

# Small Firm Pro Bono

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# How i do my pro bono work?

## 1. Providing to the client.

1.1 General/normaly client

1.2 Earn less client

1.3 Poor Client

## 2. Receiving the requests from inquiry official or from the court.

3. To educate people about the law.

Women Prisoner in Chiangmai Prison.

The student in high school

4. Training and internships for students.



# LDP and Pro Bono Initiative

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# LDP

December 2014, formal registration under Lao law as Local Law firm, license no.077/MOJ:

- Profit: sharing for social justice and partnership
- Program: general legal services and Pro bono program
- Pro bono/legal aid Program: partnership and promoting people's access to justice by providing technical legal aid support to partners:1) legal right awareness, legal consultation and legal representation through community based Para-legal at village.



# Mission

Create opportunity and spaces for young lawyer to learn by practicing their legal knowledge close to local people for promoting people's access to justice





# Key legal basis:

**Law on Lawyer(2012), Article 3 and 23 Legal Aid**

**“Legal aid is legal services for poor people or disadvantage people without charge through Lao Bar Association and lawyer for promoting access to law and access to justice.”**





# Model-Form of Pro Bono Forms Legal in Laos





# 4 Pillars to make Pro bono work in Laos

**Community  
villager**

**Village  
Authority**

**Relevant  
Govt.  
Agency**

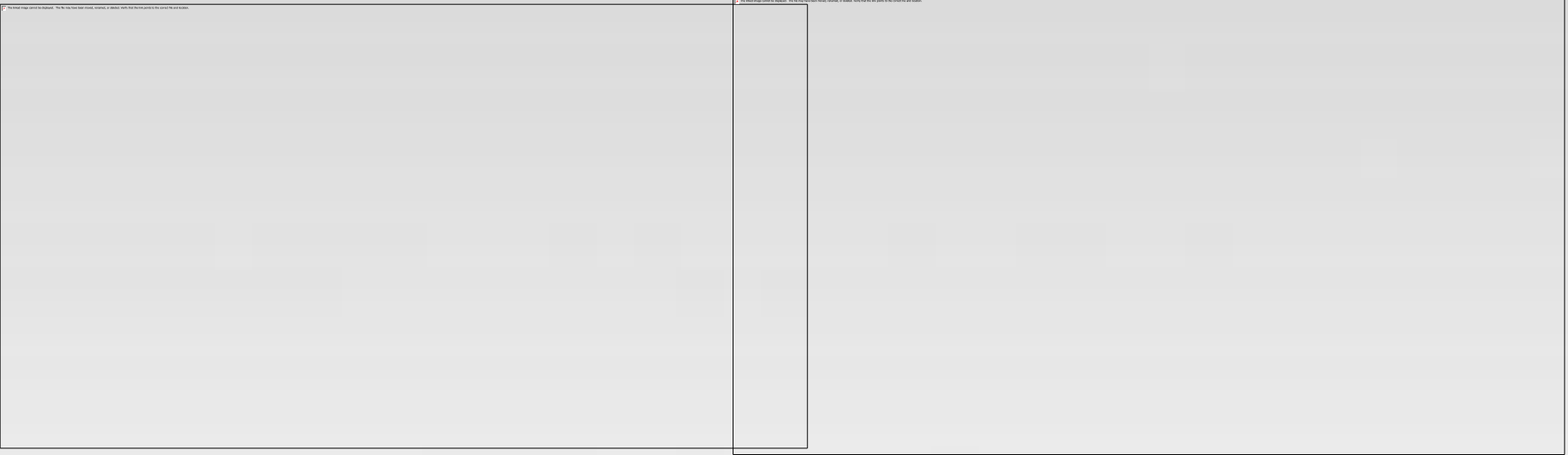
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Aid/Pro  
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Providers:  
lawyer, legal  
education  
institutes,  
NGOs, Gov.**



# Common Values

1. Uphold international values
2. Devoting and priority for interests of justice
3. Responsive to injustice
4. Non violation resolution
5. Maintain reputation and ethic
6. Transfer experiences and skills and other growth
7. Open mind and respect different ideas



















Thank you very much for your attention



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- Founder The Law and Development Partnership(LDP)
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- Baseline Study on Legal Aid in Southeast Asia, focus on Legal Aid in Lao PDR in 2014

