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Latin Lawyer Elite 2020



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Latin Lawyer Elite firms have each carved out their own paths towards excellence and demonstrate unique areas of strength. Here, we announce this year's Elite.

The Latin Lawyer Elite 2020 firms lead the way in their respective markets on account of the excellent work they do for clients, but also because they invest significant time and effort in maintaining their competitive edge through astute business development and careful talent management.

To finalise this list of firms, Latin Lawyer has drawn on years of on-the-ground knowledge; data compiled through our own leading independent surveys into management practices, including diversity, international experience and pro bono; our research into each legal marketplace as part of the Latin Lawyer 250; and our ongoing news coverage of the leading deals and cases across Latin America. We have focused on the region's largest economies – Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela – as well as Panama and the Central American region (it is our intention to add further countries in the near future).

To evaluate firms we have awarded them points in 10 areas of excellence, among them: total volume and value of M&A deals, total volume and value of capital markets deals, practice area breadth, international exposure, partner to associate ratio, gender diversity and pro bono.

Since we first launched Latin Lawyer Elite five years ago we have supplemented our research with conversations with clients through our affiliate publication, the Latin American Corporate Counsel Association (LACCA). This year we have taken a step further, measuring contender firms in two additional areas of excellence from LACCA's research. These are LACCA Approved (a list of partners personally recommended by top general counsel from around the region) and Who represents Latin America's biggest companies? (a list of the law firms representing Latin America's largest 100 companies, as ranked by revenue).

The selection process to identify the group of Latin Lawyer Elite firms allows firms to move on or off the list each year. The 2020 list of firms is not exhaustive, but the selected firms are there for good reason. They all bring successful, innovative strategies and experiences to the table. These will be profiled in an upcoming issue of Latin Lawyer's quarterly magazine, along with a full breakdown of how firms scored in each area we measured them in.

Argentina

Beccar Varela

Bruchou, Fernández Madero & Lombardi

Marval O'Farrell Mairal

Mitrani Caballero & Ruiz Moreno

Pérez Alati, Grondona, Benites & Arntsen (PAGBAM)

Brazil

BMA - Barbosa, Müsnich, Aragão

Cescon, Barriau, Flesch & Barreto Advogados

Demarest Advogados

Lefosse Advogados

Machado Meyer Advogados

Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr e Quiroga Advogados

Pinheiro Neto Advogados

TozziniFreire Advogados

Veirano Advogados

Central America

Aguilar Castillo Love

Arias

BLP

Consortium Legal

Chile

Barros & Errázuriz Abogados

Carey

Cariola, Díez, Pérez-Cotapos

Claro & Cía

Morales & Besa

Guerrero Olivos

Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Chile)

Colombia

Brigard Urrutia

Gómez-Pinzón

Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Colombia)

Posse Herrera Ruiz

Mexico

Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enriquez SC

Galicia Abogados

González Calvillo, SC

Hogan Lovells (Mexico)

Mijares, Angoitia, Cortés y Fuentes SC

Nader, Hayaux & Goebel

Panama

Arias, Fábrega & Fábrega

Peru

Estudio Echeopar member firm of Baker McKenzie International

Miranda & Amado Abogados

Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados

Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados

Uruguay

Ferrere (Uruguay)

Guyer & Regules

Venezuela

D'Empaire