

Ms. Ursua's policy development work included personally writing and co-writing proposed legislation on rape, abuse of women in intimate relationships and prostitution for non-government organizations and government agencies that legislators sponsored and became the basis of enacted laws. She also wrote a proposed law on divorce for a party list group which is still pending in the Philippine Congress. Ms. Ursua taught courses on gender and the law and on marriage and the family at the University of the Philippines College of Law and Department of Women and Development Studies in Diliman, Quezon City. For her work in defending and promoting women and children's rights, she was given The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) Award for Women and Children's Rights Advocacy by the TOWNS Foundation, Inc. in 1998, during the Centennial Year of the founding of the Philippine Republic. Ms. Ursua has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines (Class Valedictorian, 1990), and a Master of Laws in Asian Legal Studies from the National University of Singapore.



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Ms. Naiyana Supapung completed her Bachelor's Degree of Law from Ramkhamhaeng University in Thailand. In 1984, Naiyana began her career as a lawyer at Women's Rights Protection Center in Friends of Women Foundation (FOW), the only body that gave advice and provided legal aid to abused women and girls at that time. She quickly gained reputation for being a lawyer for a family of a sex worker being chained and burned alive in a brothel in Phuket Province. The case won in all three-tiers of court, resulting in it being the first ever case in Thailand where brothel owner and pimp were legally punished – life sentence for the brothel owner and 10-year imprisonment for the pimp. She later defended many women and became an expert on cases of rape and domestic violence.

In 1991, she established and was the Founding Coordinator of Friends of Thai Women Workers in Asia (FOWIA) which worked in coordination with local support groups and Royal Thai Embassies to provide assistance to Thai women working, particularly but not exclusively as sex workers, and facing problems in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. In 1994, she was selected to become an Ashoka Fellow, fellowship for social entrepreneurs all around the world who are innovators for the public given by a US-based foundation. In 1996, Naiyana became Coordinator of the Women and Constitution Network (WCN), working to coordinate 48 women's organisations all over Thailand to campaign for participation of the people, especially women, in the process to draft the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand and advocate gender equality provisions in the draft constitution.

The 1997 – the first ever Thai Constitution with recognition of gender equality and non-discrimination was firmly established, she and the WCN worked on to provide advice and assistance to the people to use the 1997 Constitution to protect human rights, especially women's rights. In 2002, Naiyana was elected by the House of Senate to be a National Human Rights Commissioner, the first ever group of commissioners for The National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT), newly established as an independent body by an Act enacted according to the 1997 Constitution. In 2010 she became a Founding Executive Director, and a Board Member and Secretary, of Teeranart Kanjanauksorn Foundation (TKF) and has since then continued to work, particularly with the judiciary and justice sector in coordination with civil society sector, to promote and support human rights and liberty, gender equality, non-discrimination and non-violence, and also rights of LGBTIQ.