






PERSONAL INFORMATION

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Environmental law, environmental permitting, and administrative sanctioning proceedings.
- Administrative law, public procurement, and regulatory compliance.
- Mining, hydrocarbons, and energy law.
- Civil, administrative, and police litigation related to easements and energy infrastructure projects.
- Land restitution and legal assessment of complex administrative determinations.
- Legal advisory to public entities and regulated companies in the hydrocarbons and energy sectors.
- Contractual due diligence and regulatory structuring for extractive and infrastructure projects.
- Contract administration and legal support for national-level governmental entities.

COMPETENCIES

- Advanced legal analysis in environmental, administrative, mining, and hydrocarbons law, including statutory interpretation, regulatory compliance assessment, and drafting of highly technical legal memoranda for national authorities.
- Comprehensive management of administrative, environmental, and sanctioning proceedings, including preparation and legal substantiation of administrative acts, defense strategies, and procedural responses involving easements, licensing, concessions, and land restitution.
- Structuring of integrated legal strategies for extractive and energy-infrastructure projects, incorporating due diligence, contractual risk allocation, regulatory impact evaluation,

VALENTINA FUENTES VARGAS

PROFILE

Colombian attorney with solid experience in environmental, administrative, mining, and hydrocarbons law, with a strong focus on complex regulatory analysis, litigation, contractual structuring, and due diligence for extractive and infrastructure projects. She has provided specialized legal guidance on contractual, land-acquisition, and compliance matters for national road concessions, and has participated in judicial proceedings involving petroleum easements, property recovery claims, and constitutional actions, as well as environmental licensing.

She is currently Partner at Tesseract Bureau in Bogotá, advising hydrocarbons and energy-sector companies on regulatory compliance, contractual risk allocation, and environmental-administrative matters. She also supports the National Mining Agency in the evaluation of mining applications and the substantiation of concession-related administrative acts, and advises the Land Restitution Unit on the legal assessment of complex administrative decisions and the development of regulatory and litigation strategies.

EDUCATION

- Master of Laws in State Law with emphasis in Mining, Oil, and Energy Regulation — Universidad Externado de Colombia (2015)
- Postgraduate Specialization in Administrative Law — Universidad del Rosario (2012)
- Postgraduate Specialization in Environmental Law — Universidad del Rosario (2011)
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) — Universidad del Rosario (2010)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Partner — Tesseract Bureau

October 2018 – Present | Bogotá, Colombia
Exercises leadership over the mining-energy and environmental regulatory practice. Provides legal counsel on contractual structuring, surface-rights negotiations, regulatory compliance, land-related matters, and due diligence for hydrocarbons and energy-infrastructure projects. Coordinates legal interactions with environmental authorities and sectoral regulators, ensuring



and mitigation of legal contingencies in highly regulated sectors.

- Inter-institutional coordination with administrative, environmental, and judicial authorities; preparation of technical guidelines, internal regulatory instruments, high-level reports, and procedural frameworks to strengthen institutional legal management.

LANGUAGES

- Spanish — Native
- English — B2

preventive legal risk management and adherence to national regulatory frameworks.

Specialized Legal Professional — Land Restitution Unit (UAEGRTD)

January 2023 – Present | Bogotá, Colombia

Performs autonomous legal examination of administrative decisions involving withdrawals, non-initiation of formal studies, and non-registration in the Registry of Dispossessed and Forcibly Abandoned Lands. Issues legal determinations and prescribes corrective measures to ensure due process and regulatory conformity in administrative proceedings.

Mining Contracting Attorney — National Mining Agency (ANM)

April 2024 – December 2024 | Bogotá, Colombia

September 2023 – January 2024 | Bogotá, Colombia

Engaged through professional services contract to support the Mining Contracting Group in the evaluation, legal substantiation, and issuance of administrative acts governing the processing of mining applications, concession contracts, and sector-specific regulatory procedures.

Specialized Legal Professional — Land Restitution Unit (UAEGRTD)

March 2019 – December 2022 | Bogotá, Colombia

Conducted legal analysis for environmental, mining, and infrastructure-related matters. Drafted legal concepts, internal regulatory frameworks, administrative acts, technical protocols, and comprehensive legal reports. Oversaw territorial cases concerning overlap between energy/infrastructure activities and restitution processes. Assessed administrative decisions involving withdrawals and non-registration, recommending procedural and regulatory corrective actions.

Senior Attorney — Garrido, López & Asociados S.A.S.

April 2018 – February 2019 | Cartagena, Colombia

Participated in the regulatory and contractual components of the Piedemonte Field Reversion Project for Equión (formerly BP Exploration Company, Colombia Limited).

Legal Advisor — Gestión Integral de Proyectos S.A.S. / ISA Electrical Interconnection Project

December 2016 – April 2018 | Bogotá, Colombia

Prepared title studies, drafted legal diagnostics, structured easements, and conducted land-management processes for ISA's contractual obligations, ensuring compliance with administrative and regulatory requirements.



Legal Advisor — Gestión Integral de Proyectos S.A.S. / Cénit Hydrocarbons Transport Project

June – December 2016 | Colombia

Provided legal advisory on surface-rights acquisition, land regularization, and regulatory compliance for the San Fernando–Monterrey Pipeline and related hydrocarbons transport infrastructure.

Legal Director — Aliadas para el Progreso S.A.S., Santana–Mocoa–Neiva Concession Project

August 2015 – May 2016 | Neiva, Colombia

Provided legal and land-acquisition directives, supervised budgetary execution, and represented the concessionaire in committees before the concession supervisor and the National Infrastructure Agency (ANI).

Specialist Attorney — Regional Autonomous Corporation of Chivor (CORPOCHIVOR)

May – December 2015 | Bogotá, Colombia

Conducted environmental licensing procedures, drafted administrative acts, and led administrative sanctioning processes in compliance with environmental statutory frameworks.

Attorney — Garrido & López Proyectos y Gestión Inmobiliaria Integral S.A.S.

August 2014 – January 2015 | Cartagena, Colombia

Negotiated and formalized surface-rights agreements for the Oleoducto del Caribe project, interacting with multiple stakeholders and aligning contractual instruments with sectoral regulatory requirements.

Attorney for ECOPETROL S.A. — Arce Rojas Consultores

January 2014 – June 2014 | Yopal, Colombia

Represented Ecopetrol in judicial proceedings concerning appraisal of easements associated with the Llanos 9 and Llanos 14 exploratory blocks, including litigation derived from seismic operations.

Attorney — Estudios Técnicos S.A. / Acuña Acuña y Bermúdez / Protégete Ltda.

February 2011 – December 2013 | Colombia

Supported the Llanos 9 and Llanos 14 exploratory operations of Ecopetrol, providing regulatory, contractual, and land-related legal services.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Leadership Training Program — Lifespring International (2003, 2008). *November-2025*