

Gian Castellero



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VCARD 



PRACTICE AREAS

- ▶ Corporate Law
- ▶ Estates, Trusts and Foundations

BAR ADMISSION

- ▶ Panama

SUMMARY

Gian Castellero joined the firm in 1994 and became a partner in 2008. He is an ARIFA Compliance Committee member and the Sponsor Partner of the ARIFA Pro Bono and CSR Committee. At present, Mr. Castellero heads the firm's estate and private clients group.

He focuses his practice on private client work, including, estate planning, organization and management of family offices, international tax planning and corporate work.

From 1994 to 2000, Mr. Castellero was the resident lawyer of our London office and an active member of the ship finance and registration department of the firm from 2000 to 2006. Later, and until 2013, Mr. Castellero headed ARIFA Corporate Services and its network of offices abroad.

He is the President of the Panamanian Association of International Lawyers and a member of STEP, the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

EDUCATION

Master of Laws, London University (1995) (concentration on commercial and corporate law)

Bachelor of Laws (*Licenciatura en Derecho y Ciencias Políticas*), Santa Maria La Antigua University (1994)

BOARDS AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Director of the Banco Nacional de Panamá (BNP) (2017-Present)

Chairman of the Panamanian International Lawyers Association (2008-Present)

Member of the High Level Committee appointed by the Government of the Republic of Panama for the protection of its international services (2015-2017)

Member of the National Council of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panama

LANGUAGE

- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ English

QR CODE



(2015-2017)

Member of the International Maritime Committee (2007-Present)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Panama Maritime Authority (2013-present)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Maritime University of Panama (2006-2015)

Director of the Panamanian Maritime Lawyers Association (2005-2008)

Chairman of the Committee in charge of drafting the Merchant Marine General Law of Panama and its Regulation Act (2005-2008)

Member of the Executive Counsel of Marviva Foundation (2002-Present)

Fellow of the seventh class of the CALI Foundation (2011-present)

Member of the Board of Directors of the PanVest Fund (2013-present)

President Board of Directors of the LPF Group (*Liga Panameña de Fútbol*) (2015-2016)

Member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network (2011-present)

REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS

- ▶ Advising Peruvian company SPV | Mining Infrastructure re-domiciling to Panama
- ▶ US\$200 million term loan agreement from BNP Paribas to Canacol Energy Ltd. for LatAm oil exploration
- ▶ Terranum Hoteles' acquisition of Decameron Hotels and six of its international subsidiaries
- ▶ Scotiabank's majority stake acquisition in Colfondos
- ▶ Acquisition by Batanga of all rights, title and interest in I-Network
- ▶ Acquisition of Grupo Industrias Lácteas by Coca-Cola and Coca-Cola FEMSA

RECOGNITIONS

- ▶ Leading lawyer, Chambers HNW Guide (2016-2022)
- ▶ Recommended private client lawyer, Who's Who Legal: Central America (2019-2022)
- ▶ Recommended offshore lawyer, Panama, Legal 500 Latin America (2013-2014, 2017-2022)
- ▶ Recommended private client lawyer, Panama, Who's Who Legal (2020)
- ▶ Leading offshore lawyer, Panama, Chambers Global (2011-2019)

PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ Panama implements system to protect the private information of final beneficiaries of legal entities
- ▶ Panama and the international standards on transparency and exchange of information
- ▶ Recently enacted Law 52 of October 27th, 2016
- ▶ "The End of Bearer Shares: Panamanian Private Interest Foundations in Estate Planning", Offshore Investment Magazine (2010)

▶ "The Host With the Most", IFLR Guide to Offshore (2008)

OUR CLIENTS SAY

“ ”

Gian is a top executive with magnificent knowledge and great people skills. He has built great relationships with our clients and has become someone they can really trust with their estate planning needs.

Chambers HNW Guide 2022

“ ”

Gian is top-notch. Whenever I need anything from the firm, I call him.

Chambers HNW Guide 2022

“ ”

Not only is he wonderful to work with, but he is a great listener, knowledgeable and very collaborative. He is efficient and very experienced.

Chambers HNW Guide 2021

“ ”

He has a lot of in-depth knowledge and insight into Panamanian tax law, and he is very good at taking care of clients' needs.

Chambers HNW Guide 2021

“ ”

He is very good at counselling families on multi-generational wealth matters and he is great at assisting closely held family businesses

Chambers HNW Guide 2021

“ ”

Gian Castillero is a professional who is very strong in corporate matters

Legal 500 Latin America 2021

“ ”

... has "a great practice", extol market sources

WWL Banking, Finance & Projects 2019

“ ”

It's a pleasure to work with him

Chambers HNW Guide 2019

“ ”

I can't say enough about Gian. He's really great and is knowledgeable on Panamanian law. He's really the kind of lawyer you want to have on a project.

Chambers HNW Guide 2019

“ ”

He seems to know everything that is going on in Panama and how things work and how things should be done. He's efficient; he gets back to you quickly so you feel like you can really rely on him in that regard.

Chambers HNW Guide 2019

“ ”

He provides excellent legal opinions and is adept at explaining matters in a clear manner

Chambers LatAm 2018

“ ”

Has the ability to solve problems, overcome challenges and understand the dynamics of different Latin American markets

Chambers LatAm 2018

“ ”

Knowledgeable and available

Chambers LatAm 2018

“ ”

He is always in control of the situation, and is capable when facing challenges.

Chambers LatAm 2017

“ ”

...an experienced legal adviser to private clients.

Chambers HNW guide 2016