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RE: Application for Board of Counselors' positions – FTCC Board Election March 2024

## **BIO**

As a French qualified lawyer admitted to the Paris Bar, I spent over four years with international law firms in Paris, honing my expertise in major mining projects in Africa. In 2018, I relocated to Southeast Asia – specifically to Lao PDR, Singapore, and now Thailand. Currently, I advise organizations on their operations in the Asia-Pacific region, with a special emphasis on Thailand and the Mekong area. My primary areas of practice include general contractual and corporate work across diverse industries, but I have a keen interest in the natural resources and infrastructure project sectors. I joined the Bangkok office of DFDL in April 2023.

## **REASON FOR RUNNING**

We are fortunate to be part of a Chamber that encompasses a mosaic of companies of varied sizes and needs. I firmly believe that these differences are our strength, and preserving this diversity is paramount. As a member of the board, I will advocate for broadening our horizons. Beyond serving the French community in Thailand, the French Chamber should continue to build bridges with business communities overseas and endeavor to become more deeply integrated within the regional milieu. Cross-border initiatives are crucial not only for promoting Thailand to businesses and entrepreneurs established in other ASEAN countries but also for fostering our community's integration on a regional level. Additionally, I am a staunch believer that the strength of our community lies in regular gatherings and face-to-face interactions. As a member of the board, I will encourage the creation of new discussion forums to unite our community.

I am looking forward to being part of the Board, sharing my knowledge and expertise, contributing to the further integration of the French businesses in Thailand and the region, and bringing my energy to support the various initiative of the Chamber and its members.

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