

CURRICULUM VITAE

CHOINING DORJI

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EDUCATION

School of Professional & Continuing Education, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Post Graduate Certificate in Corruption Studies, September 2008

California Western School of Law, San Diego, California, USA
LL.M., August 2006

Royal Institute of Management, Semtokha, Bhutan
Post Graduate Diploma in National Laws, December 2001

National Law School of India University, Bangaluru, India
B.A, LL.B (Honors), August 1999. Government of India Scholarship Recipient, 1995-1999

EXPERIENCE

SAARC Arbitration Council, Islamabad, Pakistan

Partner

Jun. 2024 - Present

- As a full-service law firm, our practice areas include representations in arbitral proceedings for individuals, corporations and regulatory agencies.
 - Advises the hydropower project on contractual disputes involving arbitration issues.
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Tashi Legal Eagles, Thimphu, Bhutan

Partner

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National Council of Bhutan, Thimphu, Bhutan

Member of Parliament

May 2018 - May 2023

- Chair, Legislative Committee and member of House Committee from 2021 – 2022 and in this capacity, championed a number of key legislations such as the Civil Liability Bill and a number of amendment other Bills.
 - Recipient, Certificates on (1) Intensive Course in Legislative Drafting, (2) Course in Pre and Post Legislative Scrutiny, (3) Finance for Non-Finance Personnel Training, and (4) Advanced Media Literacy Workshop for Parliamentarians.
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Bhutan Legal Eagles, Thimphu, Bhutan

Partner

Jul. 2017 - Feb. 2018

- As a full-service law firm, practice areas included arbitral proceedings, amongst others.
- Prepared high-quality submissions, presentations, etc. for clients' arbitral proceedings.

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Construction Development Corporation Limited, Thimphu, Bhutan

General Counsel

Oct. 2016 - Jun. 2017

- Negotiated and drafted agreements/contracts on hiring/purchase of heavy equipment and hydropower and infrastructure projects involving international arbitration issues.
- Managed & supervised the personnel in the office of General Counsel and advised the Company on legal issues.
- Compiled, prepared and circulated the agendas; drafted and circulated the minutes; and filed and maintained up-to-date records of the minutes of the board meetings.
- Translated into Dzongkha the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering of Financing of Terrorism Act 2018 and the Priority Sector Lending Guidelines.
- Recipient, certificates of (1) Participation in a Balanced Scorecard Training Program, (2) Tailored Workshop on Directorship Skills - Growth & Development of Board Leadership, Institute of Directors, Bangkok, Thailand.

DHI-INFRA Limited, Thimphu, Bhutan

General Counsel/Company Secretary

Jul. 2011- Sept. 2016

- Reviewed and finalized the Concession Agreement on the Bhutan Education City Project involving international arbitration issues.
- Led research, analysis, and drafting of legal instruments such as loan agreements, procurement contracts and guarantees, often involving arbitration issues.
- Supervised and managed the personnel of the office of General Counsel/Company Secretary.
- Compiled, prepared and circulated the agendas; drafted and circulated the minutes; and filed and maintained up-to-date records of the minutes of the board meetings.
- Recipient, certificates on (1) Workshop on Leadership and Change Management, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India; (2) Managing Construction Projects and Project Management, Bangkok, Thailand; (3) Workshop on Leadership and Change Management, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India.
- Translated into Dzongkha the Alternative Dispute Act and the Companies Act.

Anti-corruption Commission, Thimphu, Bhutan

Chief Legal Officer

Dec. 2008 - Jul. 2011

- Supervised and managed the personnel of the legal division as its chief legal officer.
- Advised the commission on legal issues and represented the commission before courts of law either as a prosecutor or as a defense team.
- Planned and organized meetings and workshops on the: U.N. Convention against Corruption Self-Assessment Report’, Anti-corruption Amendment Bill, Asset Declaration Rules, Gift Rules, and Prosecution Referral Guidelines.
- Led the Team of 15-member Technical Experts on ‘Bhutan: U.N. Convention against Corruption Self-Assessment Report’ and single handedly reviewed and edited the same.
- Researched and drafted ‘Bhutan: U.N. Convention against Corruption Self-Assessment Report on Chapter IV with other five experts as a member of the subcommittee.

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- Researched, analyzed, drafted and translated the Anti-corruption Bill, Asset Declaration Rules, Gift Rules, Debarment Rules, Commissioner’s Disciplinary Inquiry Committee Rules, and Prosecution Referral Guidelines.
- Recipient, certificates of completion of (1) the Problem Solving & Decision Making, Hong Kong; (2) the Anti-corruption Management and Investigation Course, CPIB, Singapore; (3) the requirements of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, Washington, D.C., USA.

Royal Civil Service Commission, Thimphu

Senior Legal Officer

Nov. 2002 - Nov. 2008

- Advised and drafted memorandums of understanding and agreements, summons, orders, show-cause notices, decisions, answers, rebuttals, arguments of the commission on disciplinary matters.
- Represented the Commission in a number of cases before courts of law either as a prosecutor or to defend the Commission.
- Involved in compiling, preparing and circulating the agendas; drafting and circulating the minutes; and filing and maintaining up-to-date records of the minutes of meetings.
- Researched, analyzed, drafted and translated the Civil Service Bill.
- Participated as a member in the Standard Cost Model Task Force, the Civil Service Reform Committee, and the Subcommittee on Public Service Delivery.
- Participated in SAARCLAW International Conference, Paro.
- Recipient, certificates on (1) the Induction Course for Human Resource Officers at Royal Institute of Management, Semtokha, Thimphu, Bhutan; (2) the Regional Forum for Revitalizing Government in South Asia, Hyderabad; (3) the International Program in Legislative Drafting, New Delhi; and (4) the Workshop on Change Management - Governance and Reforms.

Research and Training Coordination Bureau, High Court, Thimphu, Bhutan

Legal Officer

Jan. 2000 - Oct. 2002

- Recipient, certificate on Arbitrator Training on the Rules and Procedures of the Construction Industry Arbitration System, Thimphu.
- Participated in the SAARCLAW International Conference, Jaipur, India.
- Drafted and reviewed the minutes of the Constitution Drafting Committee meetings.
- Recipient, certificates on (1) the Effective Judicial Process, (2) the Translation Methodology and Techniques, and (3) Training on Civil and Criminal Procedure Code.
- Reviewed and translated the Civil and Criminal Procedure Code, Royal Judicial Service Act, Bhutan Penal Code, and Constitution of Bhutan, and Dzongkha Development Commission Bill with other translators.
- Translated into Dzongkha the Enabling Act of Department of Law and Justice, Election Act, Legislative Committee Act, and Speaker of the National Assembly Act.

LANGUAGES

- Fluent English, Dzongkha and Tshangla.
- Conversational Nepali, Hindi and Urdu.