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PRACTICE AREAS

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

ACCREDITATIONS

Education

• Law degree with concentration in Human Rights, Universidad de Costa Rica, 2017.

LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish



Janelle Christie SENIOR ASSOCIATE

ABOUT

Janelle Christie, Senior Associate at BLP in San José, specializes in Ethics & Anti-Corruption, Business Law, and Real Estate & Hospitality. She excels in the verification of regulatory compliance with FCPA regulations and OECD guidelines for international companies based in Costa Rica, and compliance control of local anti-corruption regulations. Janelle has extensive experience in corporate mergers and acquisitions advisory, as well as corporate day-to-day matters, and legal advice in large-scale real estate projects in urban and coastal areas of Costa Rica. She joined BLP in 2016 as a paralegal and became an associate in 2018. She was promoted to Senior Associate in 2023.

EXPERIENCE

• **BLP advised CMI on the acquisition of Corporación AUG in Costa Rica.** This sweeping transaction involved a series of critical stages and a diverse group of sellers, marking a significant milestone for CMI in the country following the devastating fire at its plant in early 2023.

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

• Acquisition of WeWork by Grupo Garnier. BLP advised the client throughout the process, including due diligence, drafting the SPA, reviewing and negotiating lease agreements, and closing the transaction.

ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- Costa Rican Bar Association
- International Bar Association: Member
- Costa Rican International Chamber of Commerce Anti-Corruption Committee: Member
- Women in a Legal World Costa Rica, Young section: Partner
- · Compliance Latam: Member