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Xavier Guzman is a Banking, Finance and Restructuring lawyer. He has in-depth experience on cross-border banking and finance work (including secured lending, leveraged and acquisition finance, energy finance, sports finance, and funds finance), bond issuances and securitisation.

Xavier has created close client relationships aiming at being at the forefront of his clients' needs by thinking innovative. He regularly advises a vast panel of banks and financial institutions, alternative credit providers, asset managers, private equity houses, real estate investment structures, (re)insurance companies, and other international corporates.

Much of the work that he does is the Luxembourg element of complex projects, advising clients on their finance, acquisition and restructuring needs for business activities that span multiple jurisdictions and continents.

He regularly publishes articles and newflashes thereby providing market insights to clients and players on the changes in legislation, trends and other important events of the Luxembourg legal market.

- Finance
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Real Estate

- Financial Services
- Insurance
- Real Estate

English French Spanish

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- Spanish

Xavier has acted and led on a number of groundbreaking transactions, including advising a private equity firm in the multi-billion financing and acquisition of a Dutch bank dealing with assets located in 12 jurisdictions, a leading institutional investor on the global energy sector on the USD 10 billion financing of the acquisition of an equity stake in a state-owned company, or an investment fund in

the senior project finance loan for the acquisition of a Nordic onshore wind portfolio.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Avocat à la Cour registered with the Barreau de Luxembourg, 2010

Prior Experience

- 2017 to date: Partner, DLA Piper, Luxembourg
- 2015-17: Counsel, DLA Piper, Luxembourg
- 2014-15: Senior Legal Counsel, International Insurance Company, Luxembourg
- 2008-14: Senior Associate, International Law Firm, Luxembourg
- 2013 (2 months): Secondment - US Law Firm, New York
- 2007-08: Associate, Magic Circle Law Firm, Luxembourg
- 2006: Associate, French Law Firm, Hong Kong

Recognitions

- “Xavier Guzman is always proactive and provides valuable input.” *Legal 500*, 2021
- Xavier was rated in *Legal 500* as “Next Generation Partner” (2020-2021) and considered for being “an extraordinarily competent partner in Luxembourg”
- “Xavier Guzman never lets us down, which is key to being successful in this changing and challenging environment.” *Legal 500*, 2020
- Xavier was rated in *Leaders League* as “Recommended”, 2020
- Xavier was rated in *IFLR1000* as “Rising star” and considered for being “very responsive”, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Xavier was rated in *Legal 500* as “Recommended” and considered for being “professional and responsive”, 2018
- Xavier was considered in *Legal 500* as “outstanding at worldwide restructuring projects”, 2017

Education

- Luxembourg Bar School (*cours complémentaires*), University of Luxembourg, 2008
- Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Master Degree in International Business Law, 2006

Memberships

- Member of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Luxembourg Banker’s Association (ABBL)
- Member of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce
- Member of the Association of Banking Lawyers (*Association des Juristes de Droit Bancaire*) (ALJB) in Luxembourg

INSIGHTS

Publications

Lexology Getting The Deal Through

3 December 2021

DLA Piper contributed to the Restructuring & Insolvency Luxembourg chapter for Lexology's *Getting The Deal Throught* publication. This publication answers key questions and trends on the topic.

Clarity on financial assistance rules

6 April 2021

The Luxembourg legislator brings useful clarity on the non-application of criminal liabilities for the managers of SARLs in a financial assistance scenario

The new professional payment guarantee – Luxembourg reinforces its legal toolkit (ahead of Brexit)

5 March 2021

Introduced by a law dated 10 July 2020 (PPG Law), the professional payment guarantee (PPG) is the result of an accelerated legislative process made possible by the alignment of both professional and public demands for a new type of guarantee in a context marked by the COVID-19 pandemic and the looming Brexit.

- *Clarity on financial assistance rules*, April 2021
- *The new professional payment guarantee – Luxembourg reinforces its legal toolkit (ahead of Brexit)*, March 2021
- *Coronavirus in Luxembourg – extension of the flexibilities with respect to corporate bodies' meetings*, September 2020
- *Post-state of crisis flexibilities in Luxembourg*, July 2020
- *Coronavirus in Luxembourg – An overview of the main measures adopted in the corporate, financial and insurance sectors*, April 2020
- *Brexit for the insurance sector: No-deal regimes in the UK and Europe*, September 2019

Events

Previous

Luxembourg: your go-to platform for Iberoamerican investments

30 June 2021

Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on the acquisition of prime French and German distribution logistics assets

29 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised global investment firm The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG) on its acquisition of a portfolio of 27 distribution logistics assets in France and Germany. The transaction is structured as a sale-and-leaseback.
