



# Federico Barrios

## DIRECTOR

"Federico Barrios is a professional, who is always willing to help us in the issues we require and seeks solutions to what we propose."

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### ABOUT

Federico Barrios, Director of BLP in Nicaragua, specializes in Corporate Law, Ethics & Anti-Corruption, and Real Estate & Hospitality. With 15 years of experience, he stands out in advising foreign investment projects and local companies on various commercial and corporate matters. An expert in corporate compliance, he advises clients on various day-to-day commercial matters, participating actively in leading the transactional team conducting negotiations for Stock Purchase Agreements, performing due diligence, and issuing legal opinions in regulated sectors. Federico opened the BLP office in San Juan del Sur and began the Real Estate & Hospitality practice there. He also has experience in Compliance and Anti-Corruption. He joined BLP in 2015.

### EXPERIENCE

**Moody's entry into Central America.** BLP is the lead advisor to Moody's in the acquisition of SC Riesgo's operations in Central America, involving all related aspects of the transaction.

**AkzoNobel 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.

**Acquisition of Tica Bus by Mobility ADO.** The Mexican group Mobility ADO, a global expert in public transportation that carries more than 500 million passengers a year in America and Europe, acquired, with the advice of BLP, the remaining 60% of the Costa Rican transport company Tica Bus, completing an acquisition of the company and its related entities in Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and México.

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#### PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Law
- Ethics & Anti-Corruption
- Real Estate & Hospitality

#### ACCREDITATIONS

##### Education

- LLM, Northwestern University, USA, 2024
- Diploma in Corporate Compliance, ESADE Law School, Barcelona, Spain, 2018
- Masters in Law, ISDE, Barcelona, Spain, 2015
- Specialization in Economic Law, Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), Managua, Nicaragua, 2010
- Bachelor of Law Degree, Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), Managua, Nicaragua, 2008

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### EXPERIENCE

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**Refinancing for a global cocoa company.** BLP advised Bean & Co. on refinancing its debt to purchase property to ensure the flow and working capital of the company for the next five years.

**BLP advised Grupo Numar.** After a successful real estate transaction of more than \$1 million, BLP became the principal corporate advisor for more than nine entities of the Numar Group in Nicaragua.

**Calibre Mining acquires B2Gold's mining operations in Nicaragua.** The Canadian mining company Calibre Mining bought the El Limón and La Libertad gold mines in Nicaragua and part of its compatriot and competitor B2Gold. The closing of the operation involved \$100 million in cash, common shares, and convertible debentures.

**BLP advised Provalores.** BLP was retained to analyze the structure of a Deutsch Stichting Fund to determine the ultimate beneficiary owner of such type of legal structure to explain to the local financial regulator that these funds do comply with UBO and KYC.

### RECOGNITIONS

- Recognized in the corporate practice area by Chambers and partners
- Recognized as a Recommended Lawyer by Legal 500

### LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- English

### ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- FIBA-Florida International Bank Association, AMLCA 2018-2020: Anti Money Laundering Certified Associate.
- World Compliance Association: Member
- International Bar Association: Member