

ABDALA & CIA
— ABOGADOS —

OUR FIRM



Abdala & Cia. is a law firm established in Santiago de Chile, founded in 1988.

With over thirty years of experience, it distinguishes itself by providing top quality service, personalized, swift and timely attention.

Its work proposals are clear and honest.

It strives to give simple and successful solutions.

The firm specializes in diverse areas of law.

It collaborates with its clients and supports them.



It characterizes itself by anticipating the facts and by preventing and resolving inconveniences.

It stands out by nourishing long term relationships with its clients and exceeding their expectations.

The work is developed by committed, top level lawyers and by our specialized staff, all supported by our sophisticated and efficient administrative and technological structure, which allows us to provide our clients with excellent service.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRM

The firm is integrated by a group of elite lawyers that graduated from the most prestigious universities of our country, who are either associates or partners to the firm.

All the lawyers are specialists and most of them have post graduate degrees.

We have a clear, modern and updated vision of the current demands of the market and its continuous legislative and procedural changes.



WORK PHILOSOPHY

Team work, study, research, efficiency and loyalty are the main and unwavering principles of each one of the members of Abdala & Cia.

This extraordinary atmosphere and infrastructure allows us to develop our professional work inside a pleasant work environment.

We always try to conduct ourselves up to the standards. We are demanding with our counterparts when needed but also conciliators when it is justified.



Scrum: everyone pushing towards a common goal

SERVICES

The client is our priority and we provide personalized services. We offer the highest quality of legal and business advice within a wide range of legal services and areas of practice. These are provided by top quality lawyers and administrative staff, who are supported by an excellent structure, permanent training, support and technological control. When the assessment from other jurisdictions is needed, we support our clients through an international network of lawyers with whom we share similar ideals.

Extra value services

More than top quality legal assistance, we add value to our services through:

- Legal Representation
- Business Management
- Payroll and Office Banking
- Administrative, accountable and taxation support Unit
- Custody and dispatch of documents
- Customs office
- Domicile
- Warehouse and Storage



INTERNATIONAL REACH

Abdala & Cia. is a member of the DRT Alliance, a global network of law offices that provides clients seamless access to legal services in major business centers throughout the U.S., Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Whether a part of the headquarters firm of Diaz, Reus & Targ, LLP in Miami, Florida, or independently owned and operated, each member of the DRT Alliance has been thoroughly vetted as offering top-quality legal talent and experience while sharing the same values, strategic vision, and dedication to client service.

Diaz Reus & Targ, LLP is recognized by Chambers, Legal 500, BestLawyers®, GIR, Latinvex, Martindale-Hubbell and has received awards from many distinguished publications.



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Associated Firm



DRT ALLIANCE

PRIVATE CLIENT ADVICE

Our PCA team is devoted to provide global assistance for our clients through complete and integral services, including different subjects destined to organize their investments, minimizing risks, structuring businesses, wealth, taxes, family and disputes, with an outstanding management of the decision making processes, in the hands of a responsible and dynamic team.



OUR TEAM

Team work, efficiency and loyalty are the fundamental and inalienable principles of each one of the members of Abdala & Cia., integrated by a group of qualified and committed lawyers and assistants who deliver to the client exemplary service.



Ricardo Abdala Hirane

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In charge of the commercial and corporate governance areas.

His area of expertise is focused on business environment, corporate governance, directories, and public and private tenders. Within the last years, he served as a lawyer for the public tender of Canal de Chacao and the Casino of Ovalle, both granted in favor of his clients. He also actively participates in planning, strategy and in the development of high complexity judiciary affairs.

Ricardo stands out for his vast trajectory and experience providing assessment for foreigner investors and in the startup of foreign companies, participating in their creation, development and consolidation. He has extensive experience in the legal world related to businesses and their risks, and the increase and safeguard of the estate.

He is a director, advisor, legal representative, legal sponsor and consultant. He holds the title of Compliance Officer through which he develops crime prevention models for a wide range of business areas, ensuring its proper implementation.

He studied Law at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, and graduated as a Lawyer in 1988.

Languages: English and Spanish.

Practice areas: Corporate Governance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Commercial Law, Bank and Finance, Civil Law, Real Estate, Family estate, Insolvency & estate reorganization, Compliance, Immigration Law



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José Ignacio Arteaga Manieu

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He leads the employment area of the firm and participates in corporative and judiciary affairs.

His main areas of practice are employment litigation, high complexity trials, arbitration, labor law consulting, collective bargaining, corporative law and compliance.

He studied Law at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, and graduated in 1988.

He is a member of the Chile Bar.

Language: Spanish

Practice areas: Arbitration - Mediation, Employment and Labor Law, Public tenderings



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Michele Daroch Sagredo

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In charge of the judiciary area.

Her main areas of expertise focus on litigation of high complexity affairs, developing litigation strategies as well as participating actively before the courts and other administrative entities of the country, regarding civil law, banking and financial law, regulatory issues and family law related to foreigners.

She also participates in affairs related to public tendering and public contracts. She participated in the judiciary internship for judges during the launching of the family courts.

She has been a collaborator for World Justice Project since 2014, which is an international community of experts and professionals who work to promote the rule of law through the world.

She is a member of the association of family lawyers, participating during its beginnings in the ethics committee and member of the International Bar Association.

She studied Law at Universidad de Chile and graduated as a Lawyer in 1996.

Languages: English and Spanish.

Practice areas: Civil law, banking and financial law litigation, Regulatory Law, Family Law



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Andrea Abdala Ready

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She was born in Santiago in June 15.

She graduated as a lawyer from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in 2015.

She is part of Abdala & Cia. in the litigation, advisory and corporate labor area since 2018.

Previously, she worked in the legal studies Cariola Diez Perez-Cotapos (2015-2016) and Morales y Besa. (2016-2018)

Practice areas: Labor, Immigration, Litigation, Civil law

OUR TEAM



Nicolas Abdala Ready

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He was born in Santiago on November 12.

He graduated in Law from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in 2018.

During his studies, he worked in the litigation team of Abdala & Cía. (2014-2016), and in the Intellectual Property practice of the Porzio, Ríos y García law firm (2016-2017).

Once he graduated, he joined the “Under-Secretariat of International Economic Relations” as a lawyer in the International Law Section (2018-2021), where he negotiated, implemented and managed commercial agreements subscribed by Chile.

On the academic side, he’s been an assistant in International Public Law and he is currently an assistant professor of Private International Law, both in the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Nicolás joined again Abdala & Cía. in 2021 to be part of the corporate and real estate areas of the firm, and also to collaborate as a Managing Partner.

Languages: English and Spanish

Practice areas: Corporate law, International law, Administrative law.



Fuad Eduardo Chahin Valenzuela

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He was born in Temuco on December 1.

He graduated as a lawyer from the Faculty of Law of the University of Chile, where he became licensed in Legal and Social Sciences.

He is a partner of Abdala & Cia. Abogados, specialized in the defense of consumer rights, regulatory and corporate law. He has been a lawyer of Consumers Associations and legislative advisor in the Ministries of Justice and Mining.

Between March 2010 and March 2018 he held the position of Deputy of the Republic where he chaired the “Constitution, Legislation and Justice” commissions; “Social Development and Overcoming Poverty” and “Economy”. He also joined the “Finance Committee” of the Chamber of Deputies.

In March 2018, he re-joined the firm Abdala & Cia. as a partner, where he participated from July 2007 until he took office as Deputy of the Republic.

In the academic field, he was a founding partner of the Jorge Ahumada Institute Studies Center and in 2008, he was a professor of the Diploma in Management Skills taught by the Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Chile.

Practice areas: Commercial Law, Corporate Governance, Regulatory

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Rodrigo Rojas Palma

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He was born in Chile on December 29.

Lawyer of the University of Chile, he leads the tax area and the area of Information Technology of Abdala & Cia.

Expert in tax matters as well as those related to information technologies. After more than 30 years of experience, he has developed a strong specialization in tax matters and also in computer contracting, protection of personal data, computer crimes, intellectual property, electronic commerce and other topics related to the Internet.

In addition, he has a vast experience in the field of information technology, telecommunications and systems, obtained in the legal advice of SONDA and around 20 companies of the group, for more than 20 years.

As of December 2017, he rejoined Abdala & Cia., where he worked from 2005 to 2014.

He was legal advisor of the Chilean Association of Information Technology Companies A.G. – ACTI, until 2016 and member of the Intellectual Property Committee of AmCham since 2007. In the period from 2009 to 2012 he was Director of Postgraduate and Extension of the Faculty of Law – Adolfo Ibáñez University.

Languages: Spanish and English

Practice areas: Tax Law & Information Technology

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Evelyn Happke

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She was born in Chuquicamata, on September 29.

She graduated as a lawyer from the Adolfo Ibáñez University in 2018.

She has been part of Abdala & Cia. since 2018. Her professional practice is mainly focused on corporate governance.

Languages: English and Spanish.

Practice areas: Gobierno Corporativo, Corporativo, Civil



OUR TEAM



René Zalaquett P.

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His main areas of work focus on corporate government, sanitary law and trial prosecution.

He has been a team member of Abdala & Cia. since 2016.

He taught law at the DUOC of the Catholic University in Santiago. From 2011 to 2014 he served in the Health Ministry of Chile., leading the Legal Department and working in Sanitary Summaries and Judicial Defense.

Mr. Zalaquett studied Law at Universidad de Chile and graduated as a Lawyer in 1977.

Languages: Spanish and English.

Practice areas: Corporate Law, Civil Law, Commercial Law, Sanitary law, Litigation



Patricio Galeb Salomón

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Consultant and administrator of the Business area sin 1999.

Agronomist, graduated from the Universidad de Chile in 1973.

In charge of national and international consulting, company startups, public policies, exports and imports.

Before becoming a member of the firm, he was the manager of the agro industrial area of Fundación Chile.

He is a member of Harvard University Alumni.

Practice areas: Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environmental affairs

OUR TEAM



José Pablo Spencer

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He was born in Santiago, on January 29.

He graduated as a lawyer from the Finis Terrae University in 2018.

He is part of Abdala & Cia. since 2017.

His professional practice focuses mainly on the judicial and corporate area of the Firm.

Languages: Spanish and English

Practice areas: Corporate, Civil, Litigation in civil, banking and financial law



Augusto Quintana Benavides

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He was born in Concepción (Chile) on August 16.

He studied Law at Universidad de Concepción and graduated as a Lawyer in 1990. In addition, he holds Magister in Public Law with Mention in Constitutional Law (P. Universidad Católica de Chile, 1997) and a diploma in Corporate Governments (Industrial Engineering Industries Department -Universidad de Chile, 2009).

He was a Ministry of Justice legal adviser (1990-2003), drafting reports about law, legislative advice, international treaty negotiation, promotion of arbitration, etc.

Between 2003 and 2010, he was legal assistant manager of Corporación de Fomento de la Producción (CORFO), where he was in charge of legal affairs, administrative advice, the development of new subsidies, the promotion of legal advice digital platforms, etc.

Moreover, he's been the director of several harbor companies (Empresa Portuaria Arica, Empresa Portuaria Iquique); mining companies (CIMM), and from the energy sector (Pacific Solar S.A., Empresa de Desarrollo de Energías Renovables Alen Walung S.A., etc.).

He exercised freely the legal profession for the last years, especially in the energy, mining and corporate sectors.

Augusto has been a scholar at the Law School of the Universidad de Chile since 1993 where he teaches the Constitutional Law class.

He has authored several publications in specialized publications.

OUR TEAM



Ignacio Suarez Eytel

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He was born on January 14.

He graduated as a lawyer from the Universidad de Chile in 2004, where he also graduated in Judicial and Social Sciences.

Ignacio has experience in Administrative and Public Law. From April 2006 until September 2014, he was the Head of the Legal Department of the Forensic Medical Service.

From April 2005 until October 2016, he worked as a Sub-Secretary of Justice. He was Chief of Social Reinsertion at the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, and Head of the Law and Legislative Division at the Subsecretariat of Crime Prevention at the Interior and Public Security Ministry.

He holds a diploma in Rule of Law and Access to Justice from the Universidad de Chile, Heidelberg Institute and California Western School of Law.

In 2019 he joins the Administrative Law department of Abdala & Cia.



Catalina Jaque

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She was born in Santiago, Chile, on August 9.

She obtained her law degree from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in 2019.

She is part of Abdala & Cia. since 2022.

Her professional practice is mainly focused in the judicial and corporate labor area.

Languages: Spanish and English



PRACTICE AREAS

CORPORATE / MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

- Corporate Law
- Contracts
- Pharmacist and Health
- Fusions and acquisitions
- Industrial engineer
- Real estate
- Insolvency
- Legal Representation, Management
- Retail
- Services

LITIGATION, ARBITRATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Arbitration.
- Compliance with foreign resolutions.
- Mediation and Dispute Resolution.
- Intellectual property and consumer rights.
- Corporate responsibility.
- Labor, Real Estate and Construction.
- Commercial and civil litigation.
- Health Law.
- Extraditions.
- International Conflicts.
- Collections and Recoveries.
- Bankruptcy and reorganization of companies.

LABOR LAW

- Individual and collective work contracts.
- Employment contracts for foreigners.
- Due Diligence.
- Work Visas.
- Social security, pensions, health and accidents at work.
- Collective bargaining, advice and relationships with Trade Unions.
- Compliance with labor regulations.
- Practices of hygiene and security in the workplace.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

- Regulatory Law
- Tenders
- Administrative and judicial litigation; Actions and defenses.
- Compliance

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

- Trademarks and Intellectual Property
- E-commerce, right to image and advertising.
- Technology, Media and Communications Records
- Licensing, distribution, representation and franchising agreements.

PRACTICE AREAS

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

- Broad advice in corporate government, finance, tax and regulatory governance matters (one-off or permanent)
- Development, creation and maintenance of sophisticated corporate structures.
- International trade
- Joint ventures.
- Implementation and modification of statutes and shareholder regulations, directories and management.
- Implementation of corporate governance, compliance and restructuring manuals.
- Drafting, review, amendment and negotiation of any type of contract.

BANKING AND FINANCE

- Capital Markets.
- Capital Income.
- Remittances abroad.
- Banking and finances.
- Financing of Projects, transactions with different currencies.
- Refinancing existing debts.
- Leasing and Factoring.
- Guarantees.

SECTORS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Resorts, Hotels and Casinos
- Infrastructure
- Real Estate, Urbanism and Construction
- Advising Foreigners
- Foreign investment
- Franchising
- Tenders and Concessions
- Legal Representation, Management
- Inheritance and Succession Law.
- Visas

FAMILY LAW

- Food.
- Communicational regime.
- Personal care.
- Divorces.
- Declarations of the Family.
- Interdictions.
- International kidnapping or illegitimate withholding.
- Domestic violence.
- Causes for violations of Rights of children and adolescents.
- Guardianships
- National and international litigation

TAX LAW

- Planning and Restructuring.
- Family Patrimony.
- Local and international transactions.
- Investment and reinvestment.
- Representation and Defense.

ENERGY LAW

- Electricity law
- Fuel
- Project development

CONTACT

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