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Mr. Gabriel Hernández is the Head of the Tax Division at Scherrer Hernández & Co. firm that he founded together with Mr. Fernando Scherrer eight years ago. Today Scherrer Hernández & Co. is the 2nd largest local accounting firm in Puerto Rico serving a portfolio of over 600 clients through a talented group of 80 professionals.

In the past 24 years Mr. Hernández has become expert in restructuring companies operations, executing buy-sell agreements and supervising other non-tax corporate functions.

Among his prior experience, Mr. Hernández has 12 years of experience working in the Tax Department of the major international accounting firms. He spent the last five years of his career in the international accounting firm of Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP or PwC), where he was promoted to Senior Tax Manager on March 1996. During such period of time, he acquired expertise in local, foreign and international tax issues.

Mr. Hernández has specialized in providing tax consulting services to clients in all aspects of U.S. and P.R. taxation, principally in structuring mergers and acquisitions and outbound and inbound investments, including experience in assisting clients in negotiating tax exemption packages under the various tax incentive laws available in P.R.

Mr. Hernández has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Major in Accounting, Magna Cum Laude, University of Puerto Rico, 1987. He has been involved as an instructor in various seminars sponsored by the firms he has worked for, for the Puerto Rico State Society of Certified Public Accountants and for the Mortgage Bankers Association. Also is member of the Puerto Rico State Society of Certified Public Accountants since 1990, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants since 1998.

During his spare time Mr. Hernández dedicates his time to his family, his favorite sports and helping develop new opportunities for the education system in the island; being Member of Board of Directors of Sapiensis a non-for-profit organization that develops programs to stimulate change in the public education of Puerto Rico.

Today Mr. Hernández leads a successful organization that provides audit, accounting, tax and business consulting services to the top businesses in the island including industries such as financial institutions, education, retail, real estate, construction and development, distribution and individuals, among others.