

Rafael Alfredo Valdivieso Eguiguren PARTNER

Rafael advises oil and gas companies on various strategic matters to channel their investments through viable legal structures. He is an expert in drafting and negotiating contracts in the oil and mining industries, corporate structuring, project financing, operational agreements, and local and cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

He works with major clients in the oil and mining industries in Ecuador, advising International Oil Companies (IOCs), independent companies, and service companies on project structuring and implementation in Ecuador, Cuba, Venezuela, and Guatemala. Rafael has advised several mining companies on their entry into Ecuador and on the development of exploratory projects. He has been recognized by leading law publications in the Energy and Natural Resources area for several consecutive years.



In 2016, he won the "Latin Lawyer's Deal of the Year (Regulatory)" award. Rafael was also appointed Director of the Ecuador chapter of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), where he led and organized various events with different government authorities in recent years. He is an expert in Administrative Law and has extensive experience in telecommunications regulatory matters. Currently, he leads the Energy and Natural Resources department at **BUSTAMANTE FABARA**.

Recognitions:

Chambers & Partners

- Band 3: Energy & Natural Resources

Legal 500

- Next Generation Partner: Energy & Natural Resources

IFLR 1000

- Highly Regarded: Project Development

Professional Experience:

Partner, BUSTAMANTE FABARA	2022 / Present
Partner, Robalino	2020 / 2022
Senior Associate, FERRERE Abogados	2015 / 2020
Associate, Paz Horowitz Robalino Garcés Abogados	2012 / 2015

Education:

- Lawyer, San Francisco University of Quito – Ecuador.
- Law Studies, University of Salamanca - Salamanca, Spain.

Memberships

- **Member of the American and International Law Academy**, Center for American and International Law.

Languages:

- Spanish
- English

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