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Abril is a BLP Associate at the San José office. She specializes in the practice of Dispute Resolution.

Provides advice to national and international clients on negotiation and conciliation processes to settle disputes before going to the arbitration or judicial headquarters. Likewise, she represents our clients before judicial and arbitration proceedings. Her experience is concentrated in the resolution of disputes in commercial, civil, and criminal law regarding civil liability matters. She also has experience in advising on the drafting of contracts and liability risk analysis.

Abril joined the BLP team as a paralegal in 2017 and was named an Associate in 2020. She is currently a member of the LGBTI+ Commission. Prior to joining the firm, she was a Paralegal at Oller Abogados.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Dispute Resolution

ACCREDITATIONS

Education

- Specialization in Notary and Registry Law, Universidad De La Salle, Costa Rica, 2022.
- Certificate Program in International Commercial Arbitration, American University, Washington College of Law, 2021.
- Law Degree (JD equivalent), Universidad De La Salle, Costa Rica, 2020.

Other Academic Experience

- International Arbitration Training Course, Leiden University & Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), 2022.
- Program on Private International Law, The Hague Academy of International Law, The Netherlands, 2019.
- Contract Elaboration and Legal Writing Program, British Legal Centre, 2017.
- Participant of the Moot Court Eduardo Jiménez de Aréchaga, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, 2017.

Languages

- Spanish
- English
- Portuguese

ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- **Member of the Board of Directors of the Costa Rican Bar Association as the sub-secretary.**
- **Nominated as the Director of the Bar Association Journal, named "El Foro".**
- **Member of the Editorial Board at the legal journal of the University of Costa Rica, "Revista de Ciencias Jurídicas". (2022-Present)**
- **Associate at "ICDR Young & International (Y&I)", International Centre for Dispute Resolution, American Arbitration Association. (2022-Present)**
- **Member of the ICC Arbitration and ADR Committee, ICC Costa Rica. (2022-Present)**
- **Associate at Young ALDEC, Latin American Association of Construction Law. (2019-Present)**
- **Member of the International Bar Association (IBA), where she is part of the Arbitration Committee, Women Lawyers' Committee and Young Lawyers' Committee. (2022-Present)**
- **Member of the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). (2022-Present)**