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Justice Vacharin Patjekvinyusakul completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Law and Political Sciences and Master's degree in Public Law from leading Universities in Thailand and also finished his Barrister at Law. He gained extensive experience from various courts from the first instance courts and the appealed courts dealing with juvenile and family cases and criminal cases. At present, he is the Presiding Judge of the Supreme Court of Thailand. He has established strong partnership with academic, civil society organizations, including national funding agencies and UN Women to implement various projects to promote and protect human rights-based justice delivery. He has been largely involved in drafting the rules of Court under the law on Juvenile and Family court, and drafting for the amendment of the anti-domestic violence law. He has also played key role as supervisor to the civil society's draft on Gender Equality Bill.

In 2009, As Chief Judge of the Thonburi Criminal Court, one of the three Criminal Courts in Bangkok, he was the pioneer in establishing the Women's Friendly Court. It includes training for judges and other court personnel, provision of safe space for women survivors during the trial, issuance of the procedural guidelines on witness investigation without confronting with the offender and the rules of Court to protect the survivor from repeated violence and rehabilitation of the perpetrator, and establishment of the counseling clinic for the survivors from domestic violence, sexual violence and drug abused before Court trial.



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Judge Suntariya Muanpawong holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Public Law from Thammasat University in Thailand and a Master's and Doctorate's degree in Public Law from University of Muenster, Germany. She started her career as a lawyer at Thammasat Law Clinic and as a legal officer at the Harbour Department. She has been a judge for 17 years, starting from a judge trainee and a judge at the Central Labour Court. At present, she is the Chief Judge of the Juvenile and Family Court of Nakhon Pathom Province. After returning from Germany, she worked at the Office of the Judiciary for many years, setting up the Prince Rabi Judicial Research Institute. She had conducted many research projects and academic activities among Thai judges and jurists.

Her main works and interest are human rights protection and justice reform. She has extensive experience working with civil societies and academics throughout the country. She was one of the Sub-Commissioners for drafting the Constitution of 2007. She has also worked with various international partners, such as the International Commission of Jurists, German and European foundations etc. Judge Suntariya has long been engaged in the Women Rights protection movement. She was a Commissioner at the parliament in drafting the new law on juvenile and family court and procedure, involved also with the drafting of the anti-domestic violence law.