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Overview

Ramiro Guevara is one of the founding partners of Dentons Guevara & Gutierrez. He specializes in banking and finance, corporate law, project finance, M&A, international arbitration, oil and gas, and bankruptcy law. In a career spanning over three decades, Ramiro has participated in a high number of very important deals and cross border transactions in Bolivia and is widely regarded as one of the most experienced lawyers in the country and features prominently in many national and international publications as one of the foremost attorneys in Bolivia.

Ramiro contributed to the Bolivian legal system, being an active member in the drafting commission of the Central Bank Law; the former Arbitration and Mediation Law; the Exports Promotion Law; the Securities Law; the Pension Fund Law; and the Hydrocarbons Law.

As Bolivian Law Counsel, Ramiro was part of multijurisdictional teams on various international arbitrations and litigations including cases conducted by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission (IACAC) and the Permanent Court of Arbitration. He also acted as head of the Legal Department of the Bolivian Central Bank, as legal counsel to the Commission of Negotiation of Bolivia's Foreign Debt, and as Director of the Boards of Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales Bolivianos, the Bolivian Central Bank, and the National Stock Exchange Commission. He is currently a member of several boards of directors as well as advisor of financial entities belonging to the largest financial conglomerate in Bolivia.

Ramiro is still very active within the law firm and has a client list of local and foreign companies doing business in Bolivia from a variety of industries. In addition, he serves as mentor to the firm's new generation of lawyers, who have immensely benefited from his experience and knowledge.

Experience

- **Bolivian Government:** Advising on the negotiation and closing for the sale of Bolivian natural gas to Brazil.
- **One of two largest Spanish private banks:** Advising on the due diligence and negotiation and closing for the acquisition of the largest private Bolivian bank.
- **Several multinational companies:** Advising on their bids and negotiations for the acquisition of privatized

Bolivian government-owned companies (upstream and downstream hydrocarbons, electricity generation, airline, telecommunications and railroads).

- **Several multinational companies:** Advising on their arbitration procedures and eventual settlements vis á vis the Bolivian government.
- **Several multinational companies:** Advising on the project financing of several of the largest energy infrastructure and mining projects in Bolivia.

Recognition

- Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2021, Banking & Finance – Senior Stateperson
- Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2021, Corporate/Commercial – Senior Statesperson
- Chambers & Partners Global, 2021, Corporate/Commercial – Senior Statesperson
- Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2021, Energy & Natural Resources – Senior Statesperson
- Chambers & Partners Global, 2021, Energy & Natural Resources – Senior Statesperson
- Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2017, Banking & Finance - Band 1
- Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2017, Corporate/Commercial – Band 1
- Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2017, Dispute Resolution – Band 1
- Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2017, Energy & Natural Resources – Band 1
- Chambers & Partners Global, 2017, Corporate/Commercial – Band 1
- Chambers & Partners Global, 2017, Dispute Resolution – Band 1
- Chambers & Partners Global, 2017, Energy & Natural Resources –Band 1
- Legal 500, 2017-2021, Corporate and M&A – Leading individual
- Legal 500, 2017-2021, Energy and Natural Resources – Leading individual
- Legal 500, 2017, Dispute Resolution – Leading Individual
- IFLR 1000, 2021, Banking and Project Finance –Market leader
- IFLR 1000, 2017, Banking and Project Finance – Leading Lawyer
- Latin Lawyer, 2017, Recommended Lawyer
- Who's who legal, 2021, M&A: Recommended
- Who's who legal, 2021, Mining: Recommended

Activities and Affiliations

- International Bar Association (IBA)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- Registered arbitrator at the Bolivian Chamber of Commerce Arbitration Center.

Areas of focus

Practices

- Banking and Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate
- Arbitration
- Project Finance

Industry sectors

- Energy
- Oil and Gas
- Financial Institutions

Admissions and qualifications

- La Paz Bar Association
- Bolivian Ministry of Justice

Languages

- English
- French
- Portuguese
- Spanish