

SCLVN EXPERT PROFILE

TONG THI THU THAO		
	Member, Inspection Committee – Society of Construction Law – Vietnam (SCLVN)	
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	FIDIC Certified Contract Manager (FCCM)	
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	Languages: [Vietnamese, English]	
Last updated		 
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Areas of expertise		
Law and legal affairs – Construction contract management – Dispute resolution		
Experience		
Construction contracts: Advising on, drafting, reviewing and negotiating contracts based on the FIDIC forms (the Red, Yellow, Silver, Pink, Green and Emerald Books, including the Subcontract forms for the Red and Yellow Books) and the standard forms issued by the Ministry of Construction, across the full project lifecycle from tendering and negotiation through contract administration to final settlement; handling price adjustment, extension of time, variation and claim issues on civil, industrial and infrastructure projects. Dispute Boards (DB) and dispute resolution: Developing and implementing strategies for the avoidance and resolution of construction contract disputes; preparing and responding to claim submissions and referrals to Dispute Boards; taking part in the resolution of disputes through negotiation, mediation, commercial arbitration and litigation before the courts. Conducted master’s-level research on the Dispute Board mechanism under the FIDIC forms of contract and completed specialized FIDIC Academy training on Making and Writing of DB Decisions & Opinions. Corporate legal affairs and governance: Advising on the governance of public joint-stock companies,		

delegation of authority, management of subsidiaries and legal issues arising in day-to-day operations; developing internal processes, regulations and template documents for corporate governance, contract management and project management.

Education and training

Year	Qualification and awarding institution
2012 – 2016	LL.B. in Commercial Law – Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
2020 – 2022	LL.M. in Economic Law – Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
2021 – 2022	Lawyer Training Course – Vietnam Judicial Academy
2023 – 2025	LL.M. in International Construction Contracts – Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II)

Professional experience

Period	Position and place of work
2016	Legal Intern – S&B Law
2017 – 2018	Staff – Vietnam Technological and Commercial Joint Stock Bank (Techcombank)
2018 – 7/2026	Legal Specialist – Deputy Head – Head of Legal and Contract Management – Ricons Construction Investment JSC
7/2026 – Present	Counsel – LNT & Partners

Professional memberships

Period	Position and place of work
2020 – Present	Member, Inspection Committee – Society of Construction Law – Vietnam (SCLVN)
Present	Member – Ho Chi Minh City Bar Association
Present	Associate – Vietnam Institute for International Arbitration Research and Training (VIART)
Present	Member – Vietnam Independent Directors Association (VNIDA)

Licences and professional certifications

Period	Licence / certification
Present	Lawyer's Practising Licence – Vietnam Bar Federation (VBF)
2024	FIDIC Certified Contract Manager (FCCM) – certified by FIDIC Credentialing Limited, the certification body of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC)
2025	FIDIC Certified Trainer (FCT) for the fundamental construction contracts – the Red, Yellow, Silver, Green and Pink Books – certified by FIDIC Credentialing Limited
2026	Certificate of completion, “Making and Writing of DB Decisions & Opinions” – FIDIC Academy

Awards and recognition

Period	Award / recognition
2024	The Legal 500 – GC Powerlist Vietnam
2025	The Legal 500 – GC Powerlist Vietnam