

LEADING LIGHTS 2013

THE FIRMS LEADING THE WAY IN
LATIN AMERICA FOR PRO BONO

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The Latin Lawyer and Vance Center pro bono survey 2013

Latin Lawyer and the Cyrus R Vance Center for International Justice are pleased to present our Leading Lights for 2013: a group of law firms in Latin America whose commitment to pro bono should be highlighted.

As last year, we have selected 50 Leading Lights from participants in our regionwide pro bono survey, which we conduct annually to track the institutionalisation of pro bono among Latin American law firms, and to raise awareness of both the practice's importance and those law firms that work hard to make a difference.

The survey helped us identify firms that demonstrate an above-average commitment to pro bono by making it an essential part of their philosophy and professional infrastructure. Based on responses to this survey, research over the years and subsequent conversations with those close to the practice, we have selected from the participants a group of firms that we believe should be in the spotlight due to their considerable efforts towards institutionalising the practice and the significant amount of pro bono work they did in 2012 – the period to which the survey relates.

While this is by no means an exhaustive list (for a start it only mentions firms that participated in our survey), we hope it will give readers an idea of the efforts that firms across Latin America are taking to provide free legal services to those in need.

The Latin Lawyer – Vance Center pro bono survey seeks to track progress in Latin America and celebrates those who are leading the way in a field that has so much potential to make an important impact on the region's development. After several years of doing similar research independently, this is the second consecutive year that Latin Lawyer has joined up with the Vance Center to assess Latin American law firms' pro bono efforts by means of a combined survey that gives us greater reach.

Latin Lawyer and the Vance Center would like to thank all the clearinghouses that helped in this research for their contributions

The full results from this year's survey are available in our print magazine and on our website.

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- Albagli Zaliasnik
- Alessandri Abogados
- Ayala, Dillon, Fernandez, Linares & Chavero
- Baker & McKenzie – Latin America network
- Barrera, Siqueiros y Torres Landa
- Barros & Errázuriz Abogados
- Basham Ringe y Correa SC
- BLP
- Brigard & Urrutia Abogados
- Brons & Salas
- Bruchou, Fernández Madero & Lombardi
- Carey
- Central Law Honduras – Medina, Rosenthal & Asociados
- Claro y Cía
- Consortium Centro América Abogados
- Delmar Ugarte Abogados
- Demarest Advogados
- Estudio Beccar Varela
- Estudio Bullo – Tassi – Estebenet – Lipera – Torassa Abogados
- Estudio Juridico Vivanco & Vivanco
- Estudio Olaechea
- Estudio Willa Abogados / Consultores Tributarios
- García Sayán Abogados
- Gómez-Pinzón Zuleta Abogados
- Grasty Quintana Majlis & Cia
- Jones Day (Mexico)
- Lazo, De Romaña & Gagliuffi Abogados
- Levy & Salomão Advogados
- Lloreda Camacho & Co Attorneys
- M & M Bomchil Abogados
- Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal
- Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr e Quiroga Advogados
- Miranda & Amado Abogados
- Morales & Besa
- Morgan & Morgan
- Noguera, Larraín & Dulanto
- Pérez Alati, Grondona, Benites, Arntsen & Martínez de Hoz (h)
- Pinheiro Neto Advogados
- Posse Herrera Ruiz
- Prias Cadavid Abogados
- Raggio & García Mira
- Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados
- Rubio Leguía Normand
- Sánchez DeVanny
- Silva & Cía
- Siqueira Castro Advogados
- Von Wobeser y Sierra SC
- Yataco Arias Abogados
- Zang, Bergel & Viñes Abogados
- Zapiola Guerrico & Asociados

Methodology

We have taken a number of factors into consideration when drawing up this list, including how institutionalised the service is within firms. For example, we were interested in whether the firm is a signatory of the Vance Center's Pro Bono Declaration of the Americas (PBDA) and, importantly, meets the PBDA's commitments. These commitments include taking steps to institutionalise the practice, which we would consider relevant whether or not a firm is a signatory. For example, does the firm monitor pro bono hours and does it

have a pro bono coordinator? Is pro bono work tied to associate training, evaluation and salary? We also wanted to know how many of a firm's lawyers do pro bono and how much. In those countries where it is applicable, we placed importance on whether the firm is a member of a clearing house and whether the firm supports it financially. The list is drawn up from information relating to 2012. We reiterate that this is by no means an exhaustive list, not least because it only considers law firms which responded to the survey.