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Experience

Florencia, lawyer and notary public, has more than 15 years of experience in the banking and corporate area. She specializes in financial transactions, both local and international, debt restructuring, sovereign debt transactions, securities offerings, and provides advice on regulatory aspects to various companies in the financial sector, in particular in the fintech area. Her area of practice also includes mergers and acquisitions, having, through the years, advised the major international and national companies in relevant projects in Uruguay. She has also focused on providing advice on compliance issues, including areas such as data protection as well as anti-money laundering.

She has been recognized by prestigious international publications such as "Chambers & Partners", Euromoney, IFLR 1000 and "Legal 500" for her outstanding performance in the area of Financial and Banking Law. She has also been recognized by Euromoney as "Finance Latin American Lawyer of the Year" (Women in Business Law Awards), by IFLR Women Leaders 2022, and by "Chambers & Partners" as "Gender Diversity Lawyer of the Year" for her involvement in gender diversity matters.

Florencia obtained a Master in Business Law at the University of Montevideo and was also an Assistant Professor of Financial law at the same University. Florencia has obtained the Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Certificate from ISEDE, Business School of Universidad Católica del Uruguay.

Work Highlights

Florencia assisted The Roberto Giori Company in the first issuance of digital official national currency (e-peso) by a Central Bank. Such transaction was recognized as “Deal of the Year” by Latin Lawyer.

Florencia led the team that assisted Mercado Libre (the most important Latin American e-commerce platform) in the launching in Uruguay of its digital wallet Mercado Pago.

Florencia assisted international banks Citigroup, HSBC and Itaú in the successful sovereign debt issuance and restructuring transaction carried out by Uruguay for a combined total amount of USD 3,5 billion. The proceeds of such issuance have been allocated to implement measures in order to support the country’s economy amid the COVID-19 crisis.

Professional experience abroad

LL.M. (Master in Laws) in Corporate Law in New York University (New York, 2005- 2006).
Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, New York, USA (September 2006 – July 2007)

Languages

Spanish and English
