

# Michelle Avilés

## SENIOR ASSOCIATE

### ABOUT

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Michelle Avilés is a Senior Associate at BLP in Nicaragua, specializing in Tax Law and Business Law. She has advised both local and foreign companies on tax and customs matters, and represented them in tax audit processes and administrative and legal proceedings. Michelle joined BLP in 2019.

### EXPERIENCE

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#### **Grupo Unicomer on a syndicated loan for \$350 million.**

BLP advised on a \$350 million loan granted to Grupo Unicomer by a pool of syndicated banks, where several Unicomer subsidiaries in LATAM and the Caribbean have acted as guarantors. Our legal guidance spanned the entire process, from negotiations to signing the credit agreement, and included the preparation and execution of creative local documentation, such as local acknowledgments, security trusts, and promissory notes.

#### **Acquisition of SCRiesgo by Moody's.**

BLP advised Moody's in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala on the acquisition. The advice included due diligence, regulatory and antitrust analysis, and negotiation of transaction agreements.



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#### **PRACTICE AREA**

- Tax
- Labor & Employment
- Business Law

#### **ACCREDITATIONS**

##### **Education**

- Postgraduate degree on Business Tax Law, Universidad Católica Redemptoris Mater (UNICA), Nicaragua, 2019
- Law degree, Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), Nicaragua, 2012

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#### **AkzoNobel Completes Grupo Orbis Acquisition.**

BLP advised the seller, Grupo Orbis (Pintuco), on this regionally impactful transaction utilizing attorneys from our offices in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, as well as coordinating with lawyers in Panama, and conducting due diligence in all Central American jurisdictions.

### LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- English
- French

### ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- International Bar Association: Member