



# Julio Meléndez

## ASSOCIATE

### ABOUT

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Julio Meléndez, Associate at BLP's El Salvador office, specializes in Business Law, Labor & Employment, Global Migration & Relocation, and Energy & Infrastructure. With eight years of experience in the practice of law, he has expertise in local and foreign company incorporation, mergers, acquisitions, liquidations, and economic concentrations. Additionally, he provides advisory services on labor, administrative, and regulatory matters. He has experience in migration, handling residency and visa processes, permits for minors, renunciation, and acquisition of Salvadoran nationality. Julio joined BLP in 2016 as a Paralegal and was promoted to Associate in 2017. He previously worked as an assistant officer to the Chief of Staff of the Joint Staff of the U.S. Armed Forces.

### EXPERIENCE

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**Syndicated loan to AES in El Salvador.** BLP has advised Banca de Inversión Bancolombia S.A., Banco Agrícola, S.A., and other local and foreign banks on a syndicated loan for up to \$348 million to the AES group.

**BLP advised Apollo Global Management in Central America.** BLP advised Apollo group through Paul Weiss and Morgan Lewis on the potential acquisition of Millicom in Central America. BLP's work consisted of undertaking regulatory due diligence and assessment of the regulatory and antitrust filings, as well as the revision of labor contingencies.

**BLP is advising Starlink (subsidiary of Space X) on its establishment in El Salvador.** BLP is assisting in the corporate transformation of the local vehicle incorporated by Starlink, the obtention of the applicable telecom licenses and concessions to begin operation in the local market, the compliance with local consumer protection law, and Starlink's participation in a procurement process with the Salvadoran government to provide services.

### ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

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• International Bar Association: Member

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#### PRACTICE AREA

- Business Law
- Energy & Infrastructure
- Global Mobility & Relocation
- Labor & Employment

#### ACCREDITATIONS

##### Education

- Diploma in "Electricity Market and Regulation in El Salvador", Energy & Infrastructure Analysis Center (EIA Center), El Salvador
- Diploma in "Economic Concentrations in the Competition Law", Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas, El Salvador, 2016
- Degree in Legal Sciences, Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas, El Salvador, 2015

#### LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- English