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Ernesto is a Founding Partner of BLP's Nicaragua office. His practice areas include Business Law, Banking & Finance, Mining, and Agribusiness.

With more than 20 years of legal experience, he has advised local and foreign companies on a wide range of complex transactions in the corporate and financial fields, such as mergers and acquisitions, as well as commercial contracts and day-to-day affairs.

In Banking & Finance, he has extensive experience in comprehensive legal advice aimed at local and foreign financiers in capital markets, loans, and structured financing.

In Agribusiness, he has provided comprehensive advice to companies interested in the industrialization and commercialization of agricultural, forestry, and other biological natural resources from the best legal structure to use within the region, detailing the tax benefits that apply, to the attainment of environmental licensing. Ernesto also has extensive experience in advising mining companies with a practical and business-oriented approach during all stages of a mining project and its implementation, including highly complex agreements related to project financing.

Clients describe him as an outstanding attorney with a profound knowledge of the local and international legal framework. He has regularly been recognized as a prominent lawyer by renowned publications, such as Chambers & Partners, IFLR 1000, and Latin Lawyer.

Ernesto joined BLP as a Partner in 2014. Previously, he was part of the legal team of the Central Bank of Nicaragua and was a legal advisor to the Nicaraguan stock exchange where he participated in the drafting of the Capital Market Law and its applicable regulations.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Law
- Banking & Finance
- Agribusiness
- Mining

RECOGNITIONS

- Recognized in Corporate & Commercial by Chambers & Partners
- Recognized as Highly regarded by IFLR 1000
- Recognized as a Leading Lawyer by Who's Who Legal

ACCREDITATIONS

Education

- L.LM in Banking and Financial Regulation, Fulbright Scholar, Georgetown University, 2002
- Law degree, Universidad Pontificia Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia, 1998

Languages

- Spanish
- English
- French

ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- **International Bar Association (IBA):** Member

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