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We resolve significant legal
problems.

Complex litigation · Criminal Law · Damages and Civil Liability · Compliance · Pro bono

We strengthen business ethics and culture by promoting good practices.

CÁDIZ Legal is a firm specialising in complex litigation involving the defence and representation of individuals and legal entities in criminal, civil, administrative sanctions and commercial matters, led by lawyers with extensive experience, distinguished training and a commitment to excellence.

We specialise in Criminal Law and Civil Liability, bringing both disciplines together in every advisory engagement and dispute entrusted to us.

We specialise in Compliance, positioning regulatory compliance as the first line of defence and a high-standard barrier to prevent legal risks.



CÁDIZ Legal was founded by Francisco Castillo Vera and Andrés Tapia Viaux, distinguished litigators with more than 20 years of professional experience. Decades of shared work and effort have enabled them to provide established leadership in delivering strategic legal solutions for every matter entrusted to them.



OUR PERSPECTIVE

We integrate compliance as a strength in preventing legal risks.

Every dispute has its own circumstances. Our practice areas work together to provide depth and a comprehensive perspective.

RIGOR / CLOSENESS / PERSPECTIVE

We specialise in complex litigation.

Our specialised practice areas focus on representing and defending interests involving criminal, civil or administrative liability, and on reducing those risks through the implementation of authentic compliance within organisations.



Criminal Law

Complex litigation and strategic defence.



Damages and Civil Liability

Strategy for disputes and assets.



Criminal and Corporate Compliance

Prevention, culture and governance.



Pro bono

Commitment to access to justice.



Criminal Law

At CÁDIZ Legal, Francisco Castillo Vera's more than 20 years of experience in complex criminal litigation is one of the firm's pillars. We analyse criminal and administrative sanctions disputes strategically, considering every aspect of the problem. We understand that thorough and rigorous work enables a satisfactory legal solution for the interests entrusted to us. We strive for efficiency while remaining prepared for the time this type of litigation often requires.

Clients are represented personally by lawyers from leading universities in Chile, with more than 20 years of litigation experience in nationally significant cases. Our approach combines technical knowledge, trial experience and a strategic understanding of the legal and reputational risks involved.

We address disputes with intelligence, ethics and a resolute defence of the interests entrusted to us.

How we help

Strategic defence and representation · Complex criminal litigation · Administrative sanctions law



Damages and Civil Liability

At CÁDIZ Legal, we examine damages disputes and civil liability issues comprehensively, considering their financial, reputational and strategic implications for the business, with the aim of achieving an outcome consistent with the client's risks and the matter entrusted to us.

Judicial representation is handled by specialists with up-to-date academic training and practical experience in cases of varying complexity involving individuals and legal entities before ordinary civil courts and national arbitration tribunals. We analyse every dispute in terms of its legal implications and its economic, commercial and reputational effects.

We reduce our clients' liability risks through rigorous work.

How we help

Contractual liability · Non-contractual liability · Civil and commercial litigation



Criminal and Corporate Compliance

At CÁDIZ Legal, we understand compliance as a genuine commitment to preventing legal risks and as a tool for prevention and institutional strengthening, through the creation and implementation of crime prevention programmes, personal data protection programmes, compliance training and the development of regulations and protocols for regulatory compliance generally.

We design and implement crime prevention programmes (MPD) and infringement prevention programmes (MPI) for cybersecurity and personal data protection compliance, conduct internal investigations, manage whistleblowing channels and provide the responsible officers required by compliance programmes. Our work consistently aims to reduce risks, strengthen organisational culture and improve governance standards.

We drive the cultural change that every organisation needs to foster among its members, from executives to administrative staff and external collaborators, and participate in continuous improvement as evidence of ethical commitment.

We integrate compliance as a strength in preventing legal risks.

How we help

Prevention programmes · Internal investigations · Data protection · Whistleblowing channels



Pro bono

At CÁDIZ Legal, we believe that professional practice entails responsibility towards the community and the strengthening of the justice system. We therefore share in the social commitment to help others by dedicating part of our effort and work to representing individuals, foundations and corporations requiring specialist services in our practice areas, directly and through Fundación ProBono, with the same commitment to excellence that characterises our professional practice.

Our knowledge in the service of access to justice.

How we help

Assessment of requests · Legal guidance · Community commitment

OUR TEAM

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We reduce our clients' liability risks through rigorous work.



PARTNER

Francisco Castillo Vera

Over 20 years of active experience in criminal and civil litigation involving highly complex matters, including high-profile cases. He combines this with extensive experience implementing crime prevention programmes and other compliance initiatives in organisations and companies in Chile.

Education

Lawyer, law degree, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (2006). Master's degree in Business and Corporate Criminal Law, Universidad de Chile (highest distinction, 2009). Ibero-American Master's in Compliance, Universidad de Salamanca, Spain (honours, 2023). Diploma in Criminology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (2019); Diploma in Criminal Procedure Reform, Universidad Alberto Hurtado (2006); and other continuing education courses.

Recognition

Academic Excellence Scholarship, Fundación Juan Pablo II (1999-2003). Listed in Best Lawyers, Criminal Defense (2020-2023).



PARTNER

Andrés Tapia Viaux

Over 12 years of experience representing individuals and companies in complex civil and commercial disputes. His practice focuses on asset-related litigation, contractual and non-contractual civil liability, damages claims, commercial disputes and procedural strategies before ordinary courts, arbitral tribunals and higher courts.

Education

Lawyer, Law degree, Universidad Andrés Bello (2013). Master's in Damages Law, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (2026). Diploma in Damages Law, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (2025), and Diploma in Current Issues in Substantive Criminal Law: General Part, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (2016), among other continuing education courses.

We believe in innovative, intelligent, tailored and timely solutions.



Matías Díaz Berríos

Complex criminal litigation and implementation of crime prevention and compliance programmes, with a focus on education and training.

Lawyer, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (2022). Master's in Critical Criminology and Prison Law, Universidad de Barcelona (2026). International Roman Law course, Universidad de Salamanca.



Valentina Estay Mellado

Civil litigation in damages and civil liability. Prevention and asset protection strategies in private and corporate law.

Lawyer, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (2025), specialising in Public Law. Minor in Literature (2022). Academic excellence scholarship (2021-2023).



Luca Martino Acevedo

LegalTech with applied AI, criminal and corporate compliance, technology contracting and personal data protection. Instructional design for regulatory matters.

Lawyer, Universidad Mayor (2025). Exchange at Universidad de Deusto. Diploma in Regulatory Compliance, AML/CTF and Information Security, TOP Compliance México (2026). Diploma in Security and Data Protection, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (2026).

A space for rigorous work.



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Every strategy begins with a conversation.

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