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OUR
ENVIRONMENTAL
LEGAL ADVICE
IN YOUR BUSINESS





ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE IS ESSENTIAL

FOR ALL TYPES OF PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND INVESTMENTS.

Currently, companies face different **challenges in sustainability issues**, such as compliance with regulatory requirements, risk management, pollution prevention, implementation of sustainability strategies, among others. Our firm becomes an important ally by providing **specialized legal advice** that allows us to **address these challenges promptly and adequately**, as well as visualize opportunities. We accompany our clients in the identification of **comprehensive and sustainable solutions** within the current regulatory framework, **focused on the needs of their operations**.

The experience of our team has shown that incorporating environmental legal advice provides an **added value** in any business or activity, also being part of interdisciplinary work teams. Our assessment begins from the previous and preparatory stages in the development of projects and has proven to be highly beneficial, by identifying possible existing environmental risks, limitations, and applicable regulation, thus avoiding setbacks due to non-compliance with requirements in the processing of permits.

The **implementation of sustainability strategies** may reduce operating costs, increase market shares, and strengthen business values and corporate social responsibility commitments.

Environmental breaches directly affect the competitiveness of a company and can result in the application of sanctions. Operating responsibly under sustainability criteria **protects a company's economic interests** and seeks a balance between the activities carried out and the well-being of the environment and society.



Advice in all areas of environmental law:

In response to the specific needs and queries of our clients, we prepare reports and legal memorandums on all environmental issues, including Protected Wildlife Areas, water use and management, waste management, emissions, energy and fuels, mining, maritime terrestrial zone, and climate change.

Regulatory aspects and Audits:

Additionally, preparation of legal matrices and audits to verify compliance with regulatory requirements applicable to a certain activity, including those established by environmental and occupational health regulations, and issuing recommendations in relation to aspects of social responsibility. We identify possible contingencies to prevent environmental risks, prepare regulatory compliance matrices and carry out audits regarding **environmental, occupational health, and corporate social responsibility aspects.**

Permit processing:

Obtaining and accompanying clients in the processing of permits before different government institutions.

Project development:

We work along with our clients from the previous stages of planning and development of various types of projects. We **identify opportunities, risks, and limitations**, as well as applicable regulatory requirements.

Sustainable development:

Assessment regarding the transformation of internal processes to establish sustainability strategies and in the preparation of internal plans and policies on environmental matters. We advise on matters related to corporate social responsibility and sustainability within companies.



Litigation:

Representation in administrative and judicial courts regarding environmental disputes and injunction requests.

Mergers and acquisitions/Real estate:

Advice and preparation of **environmental due diligence reports** to identify possibilities and limitations for the development of properties and activities, as well as possible regulatory violations or risk situations that must be addressed and considered to make informed decisions about any transaction.

Contracts:

Preparation of contracts on various environmental issues. We also incorporate the analysis of environmental aspects in the preparation and negotiation of any type of contracts.

Free Trade Zone Regime (FTZR):

Assessment in the application and processing of governmental permits to identify the environmental matters that imply legal requirements and considerations. Our team works closely with companies under the FTZR to ensure operations are carried out in a sustainable matter and in compliance with environmental regulations. We also work as a team with our client's consultants, engineers, and other experts, allowing for the legal and technical advice to be integrated in any decision-making process.



EXPERIENCE



LUCIANA PINEDA is the Director of the environmental practice. She obtained her juris doctor with a specialization in environmental law at the University of Costa Rica and a Masters of Law (LLM) in Environmental Law from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Luciana has dedicated her professional career to environmental law and has advised national and multinational companies in the commercial, industrial, and service sector, as well as international and non-governmental organizations.

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