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Odín is the Managing Partner of Mayora & Mayora in Honduras, specializing in corporate and company law, international law, arbitration, and litigation. He advises clients in sectors including energy, construction, hospitality, tourism, food, international cooperation, and the maquiladora industry. He serves as an arbitrator and secretary of the CCA-CCIT and as an arbitrator with CIAM.

He holds a master's degree and completed postgraduate studies in International Law and International Relations at the Complutense University of Madrid and The Hague Academy of International Law. He also pursued doctoral studies in Economic Law and Foreign Trade at the Complutense University of Madrid. He is a columnist for the Honduran newspaper La Tribuna.

He is a professor of Public and Private International Law at UNAH and UNICAH.

He has been recognized by Chambers & Partners and The Legal 500 for his leadership in corporate and dispute resolution matters.



Speaking Engagements and Presentations

- Speaker, Madrid Arbitration Open. Topic: "Expert Evidence" | 2026.
- Speaker, panel discussion on the book World Disorder by Dr. Eduardo Martell Mejía, School of Legal Sciences, UNAH | 2024.
- Speaker, legal panel discussion with Dr. Rosalinda Cruz de Williams and attorney Gustavo E. Bustillo on the proceedings in the human rights case addressed in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights' judgment of November 29, 2023 (Gutiérrez Navas et al. v. Honduras), School of Legal Sciences, UNAH | 2024.
- Participant, Corporate Law Roundtable, International Bar Association | Miami | 2022.
- Presenter on International Civil Aviation Law, Tegucigalpa Chamber of Commerce and Industry | 2020.
- Panelist in a discussion on Competition Law with Professor Francisco Marcos and attorney Juan José Alcerro Milla, Tegucigalpa Chamber of Commerce and Industry | 2019.
- Participant, Tax Law Roundtable, International Bar Association | Rome | 2018.
- Participant, Customs Union General Counsel Roundtable, The Legal 500 | Guatemala | 2017.

Publications and Professional Memberships

- Contributor to the Response to the Public Consultation on the Draft Text of a Possible Convention on Parallel Proceedings and Related Actions in Multiple States, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) | 2026.
- Author of Enforcement of Judgments of the International Court of Justice: The Honduras–El Salvador Case | Editorial Navarro, 2025 | ISBN: 979-8273968585.
- The Legal 500 – Disputes Yearbook 2024: "Mayora & Mayora on Honduras' Legal Market and Current Trends."
- Columnist on Public and Private International Law and International Relations for Diario La Tribuna since 2002.
- Contributor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' foreign policy journal.
- Member, Spanish and Ibero-American Arbitration Club.
- Member, International Bar Association.
- Member, Honduran Bar Association.
- Member, Honduran Notaries Association.

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Education

Second Advanced Practice Course for Arbitrators

Honorable Mention | CIIAM, Madrid | 2025

Law Firm Management Program

Lex Mundi Institute | Monterey, California | 2017

Professor | Full Professor, Faculty of Legal Sciences

National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) | 2003– Present

Secured the position through a competitive examination among 300+ applicants | 2015

Notary Public

Notarial exequatur granted by unanimous decision of the Supreme Court of Justice | Honduras | 2014

Doctoral Coursework in Economic Law and Foreign Trade

Complutense University of Madrid | Madrid, Spain | 2003–2005

Postgraduate Studies in International Law

The Hague Academy of International Law | The Netherlands | 2002

Master's Degree in International Law and International Relations

Graduated with honors | Complutense University of Madrid | Madrid, Spain | 2001–2002

Bachelor's Degree in Legal and Social Sciences

Graduated with honors | National Autonomous University of Honduras | Honduras | 1997–2002

Primary and Secondary Education and High School Diploma

Graduated with honors | Liceo Franco | Honduras | 1982–1996

Practice Areas

- International Law
- Commercial Law
- Litigation and Judicial Proceedings
- Notarial Services

Languages

- Spanish
- French
- English
- Italian

Representative Matters

For more than 24 years, Odín Guillén Leiva has advised clients across a wide range of industries on corporate, company, labor, international cooperation, arbitration, and litigation matters involving cross-border elements. He has assisted clients with the establishment, development, management, and closure of operations in Honduras, protecting their interests and investments through both preventive counsel and contentious proceedings. His strategic and effective approach to complex, high-value matters has established him as a recognized and respected attorney and notary public in Honduras and throughout the region. Representative matters in which he has participated include:

- Litigation: Chiquita Logistics v. Editorial Honduras; TACA International Airlines matter; Café El Indio matter; Cementos Progreso/CENOSA matter.
- Corporate: Winding down of Asheboro, a textile maquiladora; turnaround of CECHSA, a liquefied natural gas power plant, and launch of Génesis Energías, a liquefied natural gas floating storage unit (FSU); mergers and acquisitions involving CMAirlines and Margarita Ville Hotel.
- International Tax: PriceSmart; Hyatt; Continental Towers.
- International Matters: International Court of Justice: assisted Dr. Luis Ignacio Sánchez Rodríguez in representing Honduras in the application for revision of the September 11, 1992 judgment in the Honduras/El Salvador case; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR): Petition No. 1298-04, José Gerardo Ochoa Cantero v. Honduras.
- Construction Projects: Cipreses shopping centers; Maderos and Avellanos; Apex and Nexo warehouse complexes; Magnolias and Del Campo residential developments; DOSS Apartments; City Center, a residential, commercial, and corporate development; and Antelia, currently under development.
- Labor Matters: BAC matter; Banco de Honduras matter; negotiation of the collective bargaining agreement for Coats' maquiladora operations; labor relations management in unionized workplaces for S.A. de Muebles, Benetton, Hyatt, Hoteles San Martín, Chiquita Banana, Golán, and Otis.
- Trusts: Desarrollos Hoteleros de Honduras—Hyatt in Honduras—through Banco Ficohsa and Banco Industrial; Antelia—City Center Project through Banco de Occidente and Banco Ficohsa.
- Diplomatic Missions and International Cooperation: General legal counsel, with a focus on international matters, to the Italian Embassy and Italian Cooperation in Honduras, as well as to the German Embassy and German Cooperation in Honduras.
- Arbitration: Initiated and co-founded the Bay Islands Conciliation and Arbitration Center.
- International Foundations: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS); Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF); and the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD).