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Catalina is part of the Corporate Law and Commercial Contracts department. She has an LL.M with emphasis in Corporate Governance and Practice from Stanford Law School. She is an expert in corporate law, mergers, spin-offs, commercial contracts and exchange control regulations. She currently leads the practice of exchange control regulations.

Her practice focuses on advising local companies and foreign investors in corporate and contractual law, and exchange control regulations. She accompanies her clients as from the incorporation of a vehicle in Colombia and during the ordinary course of their business. She also supports extraordinary matters, such as mergers, joint venture structures, and entity liquidations, among others.

In exchange control regulations, she advises clients in matters related to international investments, international indebtedness, management of compensation accounts, among other issues. She has structured complex operations that involve the flow of foreign currency.

She has participated in the defense of companies in administrative investigations for exchange control violations and for undue registration of corporate conglomerates.

Experience

Catalina joined Garrigues in 2018. Her professional experience has been developed in important law firms. Her experience mainly includes the following matters:

She advises foreign investors in the incorporation of vehicles in Colombia, as well as Colombian companies in compliance with corporate obligations.

She has implemented complex reorganization processes, such as cross-border mergers.

She has participated in the negotiation and structuring of all kinds of commercial contracts, including joint venture structures, shareholder agreements, distribution contracts, supply contracts, civil works, provision of

services, and many others.

In terms of exchange control regulations, she advises clients on international investment issues, foreign indebtedness, management of compensation bank accounts, free market bank accounts and special or general use bank accounts, as well as portfolio purchase operations. Her clients include foreign investors and Exchange Market Intermediaries, among others.

She has advised the structuring of complex operations involving the flow of foreign currency.

She has participated in the defense of companies in administrative investigations for infractions to the foreign exchange regime, in international investment matters, and for alleged undue registration of situations of control and business conglomerates.

She is fluent in Spanish and English.

Academic background

- LL.M. Degree, with emphasis in Corporate Governance and Practice (2016). Stanford Law School. Stanford, CA, U.S.A.
- Degree in Law (J.D. equivalent) (2009). Universidad de Los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia.
- Philosopher (BSc) (2011). Universidad de Los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia.
- Certificate in Colombian Tax Regime (2014). Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, en Alianza con Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Bogotá, Colombia.