



# Abril Villegas

## ASSOCIATE

### ABOUT

Abril Villegas is BLP Associate in San José, specializes in Dispute Resolution. She provides advice on negotiation and conciliation for national and international clients, addressing disputes before resorting to arbitration or judicial procedures. Her focus includes representation in commercial, civil, and criminal litigation, with emphasis on Construction matters. She brings experience in contract drafting and risk analysis. Abril joined BLP in 2017 as a paralegal, advancing to Associate in 2020. She is a member of the LGBTI+ Commission.

### EXPERIENCE

**AlkzoNobel completes Grupo Orbis acquisition.** BLP advised the seller, Grupo Orbis (Pintuco), on this regionally impactful transaction, employing attorneys from our offices in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, coordinating with lawyers in Panama, and conducting due diligence in the jurisdictions of Central America.

**BLP advises Uber Technologies in a lawsuit.** BLP advised UBER, the mobility services provider based in more than 900 metropolitan areas worldwide, in a lawsuit filed by the National Federation of Taxi Cooperatives (FENACOTAXI) and various municipal taxi cooperatives.

### ASSOCIATIONS & 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)

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#### 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