



Insolvency and Restructuring Department



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Our Firm

Founded in 1923, Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal is the largest law firm in Argentina. A market leader at both local and Latin American levels, the firm has been providing sophisticated, high quality advice to international and local clients for more than 90 years. The firm comprises over 300 lawyers and has wide experience of international business issues and the complexities of cross-border transactions.

Our unmatched strength allows us to react quickly and to simultaneously handle large, complex and time-consuming transactions without compromising on quality. All our teams are led directly by highly experienced partners and carefully tailored to meet the specific needs of our clients.

We have a strong focus on high-end corporate and finance transactions and the largest, most active litigation and arbitration practice in Argentina. Our leading intellectual property department provides a comprehensive service and has unrivalled experience; the firm was originally founded as an intellectual property office. We are also a market leader in a wide range of other key practice areas including tax, labor and employment, competition / antitrust, energy and natural resources, administrative and public law, insurance and reinsurance, telecommunications and broadcasting as well as real estate and construction.

We are the Argentine member of Lex Mundi, the world's leading association of independent law firms, comprising more than 160 members. We also have an office in New York, providing invaluable support on US transactions.

With a long history of advising multinational companies and international institutions, we have a unique understanding of the Argentine market and how to help our clients achieve their goals. Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal has a 90-year track record of being prepared to respond to any challenge, both in the country and in complex cross-border transactions.

Our Insolvency & Restructuring Department

The bankruptcy and restructuring group of this Argentine powerhouse has a prominent role in the market and can pull together a team of more than 30 lawyers when required.
Chambers Latin America, 2013

Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal has extensive experience participating in some of the most relevant in and out of court restructuring processes of the past decade and is a leader in advising on cross-border proceedings and international cases.
Legal 500 Latin America, 2015

In today's globalized and increasingly complex business environment financing reorganizations have acquired a more prominent role.

Marval's insolvency & restructuring department offers unrivalled advisory and litigation experience in sophisticated cross-border insolvency proceedings and international restructuring cases. We have been consistently involved with a leading role in most of the major international high profile restructurings in Argentina during the last two decades.

We advise our clients in a wide range of industry sectors on consensual private financial restructurings, out-of court restructurings (pre-pack agreements), reorganization proceedings, bankruptcy and liquidations.

Our team has broad experience representing:

- Debtors;
- Debtor's shareholders;
- Unsecured and secured creditors;
- Statutory and ad hoc creditors' committees;
- Board of directors and managers;
- Investors and purchasers of distressed assets; and
- Trustees.

Marval's insolvency and restructuring department offers a multidisciplinary approach to achieve optimum restructuring solutions, complementing our experience and knowledge in insolvency and restructurings with that of other practices including, Litigation, Banking and Finance, Capital Markets, Tax, Corporate and Labor, among others.

Our Insolvency & Restructuring Team

"They stand out in the local market due to their good commercial instincts and knowledge, ability to handle complex matters and negotiation skills."
Chambers Latin America, 2013

"A group of genuine experts, very responsive and a pleasure to work with."
Legal 500 Latin America, 2015

Marval offers the largest insolvency and restructuring multidisciplinary expert team in Argentina to afford all legal aspects of major sophisticated and complex international insolvency cases and financing restructurings.

Our team has two partners and one of-counsel specializing in insolvency and restructuring advice and litigation and one partner specializing in corporate matters in the oil and gas industry who has had an active participation in insolvency matters. Including other specialists in finance, tax and corporate restructurings and other related areas of law, Marval can put together more than 10 partners and approximately 20 associates with specific expertise in the practice of insolvency and restructuring and related matters.

Our Team members



**Martín
Campbell**
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"Incredibly smart and hard-working lawyer who is very active in bankruptcy and insolvency issues."
Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2015

Martín was a partner of Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal from February 2000 to July 2015. Since August 2015 he is of-counsel.

With over 35 years' experience representing a diverse range of clients in the area of law, Martín is one of Argentina's leading experts in restructuring and insolvency. He also has vast experience in commercial, business and financial litigation and bank loan refinancing.

He graduated as a lawyer from the Universidad Católica Argentina in 1973.

Before joining Marval he was a member of the law firm Lanfranco & Mariño, where he became a partner in 1977.

Martín has written several articles in national and international specialized publications (including a contribution with the chapter on "Impact of insolvency in guarantee trusts" included in the "Tratado de Fideicomiso") and has taken part in conferences on matters related to his area of specialization.

He has received several awards and recognitions, including Chambers Latin American -2011/2015- Bankruptcy and Restructuring ranked in Band 1 and Dispute resolution ranked in Band 2; "Latin Lawyer Deal of the Year Award" "Dispute Resolution" jointly with R. Beller, R. Silva and F. Castro Madero -2012-; International Law Office (ILO), "Client Choice Award" Dispute resolution 2012 and 2013; and "Bankruptcy Lawyer of the year" - 2013 and 2014 Corporate INTL Legal Awards; and winner of the Corporate LiveWire Bankruptcy and Restructuring Global Awards 2016.



**Fernando Daniel
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"Dedicated practitioner who is experienced and highly qualified."
Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2015

"Excellent lawyer with a remarkable capability to deliver the final product diligently and on time."
Legal 500 Latin America, 2014

Fernando joined Marval, O'Farrell and Mairal in 2002 and became partner in August 2011.

Since 2002 he has focused on complex cross-border restructurings and has participated in many of the market's biggest cases. Fernando stands out for combining strong corporate and finance experience with specific expertise in bankruptcy, which provides him with an integral view of all aspects and matters involved in complex restructurings and reorganizations.

He graduated as a lawyer from the Universidad de Buenos Aires in 1994 and obtained a Master in Laws from Columbia University School of Law in 2001.

Before joining Marval he gained considerable experience as an associate at Le Pera & Lessa Abogados.

Fernando has written several articles in national and international specialized publications and has spoken and debated at many international conferences on matters related to his area of specialization.

He is ranked in Chambers Latin American 2014/2015 - Bankruptcy and Restructuring (Band 3); and has been recognized as winner of the Corporate LiveWire Bankruptcy and Restructuring Global Awards 2016. Fernando is member of INSOL International (Latin America Committee Member - World Editorial Board Member); and of the International Insolvency Institute - NextGen Leadership Program.



**Gonzalo Javier
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Gonzalo has been a partner of Marval, O'Farrell and Mairal since February 2000.

He specializes in litigation and commercial and corporate law. Within his area of specialization he advises mainly in judicial and arbitral proceedings and gives general advice in matters related to commercial law and insolvency. Gonzalo has extensive experience in insolvency and bankruptcy litigation.

He graduated as a lawyer from the Universidad del Salvador in 1988, and attended various post graduate courses, including: Specialization in Reorganizations and Bankruptcy at the Universidad Notarial Argentina in 1994 and Specialization in Civil and Commercial Procedural Law at the Fundación de Estudios Superiores e Investigación in 1997.

Before joining Marval he was a member of the law firm Lanfranco & Mariño, where he became a partner in January 2000.



**Ricardo
W. Beller**
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"A very good lawyer with a great deal of market presence."
Chambers Latin America, 2016

Ricardo W. Beller has been a partner of Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal since 1999, having joined the firm in 1996.

He specializes in corporate law, finance, debt restructuring, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, and oil & gas.

He graduated from the Universidad de Buenos Aires in 1989 with a law degree, obtained an LLM with honors at Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, U.S.A. in 1995 and attended an M.B.A. program "Management of Organizations" at Kellogg General School of Management, Chicago, U.S.A. in 1995.

He has worked as a foreign associate at Cleary, Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, New York, during 1995/96. He was admitted by the New York State Bar in 1998, and is also a member of the Bar of the City of Buenos Aires.

He is ranked among the top lawyers of Argentina by several specialized publications, including Chambers, International Financial Law Review (IFLR), International Law Office (ILO), Who's Who Legal and PLC Which Lawyer.

International Law Office (ILO), granted him the "Client Choice Award" in three opportunities as the best lawyer in Argentina in capital markets (2010 and 2012) and mergers and acquisitions (2013).

He is the author of several articles published by both national and international specialized magazines.

He is a member of the International Insolvency Institute, the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators, the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, the Instituto Argentino de Ejecutivos de Finanzas and the Cámara de Sociedades Anónimas.