



RAFAEL FUENTES CATAÑO

Counsel

Attorney with broad experience in constitutional and administrative litigation, as well as a solid professional background counseling companies in highly regulated sectors.

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Areas of Practice

AML, Anti-corruption and Compliance
Banking & Finance Regulation
Constitutional & Administrative Litigation
Information Technology
Telecommunications & Broadcasting

About

Rafael is counsel at the firm and has broad experience in regulatory consulting, strategic legal protection, and litigation, including constitutional litigation as well as advisory in highly regulated sectors such as banking and highway infrastructure. He regularly represents and counsels leading financial institutions –private banks and development banks, telecom, and infrastructure companies, among others, across a myriad of regulatory matters.

Rafael's solid experience in constitutional and administrative litigation includes working both for the private sector before administrative authorities, as well as the public sector, allowing him to provide comprehensive advice in his areas of practice. He also has expertise with cases before the Mexican Supreme Court that have resulted in ground-breaking constitutional and regulatory judicial precedents. This includes representing a financial institution regarding the validity of the parametric model used to analyze the solvency and viability of payments of its borrowers, for which a favorable ruling was obtained impacting the financial system. Similarly, Rafael was part of the team obtaining a favorable ruling for a telecom concessionaire, sorting out the unconstitutionality of Mexico's Telecommunications Law that established disproportionate fines based in gross incomes. He also advised COFECE, Mexico's Federal Antitrust regulator as

autonomous constitutional body in the filing of a Constitutional Controversy Remedy (Controversia Constitucional) challenging the law setting out irrational limitations to the remunerations for the public servants below the wage of the Mexican President.

Experience

- Specialized Secretary in Criminal Matters of the First Chamber, Mexican Supreme Court of Justice, Professional Internship, Mexico City, Mexico (2011-2013)

Awards & Recognitions

TMT recommended, The Legal 500

Academia

Rafael has also taught Human Rights and Administrative Law at Universidad La Salle and lectured in relation to Sanctioning Procedures at ITESM in Mexico City.

Education

Master's degree in Economic Law, Universidad Panamericana, Mexico City, Mexico (2018)

Law degree (J.D. equivalent), Escuela Libre de Derecho, Mexico City, Mexico (2013)

Publications & Collaborations

National Banking and Securities Commission (Mexico), Regulators 2022, published by Latin Lawyer [Download](#)

Anti-Corruption Guide 2021, Mexico Chapter, published by Chambers and Partners [Download](#)

National Banking and Securities Commission Regulation, Latin Lawyer Regulators Series 2020, published by Latin lawyer

Anti-Corruption Guide 2019, Mexico Chapter, published by Chambers and Partners [Download](#)

Languages

Spanish

English

