

# Gonzalo Nieto Valdés

## Partner



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## Overview

Gonzalo Nieto is a partner leading our Mining Law department and co-leading our litigation department. Gonzalo has large experience advising Chilean and foreign companies on the development of mining, energy and agro-industrial projects. His practice is focused on mining law and litigation, where he possesses vast experience representing many clients in administrative proceedings and in the resolution of their disputes before ordinary courts, special courts and arbitrators, on mining, environmental, energy and other matters.

## Experience

### Natural Resources and Mining Law

- Advising Barrick Gold Co. in relation to its Chilean mining properties.
- Advising Antofagasta Minerals in specific mining issues of its mines.
- Advising Tewood Group on mining properties issues.
- Advising Compañía Industrial El Volcán in acquisition and protection of mining properties.
- Advising client in Joint Venture with Buenaventura Group (Peru).
- Advising mining companies in several mining due diligences.
- Advising mining companies in option, purchase & easements contracts.
- Advising Agrosuper in mining protection and negotiations with miners
- Advising real state companies in protection and defense of their lands against miners.
- Advising Compañía Minera Casale in issues related to mining claims and easements.

### Litigation and administrative proceedings

- Defense of Barrick Gold Co. in several mining lawsuits regarding the invalidation of mining concessions located in the Pascua Lama project.
- Defense of mining company (confidential) in lawsuits on compensation for damages resulting from accidents (USD 10 MM).
- Client defense (confidential) in arbitration on construction contracts.
- Defense of mining company (confidential) in arbitration on electric contract.
- Defense of electric company in legal claims and trial before the Free Competition Tribunal for supply contracts.
- Defense of Compañía Minera Nevada in environmental claim for damage to glaciers before Environmental Court.
- Defense of mining and real estate companies in lawsuits regarding the constitution of mining easements and access issues.
- Defense of a mining company (confidential) in lawsuits for compensation of damages for the sale of mining concessions. (USD 4 MM)
- Defense of agroindustrial company (confidential) in damages compensation trial for infringement of environmental approval.
- Defense of mining company (confidential) in lawsuits for compensation of damages for land damages (USD 50 MM).
- Defense of companies in various sanction procedures before the Public Administration.

## Recognition

- Chambers & Partners: Mining

## Activities and Affiliations

- Member of the Chilean Bar Association
- Member of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

## Prior and Present Employment

- Dentons Larraín Rencoret, partner. Formerly Larraín Rencoret Urzúa, associate (2019 to date)
- Nieto Morán & Cía. socio (2015–2018)
- Urrutia & Cía. (1993–2015)

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Environment and Natural Resources

## Industry sectors

- Mining

## Education

- Universidad de Chile, 1997, JD, Lawyer Degree

## Languages

- English
- Spanish