- 1994-1996: Permanent adviser of The World Organisation of the Periodical Press.
- 1993-1996: Senior partner in Martroye Oberwoits Strypstein & Walewijk Law Firm in Brussels.
- 1974-1995: Attorney-at-law, called to the Bar in Brussels.

Academic Career.

- 1989-1990: member of the Jury for the memoir for the commercial engineer and for degree in commercial and financial science – High Institute of Commerce (Institut Supérieur de Commerce Cooremans), Brussels.
- 1989-1990: professor in the Government Institute for Continuous Education of Craft, Trade and Business Executive (INFAC), Brussels: *Labour Law*.
- 1985-1996: professor at the Royal Society of the Belgian Chartered Accounts: *Company Law*, *Civil Proceedings*, *Commercial Law*, and *Civil Law*.

Professional Conferences and Lectures.

- Lectures about "*Law on Business Organisation in Europe*", Chulalongkorn University, Department of European Studies, for Master of Arts in European Studies, Bangkok (Thailand), February 2002, in English.
- "*Considerations on the Chinese Legal System*" a conference at Dong Shan University in Guangzhou (PRC), 1997, in French.
- Explanatory lecture on "*The Economic Interest Grouping in Belgium*", in the framework of a conference organised by the Royal Society of the Belgian Chartered Accounts. The conference was approved and sponsored by the Institute of the Belgian Chartered Accounts (Palais du Heyzel, Brussels, Belgium, December 1989, in French).
- Extraordinary lectures on "*Legal Issues about the Maintenance of Software: Logiciels and Progiciels*": the Royal Society of the Belgian Chartered Accounts, Brussels, December 1988 & November 1989, in French.
- "*The Legal Protection of the Company Registered Name*": a conference at Le Palais des Congrès, Brussels, Belgium, September 1986, in French.

Professional Papers and Publications.

- "*When Europe will Wake up to China*" (Quand l'Europe s'éveillera à la Chine), published in The World Periodical Press News, December 1995, in French.
- "*The New Belgian Law on the Insurance*" (La loi de 1992 sur l'assurance terrestre), in "Manuel pour la gestion d'entreprise", published by CED Samson in 1993, in French.
- "*The Economic Interest Grouping in Belgium*" (Le groupement d'intérêt économique en Belgique), published in La Revue du Notariat Belge (The Magazine for the Belgian Notaries Public), April 1990, in French.
- "*Company Law in Belgium*" (Le droit des sociétés en Belgique), the textbook of lectures held in School for Chartered Accounts, in French.
- "*Legal issues about the Choice of the Registered Name for a New Company*" (Problèmes liés au choix de la dénomination sociale), published in La Revue du Notariat Belge (The Magazine for the Belgian Notaries Public), November 1986, in French.
- Three articles about "*The Copyright Law in Photography*" and about "*The Right on the Image*", published in Mise au Point, the quarterly magazine of the Municipality of Brussels School of Photography (1986), in French.
- "*General Partnership Firms*" (Les sociétés en nom collectif), in Revue Belge des Sciences Commerciales (The Belgian Magazine of Commercial Sciences), January 1986, in French.

Personal Conferences and Publications.

- "*A Century of Thai-Belgian Friendship*", publisher and co-author, Bangkok, 2004, in English.

- "Belgian Advisers of King Chulalongkorn", a conference at the Siam Society, Bangkok (Thailand), March 2003, in English.
- "King Chulalongkorn's Journeys to Belgium", a conference at the Rotary Club of Bangkok South (Thailand), March 2002, in English.
- "King Chulalongkorn's Journeys to Belgium" co-author, in association with Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 2001, in English and Thai.

Social Activities.

2012: President for Vientiane Area of “Le Souvenir Français” in Lao PDR.

2011: Vice-President of the European Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Lao PDR (ECCIL).

2010-2011: Treasurer of “Le Souvenir Français” in Lao PDR.

2002-2003: Director of the Board of Trade of Thailand (BOT)

2002-2003: President of the Belgian-Luxembourg/Thai Chamber of Commerce (Beluthai), Bangkok

2000-2002: Member of the Board (Treasurer) of the Belgian-Luxembourg/Thai Chamber of Commerce (Beluthai), Bangkok.

Previously

member of:

The Siam Society, Bangkok

The Belgian-Chinese Association of Lawyers, since it started in 1988, Brussels

The Belgian-Chinese Economic and Commercial Council, Brussels

La Fondation Universitaire de Belgique, Brussels

The World Organisation of the Periodical Press, Brussels

The Royal Cutty Sark Society, Greenwich

La Fondation Egyptologique Reine Elisabeth, Brussels

L'Association des Orientalistes Belges, Brussels

“EPSILON”, an inter-professional association of Advisers, co-founder and member of the Board of Directors, Paris 1991

Education.

- Jinan University (Guangzhou, China): Chinese language (Mandarin, 1996).

- Free University of Brussels

(Université Libre de Bruxelles):

- Master degree in Maritime, Air and Space Law, 1975.
- BA & Master of Law, 1974.

- Institut des Hautes Etudes de Belgique: Egyptology & Hieroglyphs (1969-1973).

Sports.

- Today: badminton.

- Previously: foot racing, karate, horse riding, tennis, scuba diving, and squash.

Personal Interests.

Egyptology and photography