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Corporate and M&A

Energy Automotive

In his long career as an M&A and transactional lawyer José Antonio has acquired over two decades' experience and a broad knowledge of the energy industry. He advises clients on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, general financing, business transaction structuring, joint ventures, corporate restructuring, corporate planning, general corporate law, privatizations, public and private bidding processes, project finance, infrastructure and energy projects and real estate law. He also advises and represents clients in all types of contracts and civil and commercial agreements, in negotiations with government agencies and in the incorporation of companies and associations, as well as in the establishment of branches and processes related to acquisitions, divestitures, sales, mergers, spin-offs, and the winding-up and liquidation of companies. Local and international clients trust him for sensitive and complex transactions. José Antonio has authored several articles published in Mexico and other countries on corporate, infrastructure and investment topics. He is also a regular speaker in various forums on transactional, investment, and energy matters in Mexico and abroad.

Experience

José Antonio Postigo is partner in the Energy practice and the Corporate and M&A practice.

He has participated in a wide variety of legal transactions encompassing mergers and acquisitions, finance, capital markets, energy and infrastructure projects, joint ventures, regulation and compliance, as well as public tenders and government contracts. Notable transactions he has worked on include representing a global firm in the acquisition of Mexican entities from a business group; advisory services to a North American consumer goods company in the international acquisition of a pet food manufacturer and distributor; representing a U.S.-based manufacturer in the purchase of a plastic injection molding business in Querétaro; and participation in the sale of a Mexican bank to a financial group. He has also advised on the sale of shares in two financial institutions to local banks.

In the area of financing and refinancing, he has taken part in transactions including a refinancing facility provided by a bank to a motorway company; a secured syndicated facility provided to an industrial group, representing a number of Mexican creditors; a US\$150 million debt refinancing facility for a company in the telecommunications sector, representing a bank; and a Mex\$700 million facility to subsidiaries of a chemicals company, representing a number of banks. He also notably participated in a US\$45 million facility provided to a company in the energy sector, representing a bank, as well as in the provision of a Mex\$2 billion syndicated loan to a movie theater chain.

His capital markets services include a Mex\$2 billion public offering of trust certificates (certificados bursátiles) by a finance company, the issuance of trust certificates by a natural gas company amounting to Mex\$ 3.5 billion, a Mex\$4.065 billion global offering of shares in a transport company, the sixth issuance of trust certificates by an automotive company, amounting to Mex\$930 million, the establishment of a debt program for a finance company for the issuance of trust certificates, a Mex\$1.832 billion public share offering for a hotel company, the issuance of notes by a beverage company, amounting to €\$[CL1] 1 billion, and the initial public offering of a bank.

In the energy and infrastructure sector, José Antonio has advised on the redesign of the energy supply structure of an international automotive company in Mexico, on the development of a wind farm in Honduras, on the potential sale of an industrial wind farm in Oaxaca, and on the engineering, acquisition and construction project for a natural gas pipeline system in the states of Tabasco and Chiapas. He has also supported clients in cogeneration projects, including the design of tax and legal structures, energy regulations, labor strategy and the preparation of contracts and negotiations with suppliers.

Lastly, he has represented clients in public tenders for the sale of products and services to government agencies, as well as in challenges related to provisions in the Law on Purchasing, Leasing and Services in the Public Sector. He has also advised on international acquisitions, representing companies in various industries, including insurance, manufacturing, real estate and energy.

José Antonio is fluent in English and Spanish.

Academic background

- Master of Laws (LL.M.), New York University, New York, U.S. (2002).
- Master's Degree in Law, Centro de Estudios de Posgrado en Derecho (EPED) (2000).
- Master of Laws (LL.M.), Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., U.S. (1999).
- Law Degree, Universidad Anáhuac, Mexico City, Mexico (1997).

Memberships

- Member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico
- Member of Barra Mexicana (Mexican Bar Association)
- Member of the American Bar Association.
- Member of the Mexican Association of Business Lawyers.
- Member of the Association of Petroleum Negotiators.

Distinctions

- Chambers and Partners Global 2024 Band 3
- Chambers and Partners Latin America 2025 Band 3
- Legal 500 2025 Recommended Lawyer
- IFLR 1000 2024 Highly Regarded
- Leaders League 2024 Recommended
- Best Lawyers 2025