

## **Gaston P. Fernandez**

Office Managing Partner

Hanoi

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### **Biography**

Gaston handles corporate, project development and finance matters in emerging markets, with broad experience in Asia and Latin America. Fluent in Spanish and Mandarin, in addition to his native English, he facilitates deals for clients across borders and cultures. Gaston relocated to our Vietnam offices in 2021, following assignments in the Beijing (2008-11) and Miami (2011-21) offices of the firm.

He often works for private investors in emerging markets, as well as with and across from national governments and state-owned companies. Gaston has worked on matters involving financing from U.S., European and Asian banks, including China Development Bank, The Export-Import Bank of China, Bank of China, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), The Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), and The Export-Import Bank of Korea.

### **Representative experience**

Advising Ecuador in connection with its successful exchange offer restructuring over US\$17.3bn of sovereign bonds in 2020, and rescheduling US\$891m of debt payments to CDB and China EXIM Bank.

Advising a Latin American group of companies on credit facilities totaling in excess of US\$250m from various international banks, including group-level



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### **Languages**

English

Spanish

Mandarin

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### **Practices**

Infrastructure, Energy,  
Resources, and Projects

Commercial

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Financial Services

Sovereigns

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### **Industries**

corporate guarantee agreements.

Advising Development Bank of Jamaica on the establishment of a private equity / venture capital fund to support the development of small and medium enterprises, with support from the World Bank.

Advising the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Ecuador on obtaining a US\$50m credit facility from a consortium of banks led by JBIC to develop green projects to achieve Paris Agreement goals.

Advising Latin American governments and state-owned entities on credit facilities from Chinese banks for hydroelectric projects, electricity transmission lines, and highways.

Advising ENEE, the Honduras state-owned electric company, on a US\$298m facility from ICBC to finance the Patuca III hydroelectric project, the country's largest infrastructure project.

## Awards and rankings

- Project Development, Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Project Finance, Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Energy, Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Natural Resources, Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Utilities, Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- International Firms: City Focus: Miami, Project & Energy, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2019,2022
- International Firms: Projects and Energy, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2019
- International Firms: Banking and Finance, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2018

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - Offshore Wind Worldwide: Regulatory framework in selected countries

Manufacturing and Industrials  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Insurance  
Technology and Telecoms

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## Areas of focus

Sports  
Media and Entertainment

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 2005

B.A., Brown University, cum laude, 2002

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## Memberships

Member, American Chamber of Commerce in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Member, American Chamber of Commerce in the People's Republic of China

Member, Florida Bar Association

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Florida  
District of Columbia

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- News
  - Building up a storm: Managing Corruption and Fraud Risks in Asia Pacific construction projects
- News
  - Overview of DPPA scheme in Vietnam and key issues for investors
- News
  - Decree 115: A new piece of the regulatory puzzle complicates greenfield project development
- Insights and Analysis
  - 2024 is on pace to be the hottest year ever in Vietnam's "blazing furnace" anti-corruption campaign *Anti-Corruption Report*
- Press releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Ad Hoc Group on restructuring of Novaland Bonds