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Legal counsel for foreign trade, customs and maritime transport in Guatemala

We are a boutique firm advising foreign and local companies that move cargo through Guatemalan ports and customs, and companies setting up operations in the country. We work in English and Spanish.

WHAT WE HANDLE

Cargo and container damage claims. Claims against shipping lines, carriers, depots and insurers. Review of the bill of lading and the carriage contract, preservation of evidence, timely notice of claim, quantification of the loss, negotiation and, where needed, court action.

Customs. Disputes with the customs authority over tariff classification, valuation and assessments. Detained or delayed shipments. Fines and penalties. Import and export requirements, special regimes and rules of origin.

Maritime and port. Carriage, agency, warehousing and distribution contracts. Port operations, laytime and demurrage. Dealings with the port authority and with terminal operators.

Setting up in Guatemala. Incorporation of companies and of branches of foreign entities, registration with the Mercantile Registry and the tax administration, powers of attorney and local legal representation, and the notarial work each of those steps requires.

Day-to-day operations. Commercial and employment contracts, internal policies and compliance, and preventing exposure before it turns into litigation.

Local counsel. We act as Guatemalan counsel for foreign law firms and insurers that need coverage in the country, for a single matter or for a portfolio.

WHO WE WORK WITH

> Importers and exporters, shipping agencies, customs brokers, logistics operators, insurers, and foreign law firms.

WHY THIS FIRM

The firm is led by Jennifer Belteton, attorney and notary, with 20 years in the sector, 14 of them working inside international shipping lines handling cargo and container damage claims. That experience from the carrier's side is now applied on the cargo interest's side, and it is the difference between counsel who understands the operation and counsel who learns it on your case.

Postgraduate degree in International Maritime Law, Universidad Pontificia Comillas and Instituto Marítimo Español. Inter-American Diploma in Port Concession and Auxiliary Services Management, Inter-American Committee on Ports of the OAS. Specialisation in compliance. Ambassador of the Instituto Marítimo Español in Guatemala.

HOW TO START

Send us a short description of the matter and whatever documents you have at hand. We will confirm whether the claim has merit, what deadlines are running, and the scope and fees on which we can take it, before you commit to anything.

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