

She is a leading female judge who introduced the concept of "Gender Justice" to Thai jurist community. She was an editor of several books on women rights and was a guest lecturer at some universities and law academies. She has joined interesting activities with the UN Women and other women organizations for many years. She has had good cooperation with judges and lawyers among the ASEAN countries.



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Assoc. Prof. Virada Somswadi completed her Bachelor's degree of Laws from Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, and Master's degree of Laws from Cornell Law School, Cornell University, U.S.A. She established and was the founding director of the Women's Studies Program-now recognized as Women's Studies Center at Chiang Mai University, where Thailand first Women's Studies graduate program was launched in 2000. She is currently a member of the 11 member Law Reform Commission of Thailand, chairing the Specific Committee on Gender Equality She is a founding member of the front runner non-governmental regional organization, working for gender equality and justice-Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) which was established in 1986. She remains on APWLD governing board until to-date.

She has been steering women's organizations in the capacity as the President of Association of Women, Law and Development in Asia Pacific-the legal entity of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Rural Development (APWLD) and the Foundation for Women, Law and Rural Development (FORWARD) both of which she established in 1998 and 2002 respectively. She has been invited to sit in the Board of Trustees of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women Asia Pacific in 2006. She pushed for Thailand first Feminist Review-Stance, to be launched in 2007. Her advocacy in women's human rights, social and academic contribution has brought her many awards and recognition by national and international organizations such as 2007 'Women of Courage' Award from the United States of America Department of State and Outstanding Person Award for Promoting Women's Status and Gender Equality from Prime Minister of Thailand. She has authored and edited several books, journals, and presented paper related to feminist perspective, law, judiciary and practices



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