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## PARTNER

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**Ronald** is a Partner at the San José office. He specializes in the areas of Business Law with an emphasis on foreign direct investment and Free Trade Zones.

In his more than 25 years of experience, he has advised a variety of national and international companies on commercial legal issues as well as mergers and acquisitions.

Ronald is a recognized expert in Free Trade Zones (FTZ), foreign direct investment, and the export industry. He has advised the most prestigious international companies in the establishment of their operations in Costa Rica under the FTZ system, providing sophisticated advice on the strategies, procedures, and structures to best obtain FTZ benefits. He currently advises the largest and most renowned investment projects in the country. Clients appreciate his ability to provide innovative and agile solutions, according to the business model they require. He provides personalized support to clients, both in their daily needs, as well as incentives renewal procedures, expansion of FTZ premises, support and counseling in FTZ audits, defense in administrative procedures, FTZ resignation processes, and a variety of related activities and categories. Since the FTZ sector is active in mergers and acquisitions, Ronald has participated in the most relevant transactions in the industry.

He is Vice-Chair of the Chamber of Exporters of Costa Rica (CADEXCO) as well as Vice-Chair of the Association of Free Trade Zone Companies of Costa Rica (AZOFRAS). He also belongs to the Free Trade Zone Committee of CADEXCO, heads the Legal and Tax Committee of AZOFRAS, and belongs to the AmCham Free Trade Zones Subcommittee. He represents AZOFRAS in the Association of Free Trade Zones of the Americas (AZFA).

Ronald has also been Director of Meritas Law Firms Worldwide, a participant in the negotiation process of the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Central America (DR-CAFTA), and a member of the International Section of the American Bar Association (ABA).

## PRACTICE AREA

- Business Law
- Free Trade Zones

## RECOGNITIONS

- Recognized as LACCA Approved by the in-house lawyers consulted by LACCA
- Recognized by Who's Who Legal

## ACCREDITATIONS

### Education

- Foundations of American Law, Georgetown University Law Center, 1997
- LL.M. in Commercial and Financial Law, Duke University School of Law, 1997
- JD, University of Costa Rica, 1995

### Languages

- Spanish
- English

## ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- **Costa Rican Chamber of Exporters (CADEXCO):** Vice President of the Board and Chair of the Free Trade Zone Committee
- **Association of Free Trade Zone Companies of Costa Rica (AZOFRAS):** Vice President and Director of the Legal and Fiscal Committee
- **Americas Association of Free Trade Zones (AZFA):** Member of the Legal Committee
- **American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham):** Member of the Free Trade Zones Subcommittee