

Gaston P. Fernandez

Partner

Miami

Biography

Bridging the gap between China and Latin America, Gaston P. Fernandez handles project development and finance matters involving both regions. Fluent in Spanish, Mandarin, and English, he facilitates deals for clients across borders and cultures.

Gaston lived in China from 2005-2011, working at a prominent Chinese law firm for a year before joining the firm's Beijing office and then transferring to the Miami office in 2011.

He often represents Latin American national governments and companies and has worked on matters involving Asian investment throughout Latin America in the petrochemical, power generation, transportation, and mining industries. He has been involved with the negotiation and successful closing of credit facilities for Latin American national governments and companies from U.S., European, and Asian banks, including China Development Bank, The Export-Import Bank of China, Bank of China, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), The Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), and The Export-Import Bank of Korea.

Representative experience

Advising the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of



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Languages

English
Spanish
Mandarin

Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Corporate

Commercial

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Industries

Ecuador in connection with a US\$68m loan from The Export-Import Bank of Korea for the development of a water industry project.

Advising Latin American governments and state-owned entities on credit facilities from Chinese banks for hydroelectric projects, electricity transmission lines, and highways.

Advising the state-owned electric company of the Republic of Honduras on the negotiation and closing of a US\$298m facility agreement with ICBC for construction of the Patuca III hydroelectric project.

Advising the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Ecuador on obtaining a US\$50m credit facility from a consortium of banks led by JBIC to develop energy efficiency projects to achieve Paris Agreement goals.

Awards and rankings

- International Firms: City Focus: Miami, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2019
- International Firms: Projects and Energy, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2019
- International Firms: Banking and Finance, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2018

Latest thinking and events

- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - Recent reforms in China to promote foreign investment
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Navigating through the winding One Belt One Road
- Hogan Lovells Events
 - Going Global 2017
- Published Works
 - China's Economic Engagement with Latin America
Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Insurance

TMT

Areas of focus

Hogan Lovells China Desk

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 2005

B.A., Brown University, cum laude, 2002

Memberships

Member, American Chamber of Commerce in the People's Republic of China

Member, Florida Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Florida

- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - 13th Special Institute on International Mining and Oil & Gas Law, Development, and Investment
- Published Works
 - International Comparative Legal Guide to Telecommunication Laws and Regulations 2010: China chapter on telecoms regulations *Global Legal Group Ltd*