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María Fernanda is a senior associate in the Capital Markets , Banking and Finance Law, and Commercial Contracts practice in the Santiago de Chile office.

She provides legal advice in various fields, mainly in local and international bond issuances, banking and financial institutions' regulation, as well as advice to debtors and lenders in corporate financings, refinancings, restructurings, insolvency and project finance.

She is a lawyer from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and has an LL.M. degree in International Business and Economic Law with a certificate in Securities and Financial Regulation from Georgetown University, Washington D.C. Between 2022 and 2023 she was part of Milbank LLP International Attorney Program, joining their Global Capital Markets practice in New York.

She was recognized in 2021 as rising star for the Capital Markets practice by the Legal 500 ranking.

In the academic field, she worked as teacher assistant for International Law and Human Rights classes at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Experience

María Fernanda Jara is a senior associate in the Capital Markets Law and Banking and Finance Law practice at Garrigues since 2017. She has participated in numerous transactions and advisories, including:

- Local securities issuances, considering both equity and long and short term debt.
- Advisory to creditors in insolvency proceedings both locally and under Chapter 11, U.S. Bankruptcy Law.
- Issuance of securities in international markets by or guaranteed by Chilean entities, both by corporate issuers and banking entities, including issuances governed by Rule 144A, Regulation S of the United States of America and private placements.

- Registration processes in the registries maintained by the Chilean Financial Market Commission, including issuers of securities, short and long term debt securities, shares, foreign securities, and others.
- Financing transactions under Chilean and international legislation, advising both local and foreign debtors and creditors, including banks and multilateral organizations.

Academic background

- Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Business and Economic Law with certificate in Securities and Financial Regulation, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington D.C. (2022).
- Attorney at Law, Supreme Court (2018).
- Bachelor of Laws, School of Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (2017).
- Academic Exchange Nanjing University, China (2015) (Banco Santander Top China Scholarship).

Teaching activity

- Teacher Assistant in International Law (2013-2018), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.
- Teacher Assistant in Human Rights (2015), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Distinctions

- The Legal 500 Leading Associate, Capital Markets, 2025
- The Legal 500 Rising Star, Capital Markets, 2021.

Publications

"*One Belt One Road: La Ruta de la Seda del Siglo XXI y sus Implicancias para Chile y América Latina*". (Revista Peruana de Estudios del Asia-Pacífico, 2016).