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AREAS OF PRACTICE & INDUSTRIES

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Real Estate

- Private Equity
- Banking and Finance
- Technology
- Project Finance and Development

LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- English
- French (Intermediate)
- Portuguese (Intermediate)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Master of Laws (LL.M.)
Cornell Law School
Ithaca, NY, 1994
- Lawyer. Universidad Católica Andrés Bello,
Venezuela, 1993

ADMISSIONS

- Venezuela
- New York State Bar
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of International Trade

MEMBERSHIPS

- International Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Corporate Finance and Capital Markets
Committee (VenAmCham)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Pedro Urdaneta is a leading Corporate/M&A lawyer in Venezuela who is recognized for his cross-border transactions work. For over 25 years, Pedro has been committed to servicing the complex needs of large multinationals, financial institutions and private equity investors doing business in Venezuela, and of Venezuelan companies and families doing business abroad.

His practice focuses on corporate and financial transactions in a broad range of industry sectors, including cross-border and domestic mergers and acquisitions, investments, divestitures, joint ventures and carve-out transactions; project development and finance; corporate and asset-backed financings; and other complex matters.

Pedro joined Lega as a Senior Partner in 2019, following the merger with Imery Urdaneta, the firm he founded in 1997.

EXPERIENCE

- Corporate advise to large multinationals and private equity investors doing business in Venezuela.
- Advise to foreign financial institutions in their credit agreements with public and private entities.
- Negotiation of infrastructure project development and finance agreements.
- Negotiation of local and cross-border mergers and acquisitions and related transactions.
- Foreign investment structuring and protection.
- Advise to Venezuelan companies and families doing business abroad.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Pedro has been a speaker and a moderator in national and international conferences, including conferences organized by the American Bar Association, Section of International Law (NY, DC and Miami), Cornell Law School (NY and Miami) and Canning House – British Venezuelan Society & Chambers of Commerce (London), and Lex Mundi.

RECOGNITIONS

Pedro has been consistently ranked as a leading practitioner by Chambers Global, Chambers Latin America, The Legal 500 Latin America, Best Lawyers Venezuela, the Latin America Corporate Counsel Association (LACCA Approved), and Who's Who Legal Mergers & Acquisitions (2014).

ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

Since 2008, he has taught Comparative Law, Private International Law, and Business Ethics and the Law, as an Adjunct Professor at Universidad Metropolitana School of Law. He has also taught Investment Structuring-Protection; and Director & Officer Liability, as a Guest Professor of Law at the IESA MBA Program.

PUBLICATIONS

Pedro has co-authored articles published in The Antitrust Review of The Americas / Global Competition Review; and in The International Lawyer.

“...is a highly experienced lawyer and specialises in assisting with corporate restructuring, joint venture agreements and project finance..”

Chambers Global 2018