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Legal Manager

Julio René Martínez Guerra is a lawyer and public notary with over twenty years of professional experience in the Legal Department of the Banco de Guatemala (Guatemala's central bank), where he has held positions of increasing responsibility, up to Advisor III. He has extensive expertisse in banking, financial, securities, and commercial law, financial regulation, international monetary reserves, payment systems, and contracting with international organizations.

Throughout his career at the Banco de Guatemala, which began in September 2006, he has participated in drafting and reviewing domestic and international contracts, legal opinions and advisory services concerning loans from international organizations to the State of Guatemala. He has served on the Investment Council for International Monetary Reserves and taken part in contractual negotiations with the Inter-American Development Bank, the Bank for International Settlements, and the World Bank.

He has been involved in major processes impacting the Guatemalan financial system, including the liquidation of the former Banco del Café, S.A.; the drafting of bills on the securities market and electronic money operators; and the modernization of automated clearing house regulations. He has also contributed to initiatives to upgrade the payment system and strengthen institutional cybersecurity, including the formulation of the national cybersecurity strategy for the financial system.

Julio Martínez's experience includes participation in various technical bodies and committees, such as the Legal Affairs Committee of the Central American Monetary Council and the Technical and Investment Councils of the Banco de Guatemala, as well as committees related to payment systems, operational risks, information technology, and cybersecurity.

In addition, Julio Martínez holds a Bachelor's degree in Legal and Social Sciences and is a licensed lawyer and notary public from Universidad Rafael Landívar. He also holds a Master of Finance jointly awarded by Tulane University (United States) and Universidad Francisco Marroquín through a dual-degree program. He has further enhanced his professional development through executive management studies at INCAE, as well as training in governance, risk management, negotiation, leadership, and legal aspects of asset management.