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Fernando Gorbea started his professional career as a member of the Legal Department of the Oil & Gas company Pluspetrol S.A. (1991-1993) where he had the opportunity to participate in the process of privatization of the big national companies of the energy sector, and in the analysis of their -by that time- newly developed regulatory frameworks. Between 1994 and 1996 Fernando was part of the legal staff of Muñoz de Toro & Muñoz de Toro, a small firm highly specialized in the Capital Markets sector, with high exposure to the opening of the local companies to the international capital markets and the process of updating the local regulations to the international standards. By mid 1996 Fernando joins as a senior associate at Cárdenas, Cassagne & Asociados, where he continued his practice in capital markets and complex merger and acquisition transactions, becoming a partner in 2001. In 1998 Fernando was invited to work as a foreign associate at Linklaters, London office, where he reinforced his international practice in mergers and acquisitions as a member of a Corporate group. As a consequence of the Argentine debt crisis of 2001, Fernando participated actively in the debt restructuring proceedings initiated at such time, which included international tender and exchange offers as well as local cram down procedures. During the following decade, he specialized in the -every time- more complex regulations concerning the foreign exchange control, the prevention of money laundering and, more recently, of criminal liability of corporations. Fernando has also had extensive participation in the field of labor benefits for multinational's employees, particularly in their financial aspects such as funding vehicles, pension and share purchase plans and post-merger benefit's harmonization. Currently,

Fernando is a member of several professional associations, has published many articles related to his practice, and is often invited to talk at seminars and at post graduate courses for lawyers. As a founding Partner of CORDOVA FRANCOS ABOGADOS, since March 2011 Fernando is committed to continue working with maximum personal dedication to his clients in the context of a highly complex regulatory environment.

Specialties: Complex regulations concerning: Corporate Financing, Capital Markets, M&A, Foreign Exchange and Anti Money-Laundering.