



# Ariel Leiva

## DIRECTOR

### ABOUT

Ariel Leiva is a Director at BLP in San José, Costa Rica, specializing in Banking & Finance and Business Law. In Banking & Finance, Ariel advises on credit services and financing for renowned local and international financial institutions. He also handles complex loan agreements and trust structuring. In Business Law, Ariel assists national and transnational companies with various daily matters. He joined BLP in 2016 as an associate.

### EXPERIENCE

**Multiple financings for DEG.** BLP, solidifying its position as the primary advisor to DFIs in Costa Rica and the region, has provided counsel to DEG in multiple financings. This broad service was pivotal for the financial industry in the country.

**Cementos Progreso is expanding its presence in Central America.** BLP has advised Cementos Progreso Holdings, S.L. on the \$335 million acquisition of assets from Cemex, S.A.B of C.V. in Costa Rica and El Salvador. The acquisition includes a cement plant, a cement mill, various ready-mix concrete plants, an aggregates quarry, and distribution centers in Costa Rica and El Salvador. The transaction bolsters Cementos Progreso's expansion in Central America, consolidating operations in seven countries.

### ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- Costa Rica Bar Association: Member
- International Bar Association: Member

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#### PRACTICE AREAS

- Banking & Finance
- Business Law

#### ACCREDITATIONS

##### Education

- Master's degree in Business Law, Universidad de Cooperación Internacional, Costa Rica, 2022
- Specialization in Notary Law, Universidad La Salle, Costa Rica, 2011
- Law degree, Universidad de Costa Rica, Costa Rica, 2010

#### LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- English