

José Rafael Bustamante Espinosa

PARTNER

Principal Partner at Bustamante Fabara and Co-director of the Corporate Department, José Rafael has earned market recognition for his enduring reputation in the business and commercial sphere. He boasts extensive experience in advising foreign clients conducting business in Ecuador and is highly esteemed by both clients and peers, having been a key figure in the legal market for over 35 years.



José Rafael is a Member of INTA – International Trademark Association, American Society of International Law, International Bar Association, International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property - AIPPI, Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property – ASIPI, and Multilaw (President 1996-1999).

Recognitions

- Chambers & Partners Corporate & Commercial: Band 3

Sources praise José Rafael Bustamante Espinosa for his longstanding presence in the corporate arena, with one describing him as «a very knowledgeable, skilled and respected lawyer.» He continues to maintain a strong practice assisting clients with their M&A transactions.

Well-regarded partner José Rafael Bustamante Espinosa is «a highly knowledgeable senior partner,» according to an interviewee. Another observer points to his longstanding presence in the market, while also highlighting his extensive experience in the area. He boasts extensive expertise advising clients on their M&A transactions.

- Chambers & Partners Intellectual Property: Band 3

Co-head of department José Rafael Bustamante Espinosa continues to be well regarded by market commentators, with one saying: «He is a very good lawyer in the trade mark registration and opposition arena.» He is also well placed to assist clients with patent and industrial design applications and infringement actions.

José Rafael Bustamante Espinosa boasts a longstanding experience advising clients on a wide range of intellectual property mandates including patent and industrial design

applications, cancellations and infringement actions. Highlighting his presence in the market, one interviewee reports: «He is behind some of the most important cases in this field.»

- The Legal 500 Intellectual Property:
Leading Individual
- The Legal 500 Real Estate:
Leading Individual
- IP STARS:
Trademark and Patent Star

Professional Experience

- Private practice as Licentiate (Quito) 1974 / 1978.
- Internship with Chadbourne Parke, Whiteside and Wolff, New York 1980
- Internship with Bomchil, Castro, Goodrich, Claro, Lavalle et Associates, Paris, 1980
- Academy of International Law, The Hague, Netherlands, 1983
- IDLI, International Developmental Law Institute (Transfer of Technology), Rome, 1988
- Attended: INTA Panel of Neutrals; Inter-American Bar Association 1981
- International Bar Association Conference, Business Law Section 1979, 1986, 1988
Mediator, INTA.

Education

- American School of Quito (1971); Miami University Law School (1973);
- Catholic University of Ecuador (Licentiate, 1974; Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1978);
- Southwestern Legal Foundation, Dallas, Texas, 1975 (Fulbright Scholarship);
- Institute for International and Foreign Trade Law, Washington, D.C., 1978;
- Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. (Master of Comparative Law, 1979);
- HIIV, Harvard (Macroeconomics, 80 hour course, 1999)

Languages

- Spanish
- English

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