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Banking and Finance Securities Markets

Andrés Felipe Melo is a senior associate in Garrigues' Banking & Finance and Securities Markets practice areas. Andrés has advised a broad range of entities in the financial sector, assisting them with incorporation, mergers, product structuring and contract negotiations relating to entities surveilled by the Colombian Financial Superintendence; likewise, he has partaken in consultations with foreign financial supervisors. In addition to having advised on financial regulatory matters, he has also participated in the structuring of securities issues in both primary and secondary markets, as well as in the international market. Lawyer from the Universidad de los Andes, with an Specialist degree in Financial and Security Markets Law from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, and an LL.M Masters Degree from King's College London.

Experience

Since 2018, Andrés Felipe Melo has been part of Garrigues' Banking & Finance and Securities Markets practice areas.

In his professional activity he has participated in advisory services to different entities of the Colombian financial sector, as well as to leading FinTech entities, and has also participated in consultancies with foreign financial supervisors; his experience also includes the structuring of local and international securities issuances, in addition to transactional advisory services where he has led negotiations with an impact on the Colombian financial sector. Therefore, among others, he has developed the following activities:

- Advise on incorporation, conversion, acquisition and merger processes of financial entities;
- Advise on local and international securities issuances;
- Advise on financial regulatory matters, both for financial institutions and FinTech industry players;
- Advise on joint venture agreements for the development of projects, as well as credit agreements with fiduciary structures between local and international players; and
- Advise on consultancies that have involved the analysis and drafting of financial regulations.

Andrés Felipe participated in the program "Introduction to the International Practice of Business Law" offered by Centro de Estudios Garrigues (Madrid, Spain).

Academic background

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