

MONTSERRAT BONILLA GARRO

## EDUCATION

American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.  
LL.M. in International Legal Studies  
May 2003  
Specialization: International Business Law  
Scholarship: UNESCO Fellowship Holder

Universidad de Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica  
Bachillerato y Licenciatura en Derecho (J.D. Equivalent), July 2001  
Notario Público ( Notary Public) September 2001  
Thesis: Otras Formas de Propiedad Intelectual: Protección del Folklore y Conocimientos Tradicionales  
(Other forms of Intellectual Property: Protection of Folklore and Indigenous Knowledge)  
Honors granted by Board of Lectors

Language Skills: Spanish, English, Italian.  
Professional Membership: Member, Costa Rican Bar Association, since August 2001

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

ODIO & RAVEN, San Jose, Costa Rica  
Legal Assistant January 1998 - December 1998  
Conducted legal and non-legal research on corporate, civil and criminal matters. Prepared documents required by law to be utilized in different legal transactions, including sales and mortgages. Collaborated and assisted attorney in civil and criminal trials.

GUTIERREZ & ASOCIADOS, San Jose, Costa Rica  
Junior Associate January 1999-December 2001  
Drafted shareholder's, confidentiality and purchase agreements, as well as finance, mortgage and real estate loans, leasing contracts and letters of intent for national and multinational corporations. Verified ownership title of properties and mortgages. Participated in client meetings. Prepared and kept clients up to date on commercial and civil litigation, credit collection actions, alternative methods for dispute resolution, real estate and closing services filed on their behalf.

## GONZALEZ URIBE LEGAL EXPERIENCE

GONZALEZ & URIBE, San Jose, Costa Rica  
Senior Associate January 2002 – Present  
Coordination and incorporation of legal entities under Costa Rican law, and offshore companies. Responsible for amendments and maintenance of articles of incorporation, dissolution of corporations and drafting minutes of shareholders and board of directors meetings, as well as issuance of stock capital. Exercised duties as Notary Public. Advice on issues related to shareholders and escrow agreements, joint ventures, mergers, commercial contracts, financial, antitrust and unfair competition. In charge of coordination, drafting and legal assistance on Trust Agreements. Participation in labor, environmental, financial and tax due diligence reviews for national and international clients interested in investing in the country. Drafting of legal memoranda highlighting appropriate tax effective acquisition structures.