

## **Colegio de Abogados de Costa Rica**

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### **I. Organization Profile**

#### **1. Year of Foundation**

Our law was approved on August 8, 1871.

#### **2. Types of Membership**

Just one kind of membership, associates.

#### **3. Number of Members**

No. of members: 16,888

#### **4. Membership**

The membership is compulsory.

#### **5. Executives and Officers**

- President (1)

#### **6. Journal and/or Newsletter**

There is one academic publication that is published twice a year. The information is basically academic. Name: El Foro. It is a free publication of around 10,000 samples per edition.

### **II. Attorney System in the Country/State, etc.**

#### **1. Other Bar Associations**

We have just one bar association in Costa Rica.

#### **2. Number of Attorneys**

Aproximately 15,000.

#### **3. Code of Ethics and/or Rules of Professional Conduct**

Name of the code of ethics: Código de Deberes, Morales y Eticos del Profesional en Derecho.

**4. Disciplinary Functions**

The entity Colegio de Abogados has the legal competence to apply disciplinary measures against lawyers that disobey the Code of Ethics. The competence is given by law.

**5. Practice by Foreign Attorneys**

Foreign lawyers can be authorized to practice law once they become associates. Anybody who practices law without being associated would be against the law and could be sued by our criminal law.