

Rita de la Guardia

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PRACTICE AREAS

Banking

Capital Markets

Corporate and M&A

Energy and Natural Resources

Finance

BIOGRAPHY

Rita de la Guardia is a partner of the firm and focuses her practice on banking and finance, capital markets, and mergers and acquisitions. She has extensive experience advising financial institutions, multinational companies, and regional groups on complex transactions, both local and cross-border. She is admitted to practice in Panama and New York, allowing her to provide legal counsel with an international perspective and a practical, execution-oriented approach. She also serves on the boards of directors of GNB Sudameris Bank Panama and the Jesús Luz de Oportunidades Foundation.

She is a member of the New York State Bar, the International Bar Association (IBA), and serves on the Board of Directors of Women in the Profession (WIP) Panama, where she actively promotes initiatives supporting gender equality within the legal profession.

Her career has been recognized by international legal publications such as Chambers and Partners, which includes her in its rankings for banking and finance; The Legal 500, which highlights her technical strength and strategic approach to complex transactions; and IFLR1000, which recognizes her as a leading lawyer in financial and corporate law. These distinctions reflect both her expertise and her reputation among clients and peers as a key figure in the Panamanian legal field.

EXPERIENCE

Partner at Aleman, Cordero, Galindo & Lee

(2022–present)

Senior Associate at Aleman, Cordero, Galindo & Lee

(2019–2022)

Associate at Aleman, Cordero, Galindo & Lee

(2014–2019)

International Associate at Arias, Fabrega & Fabrega

(2013–2014)

Associate at Shearman and Sterling

(2012)

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

(2011)

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service

Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia

(Cum Laude, 2008)

LANGUAGES

Spanish · English

BAR ADMISSION

2015, Panama · 2012, New York

MEMBERSHIPS

Board of Directors, WIP Panama

New York Bar Association

Board of Directors, EFG Asesores (Panama) S.A.

Board of Directors, GNB Sudameris Bank S.A.

ACCOLADES

