



# Ta Thi Minh Ly

- Chairwoman,  
Vietnam Justice Support Association  
for the Poor

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2010 - Present Chairwomen of the VIJUSAP
- 1981 - 2012 Legal officer of Officer of the Ministry of Justice
- 1981 - Aug.1994 Chef of Division of Criminal and administrative
- Aug.1994 - June 1997 Vice Director of Lawyers Management
- June 1997 - 2012 General Director of National Legal Aid

## BIOGRAPHY

After graduating from Law University in the former Soviet Union and returning to Vietnam, Ms. Ly worked at the Ministry of Justice from 1981- 2012 when she retired. Assigned to develop the Project to establish Vietnam's Legal Aid System in 1996 and appointed as the first General Director of the Legal Aid Department of the Ministry of Justice from 1997-2012. She had taken 01 year fellowship in Harvard University 2001. She was elected Chairwomen of the Vietnam Judicial Support Association for the Poor for 2 terms from 2010 to present. During her years of work, Ms. Ly has participated in the development of major laws such as the Criminal Procedure Law 1987, the Law on Child Protection 1992, the Law on Gender Equality 2007, the Law on Electronic Transactions 2006 (amended 2023), and Law on government organization and local governments. Directly drafted the Law on Legal Aid 2006 and the Law on Lawyers 2006. Participated in developing the Judicial Reform Strategy and perfecting the Vietnamese legal system. Ms. Ly has made considerable efforts to build a strong legal framework and strengthen legal and judicial institutions towards building an efficient, transparent, and accountable justice system, broader participation of lawyers and citizens as stipulated in the 2013 Constitution. Develop codes of conduct for professionals in grassroots justice and mediation systems. Participate in improving a number of areas such as labor law, gender equality, children's rights and cooperation with NGOs and information sectors. Act as a consultant for the Government Office in supporting the simplification and restructuring of administrative procedures, legal reform, especially Juvenile Justice, for disabled groups, ethnic minority groups and sensitive justice feelings; promote inclusive access to an independent and trustworthy justice system for all citizens, especially the most vulnerable, and for businesses (including through technical transition support of the judiciary in accordance with international standards and protect the confidentiality of citizen data. Actively participate in activities to share experiences on legal aid and law with experts from UNDP, OXFAM, USAID, ILO, UNODC, UNAID, UN WOMEN...

She is a Doctor of law, a poet and was awarded the first-class Labor Medal by Vietnam President in 2010 and is one of 10 Typical Lead Women of Vietnam in the period 2005-2010.