Alejandro Ferrer

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CONTACT

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Panama City

PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate and M&A | Litigation | Arbitration | Energy and Natural Resources | Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) | Public Tenders and Concessions Contracts | Infrastructure

BIOGRAPHY

Alejandro Ferrer is a partner at Alcogal in Panama City with extensive experience in antitrust, arbitration, corporate and M&A, energy and natural resources, litigation, and project development.

He has been with the firm since 1998 and is widely respected for his deep technical knowledge and practical approach to complex legal challenges. Alejandro holds a Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D.) and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of Michigan, where he was a Fulbright Scholar, and earned his Bachelor of Law and Political Sciences summa cum laude from Universidad Santa María la Antigua.

Before joining Alcogal, Alejandro served in prominent public roles, including as Panama's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Commerce and Industry, as well as in senior diplomatic and judicial positions. His career reflects strong leadership in both government and private practice, giving him a unique perspective on international trade, regulatory matters, and high-stakes negotiations. Fluent in Spanish and English with basic French, he combines global insight with a nuanced understanding of the Panamanian legal landscape.

EXPERIENCE

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama
(2019 - 2020)

Minister of Commerce and Industry
(2004 - 2008)

Alternate Justice of the Third Superior Court of Appeal of the First Judicial District of Panama
(2001 - 2004)

Partner at Aleman, Cordero, Galindo & Lee
(1998 - present)

Vice Minister of Foreign Relations
(1996 - 1997)

Counselor of International Trade at the Embassy of Panama in the United States of America
(1995 - 1996)

Ambassador of Panama to the World Trade Organization
(1994 - 1995)

Deputy Permanent Ambassador of Panama to United Nations and other International Organizations
(1994 - 1995)

Joint Permanent Representative on the Special Mission to the GATT
(1993 - 1994)

Legal Counselor of the Commission of Accession of Panama to GATT
(1993)

Associate at Alfaro, Ferrer, Ramirez & Aleman
(1989 - 1996)

EDUCATION

Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D),
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
(2000)

Master of Laws (LL.M)
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
(1992)

Fulbright Scholar
(1991 - 1992)

Bachelor of Law and Political Sciences
Universidad Santa María La Antigua, Panama City, Panama
(Summa Cum Laude)
(1990)

LANGUAGES

Spanish · English · French (Basic)

BAR ADMISSION

1990, Panama

MEMBERSHIPS

Panama Bar Association

Forum of Young Global Leaders, World Economic Forum

President of the Board of Directors, Amador Foundation – Biodiversity Museum (2006-2013)

Fellow, Central America Leadership Initiative (CALI)

IES Honorary Business Representative for IE Singapore (in Panama) (2008-2019)

Roster of Panelists for Dispute Settlement under the United States-Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR FTA) (2011)

Foreign Relations Committee (1996-1999; 2008-2009)

Presidential Commission against Money Laundering (1998-1999)

ACCOLADES

LEADING PARTNER Legal500 LATIN AMERICA 2026

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