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Honduras

PRACTICE AREAS

- Environmental, Health & Occupational Safety
- Business Law
- Aviation & Maritime
- Energy & Infrastructure

ACCREDITATIONS

Education

- Course on Renewable Energy for Sustainable Rural Development, INCAE Business School, Costa Rica, 2012.
- Degree in Legal and Social Sciences, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), Honduras, 1997.
- American Law and International Law Program for foreign lawyers in Texas, 2008.

ABOUT

Karla Aguilar, founding Partner of BLP Honduras, specializes in Environmental, Health & Occupational Safety, Business Law, Aviation & Maritime, and Energy & Infrastructure. With over 20 years of experience in Energy & Infrastructure, she has provided guidance in the regulated sector, international and national tenders, power supply contracts (PPAs), permits, strategies, and community engagement for electrical projects, legal consultancy, and environmental licensing. In Environmental, Health & Occupational Safety, she has mastered the process of obtaining permits and licenses, environmental mitigation contracts, preparation of environmental impact studies, and community engagement strategies. In Aviation & Maritime, she has extensive experience in consultations, contracts, registrations, permits, and licenses, and knowledge of industry regulatory plans.

EXPERIENCE

El Tornillito Hydroelectric Project, the second largest hydroelectric project in Honduras.
BLP assisted the project in the good compliance of the Environmental License, Contract of Operation and Contract of Water. BLP advised the client on obtaining an extension of the environmental license and extending the initial concession to 200 Megas. El Tornillito is the third-largest hydroelectric project in the region in terms of renewable energy development.

BLP advised Aquarela La Grecia, the most important sugar mill in Honduras. BLP has advised the client in obtaining the permits and meeting the requirements necessary to consider itself a 100% sustainable company using all of its waste for energy generation through biomass.

BLP assisted CELSIA with the entire process to obtain environmental Licenses. BLP also assisted in the registration of suppliers of equipment and materials for generating electricity. Moreover, CELSIA was registered in the Registry of Exonerates to enjoy the tax benefit of the General Directorate of Customs Franchise Control of the Ministry of Finance.

San Marcos Wind Energy, one of the largest renewable energy projects in the country. BLP assisted San Marcos Wind Energy in developing a wind energy project with a capacity of 118 MW. BLP assisted in all matters relating to securing new land for the projects and complying with all environmental processes.

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Celsia Solar El Corbano and Rio Blanquito Project in Choloma for energy development. BLP assists them in all the legal procedures necessary for the change of address and the renewal of registrations as generators and suppliers of solar material. BLP also assisted in the first and second stages of the new maquila power generation projects located at Parkdale Mills (world's largest yarn producer).

BLP advised ZIP San José on the project for the constitution of a solar self-consumption maquila. BLP assisted on the registration process with Honduras' electricity regulator. Similarly, the firm advises on the possible sale of the project to ZIP San Jose, the only Industrial Park located in the city of San Pedro (one of the strongest and largest textile producers in the country) where it is intended to develop the energy project for self-consumption.

BLP advised United Parcel Service on the cancellation of the operation certificate that UPS held within Honduran territory. The transaction involved the preparation of an important filing submitted against the Honduran regulator for canceling the operation certificate that UPS held in Honduras.

Advised Scatec Solar and Norfund regarding the financing of $250 million in projects for the construction, development, and operation of photovoltaic (PV) power plants.

Advised SunEdison regarding the financing of $150 million in projects for the construction, development, and operation of photovoltaic (PV) power plants.

Advised Globeleq Mesoamerica Energy regarding the financing of $300 million in projects for the construction, development, and operation of wind farms.

Participation as an arbitrator in domestic arbitration proceedings regarding electric power and complex commercial disputes.

Specialized legal counsel in contractual disputes related to Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs).

Legal and technical analysis of regulatory disputes within the electricity market, including assessment of regulatory compliance and legal risks.

Interdisciplinary coordination with technical, regulatory, and legal teams in international arbitration proceedings.

RECOGNITIONS

• Recognized in the practice of Corporate/Commercial by Chambers and Partners.

• Recognized as Leading Individual in the practice of Energy and Projects by The Legal 500.

• Recognized as LACCA Approved by in-house lawyers consulted by LACCA.

LANGUAGES

• Spanish
• English

ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- Honduras Bar Association
- Conciliation and Arbitration Center of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Tegucigalpa (CCA): Arbitrator and certified conciliator
- Comisión Interamericana de Arbitraje Comercial (CIAC): Arbitrator
- Honduran Association of Electric Power Producers (AHPEE): Member
- International Bar Association: Member