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Yarot Lafontaine-Torres is a corporate and regulatory attorney with 12 years of experience delivering practical and strategic legal solutions to clients in complex, highly regulated industries. He combines in-house leadership, law firm experience, and financial acumen to provide innovative legal counsel that helps businesses thrive in today's evolving regulatory landscape. Mr. Lafontaine's practice covers regulatory compliance, corporate governance, and transactional law, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, private investment funds and investment advisers, FinTech, banking and financial services regulation, and securities matters.

In his role as General Counsel at FinTech startups providing banking and custody services to the digital asset ecosystem, Mr. Lafontaine led efforts in banking compliance, corporate governance, and capital-raising, enabling the companies to navigate a rapidly evolving regulatory landscape. He developed frameworks and aligned strategic business objectives with legal requirements—a skill set he now applies to his clients' most complex challenges.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Lafontaine spent six years in one of the largest Chambers & Partners-ranked law firms in Puerto Rico, advising clients on M&A transactions, corporate governance, federal and state financial regulatory compliance, and capital-raising. This experience, along with his early roles as a financial analyst at Operating Partners Co., a distressed asset management firm, and Lehman Brothers Inc., provide Mr. Lafontaine with a unique financial perspective and a deep understanding of the legal and financial ecosystems that drive business growth and innovation.

Recognitions

- *The Legal 500*, GC Powerlist (Puerto Rico) – Top In-House Counsel 2023 and 2024

Memberships

- Aspen Music Festival & School - Alumni Committee
- American Bar Association - Business Law Division, Science & Technology Law Division

Articles

- The International Comparative Legal Guides to Mergers & Acquisitions, *Global Legal Group Ltd. (UK)* (11th Ed.), 2017

- The International Comparative Legal Guides to Alternative Investment Funds, Puerto Rico Chapter, *Global Legal Group Ltd. (UK)* (2017 Ed.), 2017
- Practical Law Guide to Private Mergers, Puerto Rico Chapter (2015-2016 Ed.), *Thompson Reuters (UK)*, 2015
- Practical Law Guide to Corporate Governance, Puerto Rico Chapter (2015-216 Ed.), *Thompson Reuters (UK)*, 2015
- Chambers Legal Practice Guide to Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions, Puerto Rico Chapter (2015 Ed.), *Chambers & Partners (UK)*, 2015
- The International Comparative Legal Guides to Mergers & Acquisitions, Puerto Rico Chapter, *Global Legal Group Ltd. (UK)* (2014-2018 Ed.), 2014
- The International Comparative Legal Guides to Corporate Governance, Puerto Rico Chapter, *Global Legal Group Ltd. (UK)* (2014-2017 Ed.), 2014

Speaking Engagements

- "Article 12 Perfection and Priority Disputes in Bankruptcy: Controllable Electronic Records and Other Digital Assets ," BARBRI Webinar, 10/06/2026

Practices

- Corporate

Area of Focus

- Business Formation & Dissolution
- Contracts, Governance & General Counsel Services
- Corporate Finance
- Mergers & Acquisitions

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Education

- *University of Puerto Rico Law School*
  J.D., 2012
  magna cum laude
- *University of Puerto Rico*
  B.B.A., 2009
  magna cum laude

- *Aspen Music Festival and School, Edgar Stanton Audio Recording Institute*
  2007

Languages

- Spanish