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Practices and Sectors

- Administrative & Constitutional
- Banking, Finance & Capital Markets
- Infrastructure
- Mergers & Acquisitions

Profile

Since beginning his professional practice in 1991, he has been a consistent advisor to numerous national and international clients. He has also advised many of the country's most prominent companies on matters including mergers and acquisitions, structured financing and investment schemes, and local and international placements.

José Luis has led the legal teams in 95% of the shareholder democratization processes carried out in Colombia.

Studies:

- LL.M., Harvard University.
- Specialization in Financial Law, Universidad de los Andes.
- Law Degree, Universidad de los Andes.

He speaks Spanish and English.

Experience

Since 1990, he has developed his professional career at various national and international law firms. In 1992, he joined the Firm as a partner.

José Luis Suárez has built a solid career in corporate, financial, and infrastructure law. He has played a key role in landmark deals such as the acquisition of Carulla Vivero by Almacenes Éxito, the privatization of Isagen, the acquisition of Bancafé by Davivienda, and the merger between UNE EPM and Millicom. His experience also includes ongoing counsel to international banking institutions, the bond issuance by Grupo Aval, and the acquisition of Zona Franca Celsia by EnfraGen. He advised on the democratization of Ecopetrol, and supported the legal structuring of Bogotá's First Metro Line

project. In recent years, he has served as lead counsel to Colombian to the Gilinski family in the structuring and implementation of unsolicited tender offers for shares of Grupo Nutresa, Grupo de Inversiones Suramericana, and Grupo Argos. In 2023, he played a key role in the negotiation and execution of the framework agreement between the Gilinski family, IHC Capital Holding LLC, and the three corporate groups, enabling the share exchange between Grupo Nutresa and Grupo Sura.

Academic and Publishing Collaborations

- Los Andres University professor at both undergraduate and graduate levels, teaching courses such as Introduction to Law and specialized seminars on project financing and international transactions.
- Author of various legal publications and a speaker at numerous conferences and seminars.

Professional Organisations

• Member of the International Bar Association (IBA).

Recognitions

- Eminent Practitioner, Chambers Latin America 2026, Capital Markets.
- Banda 2, Chambers Latin America 2026, Banking and Finance.
- Leading Partner, The Legal 500 2025, Banking and Finance, Projects.
- Thought Leader, Lacca 2025, Banking and Finance
- Highly regarded, IFLR1000 2024, Capital markets, Banking, M&A.
- Law Firm Leader of the Year, Latin Lawyer, 2022.