



Pro bono: Leading Lights

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Latin Lawyer is pleased to present our Leading Lights for 2024, the law firms making a noteworthy contribution to strengthening a culture of pro bono in Latin America.

Several factors played a role in drawing up this list. These include firms' answers to the survey with regards to institutionalisation of the practice, work done and examples of their recent pro bono cases. We also asked for feedback from clearinghouses and the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice and considered the development of firms' pro bono practices if they participated in earlier surveys, as well as further research. The list includes behemoths of the regional legal community bringing significant resources to bear, and small firms from whom personal dedication can make a significant difference.

This is by no means an exhaustive list (for a start, it only mentions firms that participated in our survey), but 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.

Of course, it should be noted that simply participating in this survey demonstrates awareness among all participants of the need for pro bono, and each one had interesting developments to report. We hope that all respondents will continue to advance their pro bono practices and come back to us to report their efforts in the years to come.

Methodology

Latin Lawyer and the Vance Center draw heavily on responses to the pro bono survey when compiling the list of Leading Lights, so only law firms that participated in the most recent survey are eligible. Firms are compared against others in their jurisdiction. In countries with functioning clearing houses at the time research was conducted (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela), firms are awarded up to 30 points based on their responses to the survey across the following categories: law firm's pro bono infrastructure (23%), recognition of lawyers' pro bono work (14%), pro bono work done (43%) and support of clearinghouses (20%). Clearinghouses are also given the opportunity to provide information on the firms they see supporting their organisation and doing a high level of pro bono work. In countries where there was no clearinghouse at the time of research (Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Panama) points are awarded between the first three categories (law firm's pro bono infrastructure, recognition of lawyers' pro bono work and pro bono work done). Those with the most points have a strong chance of being a Leading Light, depending on further considerations and taking into account comparisons within their jurisdiction.

The following firms are our Leading Lights for 2024.

Argentina

Allende & Brea
Beccar Varela
Bruchou & Funes de Rioja
Martínez de Hoz & Rueda
Marval O'Farrell Mairal
MBP Partners

Bolivia

Moreno Baldivieso Estudio de Abogados
PPO Abogados

Brazil

BMA Advogados
Cescon, Barrieu, Flesch & Barreto Advogados
Demarest Advogados
Machado Meyer Advogados
Mattos Filho
Pinheiro Neto Advogados
SiqueiraCastro
Taulil & Chequer Advogados in association with Mayer Brown
TozziniFreire Advogados

Central America

Alta (regional)
Arias (regional)
BLP (regional)
Consortium Legal (regional)
Mayora & Mayora (regional)

Chile

Bofill Mir Abogados
Carey
CMS Carey & Allende
Guerrero Olivos
Morales & Besa
Prieto
Vergara Galindo Correa Abogados

Colombia

Chahín Vargas y Asociados
GodoyHoyos_Goh
Gómez-Pinzón
Prias Cadavid Abogados
Serrano Martínez CMA

Dominican Republic

Headrick Rizik Alvarez & Fernández

Ecuador

Pérez Bustamante & Ponce (PBP)

Guatemala

Carrillo & Asociados
Clarity Law
Mollerlaw

Mexico

Baker McKenzie (Mexico)
Basham, Ringe y Correa
BGBG - Bello, Gallardo, Bonequi y García, SC
Chevez, Ruiz, Zamarripa y Cía SC
Creel, García-Cuellar, Aiza y Enríquez SC

Galicia Abogados
 Hogan Lovells (Mexico)
 Ritch Mueller y Nicolau, SC
 Santamarina y Steta
 Von Wobeser y Sierra SC
 White & Case (Mexico)

Panama

Morgan & Morgan

Paraguay

Centro de Estudios de Derechos Humanos, EAS
 Vinclum Abogados & Consultores

Peru

Benites, Vargas & Ugaz Abogados
 GSA Legal
 Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados
 Rodríguez Angobaldo Abogados

Uruguay

Ferrere (Uruguay)
 Hughes & Hughes

Venezuela

Araquereyna
 D'Empaire

Thank you to all of this survey's participating firms for helping us. Those firms that did not request anonymity are listed here.

Argentina

Abeledo Gottheil Abogados SC
 Allende & Brea
 Beccar Varela
 Bomchil
 Bruchou & Funes de Rioja
 Cerolini & Ferrari Abogados
 Del Carril, Colombres, Vayo & Zavalía Lagos
 Durrieu Abogados
 Fontán Balestra & Asociados
 O'Farrell
 EY Law (Argentina)
 Martínez de Hoz & Rueda
 Marval O'Farrell Mairal
 MBP Partners
 MCA Abogados
 Pérez Alati, Grondona, Benites & Arntsen (PAGBAM)
 Pozo Gowland Abogados
 Vivanco & Vivanco

Bolivia

Aguilar Castillo Love (Bolivia)
 CR & F Rojas Abogados
 Ferrere (Bolivia)
 HCS Abogados
 Indacochea & Asociados
 Moreno Baldivieso Estudio de Abogados
 PPO Abogados

Brazil

BMA Advogados
 Cescon, Barrieu, Flesch & Barreto Advogados
 CQS/FV – Cesnik, Quintino, Salinas, Fittipaldi e Valerio Advogados
 De Vivo, Castro, Cunha e Whitaker Advogados

Demarest Advogados
Innocenti Advogados
Lavez e Coutinho Advogados
Lefosse
Machado Meyer Advogados
Martinelli Advogados
Mattos Filho
Mauger Muniz Advogados
MJ Alves Burle e Viana Advogados
Murray Advogados
Perez & Barros Sociedade de Advogados
Pinheiro Neto Advogados
SiqueiraCastro
Tauli & Chequer Advogados in association with Mayer Brown
TozziniFreire Advogados
Trench Rossi Watanabe
Veirano Advogados
Vella Pugliese Buosi e Guidoni Advogados
Vieira Rezende Advogados
Wongtschowski Kleiman Advogados

Central America

Aguilar Castillo Love
Alta
Arias
BLP
Consortium Legal
Mayora & Mayora

Chile

Albagli Zaliasnik
Alessandri
Baker McKenzie (Chile)
Barros & Errázuriz Abogados
Bofill Mir Abogados
Carey
Cariola Díez Pérez-Cotapos
CMS Carey & Allende
Cuatrecasas (Chile)
DLA Piper (Chile)
FerradaNehme
Fleischmann & Román Abogados
Guerrero Olivos
Jara del Favero
Morales & Besa
Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Chile)
Prieto
Urenda Rencoret Orrego & Dörr
Vergara Galindo Correa Abogados

Colombia

Baker McKenzie (Colombia)
Brigard Urrutia
Chahín Vargas & Asociados
Contexto Legal
Cuatrecasas (Colombia)
Dentons Cárdenas & Cárdenas
Escandón Abogados S.A.S.
GodoyHoyos_GoH
Gómez-Pinzón
Lloreda Camacho & Co
López & Asociados
Martínez Quintero Mendoza González Laguado & De La Rosa
Medellín & Durán Abogados
Muñoz Tamayo & Asociados Parra Rodríguez Abogados
Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Colombia)

Posse Herrera Ruiz
Prias Cadavid Abogados
Quip
Serrano Martínez CMA
Uribe Henao Abogados

Costa Rica

Facio & Cañas

Dominican Republic

Headrick Rizik Alvarez & Fernández
Russin, Vecchi & Heredia Bonetti
Ulises Cabrera

Ecuador

ECIJA GPA
Flor Bustamante Pizarro & Hurtado
Pérez Bustamante & Ponce (PBP)
ROBALINO

Guatemala

Carrillo & Asociados
Clarity Law
Mollerlaw
Palomo Abogados

Honduras

García & Bodán (Honduras)
GUFA Law
Ulloa & Asociados

Mexico

Baker McKenzie (Mexico)
Basham, Ringe y Correa
BGBG - Bello, Gallardo, Bonequi y García, SC
Blanco Carrillo, SC
Cannizzo, Ortiz y Asociados, S.C
Chevez, Ruiz, Zamarripa y Cía SC
Creel, García-Cuellar, Aiza y Enríquez SC
Cuatrecasas (Mexico)
Galicia Abogados
Garrigues (Mexico)
Pérez-Llorca (Mexico)
Greenberg Traurig SC
Hogan Lovells (Mexico)
Holland & Knight (Mexico)
Ibarra, del Paso y Gallego, SC
Jones Day (Mexico)
Maillard Abogados Laborales
Mijares, Angoitia, Cortés y Fuentes SC
Ritch Mueller y Nicolau, SC
Sainz Abogados
Sánchez Devanny
Santamarina y Steta
Santos-Elizondo, SC
SMPS Legal

Trujillo Abogados
Von Wobeser y Sierra SC
White & Case SC

Nicaragua

CALA Attorneys & Counselors at Law

Panama

Arias, Fábrega & Fábrega
Galindo, Arias & López
Morgan & Morgan

Paraguay

BKM | Berkemeyer
Centro de Estudios de Derechos Humanos, EAS
Ferrere (Paraguay)
Fiorio, Cardozo & Alvarado
Vinlum Abogados & Consultores
Vouga Abogados

Peru

Baxel Consultores
Benites, Vargas & Ugaz Abogados
Cuatrecasas (Peru)
Estudio Echecopar member firm of Baker McKenzie International
Rodríguez Angobaldo Abogados
GSA Legal
Hernández & Cía
Miranda & Amado
Monroy & Shima Abogados
Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados
Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Peru)
Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas

Uruguay

Bergstein Abogados
Bragard Abogados
Ferrere (Uruguay)
Guyer & Regules
Hughes & Hughes
Posadas

Venezuela

Araquereyna
Baker McKenzie (Venezuela)
D'Empaire
Despacho de Abogados miembros de Dentons
MENPA – Mendoza, Palacios, Acedo, Borjas, Páez Pumar & Cía



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