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Hernan Somerville

Education

New York University, LLM, 1967

Universidad de Chile, Bachelors, Law

Lawyer

Current Board Affiliations

Enel Chile S.A. (Chile) (1999 to Pres.)

Other activities

Chilean Bar Association Member (Chile)

Inter American Bar Association Member (Chile)

New York City Bar Association Member (USA)

Former Board Affiliations

Banco Itau (Chile) (2002 to 2011)

Superintendence of Banks and Financial Institutions of Chile (SBIF)

Chairman (Chile) (1992 to Chamber of Commerce Chile India Chairman (Chile) (2004 to 2010)

Corpbanca (Chile) (1997 to 2002)

Confederación de la Producción y del Comercio Chairman (Chile) (1994 to 1995)

Cristalerías de Chile (Chile)

Administrador Financiero Transantiago Chairman (Chile)

Forestal Neltume Carranco (Chile)

INACAP President (Chile)

Red Televisiva Megavisión (Chile)

Transbank Chairman (Chile)

Viña Santa Rita (Chile)

Career History

Hernán Somerville Senn is a lawyer who graduated from the School of Law at the University of Chile, Santiago. He completed a Master's in Comparative Law at New York University (1967). He is currently a Director at Enel Américas.

He began his professional experience at the law firm of Mr. Helmut Brunner from 1959 to 1965. Taking advantage of the opportunity to study in the United States, he started working at the law firm Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood in New York (1966 - 1967). From 1968 to 1982, he held various positions at Adela Investment Co. S.A., in Lima, Caracas, and Santiago. He started as a lawyer and then became an executive in charge of ADELA's problematic loans and investments in Paraguay, Bolivia, Venezuela, and the Caribbean.

In June 1983, he was hired by the Central Bank of Chile as an Advisor in the Process of Renegotiating Chile's External Debt and, as of November 1, 1983, he assumed the role of Coordinating Director of External Debt at the Central Bank of Chile, in charge of all negotiations with international commercial banks (approximately 500 creditor banks) and the Paris Club (7 creditor countries) until 1988. From 1989, he became a Director and partner at FINTEC LTDA., an investment management company created in 1988 based in Santiago. He was also President of the Financial Administrator of Transantiago and Director of Inacap.

Mr. Somerville published the book "Negotiating in Difficult Times" in 1990, which recounts the experience of Chilean external debt negotiation, and is a member of the Chilean Bar Association, Interamerican Bar Association, and the Bar of the City of New York.

He was President of the Association of Banks from 1992-2010. He also chaired the Latin American Federation of Banks (FELABAN) between 1994 and 1995 and was president of the Confederation of Production and Commerce (CPC).

He was also a member of the APEC Business Advisory Council from 2000-2010.

He was president of the Chilean Pacific Foundation during the same years and president of the Chilean-Peruvian Business Committee from 2004-2010.

In 2010, he was appointed by President Bachelet as General Commissioner of the Chilean pavilion at the Shanghai 2010 World Expo.

Fluent in English.