

# Pro bono: Leading Lights

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Here we celebrate “Leading Lights”, the law firms making a noteworthy contribution to strengthening Latin America’s pro bono culture.

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 Vance Center 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, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela), firms are awarded up to 33 points based on their responses to the survey across the following categories: law firm’s pro bono infrastructure (18%), recognition of lawyers’ pro bono work (18%), pro bono work done (30%), support of clearing houses (33%). 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 (Bolivia, Costa Rica, 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, 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 2021.

## **Argentina**

Beccar Varela  
Bruchou, Fernández Madero & Lombardi  
Martínez de Hoz & Rueda  
Marval O'Farrell Mairal  
Pérez Alati, Grondona, Benites & Arntsen (PAGBAM)  
Zang, Bergel & Viñes Abogados

## **Bolivia**

Dentons Guevara & Gutiérrez  
Ferrere (Bolivia)  
HCS Abogados  
Indacochea & Asociados  
PPO Abogados

## **Brazil**

KLA Advogados  
Machado Meyer Advogados  
Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr e Quiroga Advogados  
Pinheiro Neto Advogados  
SiqueiraCastro  
Tauil & Chequer Advogados in association with Mayer Brown  
TozziniFreire Advogados  
Trench Rossi Watanabe

## **Central America**

Alta Batalla  
Alta QIL+4 Abogados  
Arias (regional)  
BLP (regional)  
Carrillo & Asociados  
Clarity Law  
Consortium Legal (regional)  
Mayora & Mayora SC (regional)

## **Chile**

Barros y Errázuriz Abogados  
Bofill Mir & Alvarez Jana Abogados  
Cariola, Díez, Pérez-Cotapos  
Claro & Cía  
FerradaNehme  
Garnham Abogados  
Guerrero Olivos  
Morales & Besa  
Quintana Ried Flores Abogados

## **Colombia**

Brigard Urrutia  
Correa Merino Agudelo  
Gómez-Pinzón  
Posse Herrera Ruiz

## **Dominican Republic**

## **Ecuador**

Pérez Bustamante & Ponce (PBP)

## **Mexico**

Baker McKenzie (Mexico)  
Basham, Ringe y Correa, S.C.  
BGBG - Bello, Gallardo, Bonequi y García, SC  
Chevez, Ruiz, Zamarripa y Cía SC  
Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC  
Galicia Abogados  
Hogan Lovells (Mexico)  
Mañón Quintana Abogados  
Regalado & Galindo Abogados  
Sánchez Devanny  
Von Wobeser y Sierra SC

## **Panama**

Morgan & Morgan

## **Paraguay**

Ferrere (Paraguay)  
GHP Attorneys at Law  
Gross Brown  
Vinclum Abogados

## **Peru**

Benites, Vargas & Ugaz Abogados  
Estudio Echecopar member firm of Baker McKenzie International  
Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados  
Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas

## **Uruguay**

Bergstein Abogados  
Dentons Jiménez de Aréchaga  
Ferrere (Uruguay)  
Guyer & Regules  
Hughes & Hughes  
Posadas

## **Venezuela**

Despacho de Abogados miembros de Dentons

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

### **Argentina**

Alfaro Abogados  
Baker McKenzie (Argentina)  
Beccar Varela  
Bomchil  
Bruchou, Fernández Madero & Lombardi  
Cid del Carril, Colombres, Vayo & Zavalía Lagos

Estudio O'Farrell  
Martínez de Hoz & Rueda  
Marval O'Farrell Mairal  
Pérez Alati, Grondona, Benites & Arntsen (PAGBAM)  
Zang, Bergel y Viñes Abogados  
Zapiola Guerrico & Asociados

## **Bolivia**

Bufete Aguirre, Quintanilla, Soria & Nishizawa Sociedad Civil  
CR & F.Rojas Abogados  
Christian Barrientos Abogados  
Ferrere (Bolivia)  
Dentons Guevara & Gutiérrez  
HCS Abogados  
Indacochea & Asociados  
PPO Abogados  
Würth, Bedoya, Costa du Rels Abogados

## **Brazil**

Albieri Advogados  
Azevedo Sette Advogados  
Bardi Advogados  
Bichara Advogados  
BMA - Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão  
Campos Mello Advogados in cooperation with DLA Piper  
Cascione Pulino Boulos Advogados  
Cescon, Barrieu, Flesch & Barreto Advogados  
Demarest Advogados  
Fachin Advogados Associados  
Felsberg Advogados  
KLA Advogados  
Lefosse  
Licks Attorneys  
Machado Meyer Advogados  
Madrona Advogados  
MAMG Advogados  
Mangerona & Guimarães Sociedade de Advogados  
Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr e Quiroga Advogados  
Murray Advogados  
PGLaw  
Pinheiro Neto Advogados  
SAVAS - Santos, André Vasconcelos, Melo & Advogados Associados  
Sergio Bermudes Advogados  
SiqueiraCastro  
Stocche Forbes  
Tauil & Chequer Advogados in association with Mayer Brown  
TozziniFreire Advogados  
Trench Rossi Watanabe

## **Central America**

AD SOSA & SOTO  
Aguilar Castillo Love (Costa Rica)  
Alta Batalla  
ALTA QIL+4 ABOGADOS  
Alvarado y Asociados  
Arias  
BLP  
Carrillo & Asociados  
CENTRAL LAW

Clarity Law  
Consortium Legal  
Dentons Muñoz Zacapa  
Ecija Legal (Costa Rica)  
EY Law  
García & Bodán  
Mayora & Mayora, SC  
Mollerlaw  
Palomo Abogados  
Sfera Legal

## **Chile**

Abogabir y Cía  
Albagli Zaliasnik  
Alessandri  
Barros y Errázuriz Abogados  
Bofill Mir & Alvarez Jana  
Carey  
Cariola Díez Pérez-Cotapos  
Claro & Cía  
CMS Carey & Allende  
Cuatrecasas (Chile)  
DLA Piper (Chile)  
FerradaNehme  
Garnham Abogados  
Grasty Quintana Majlis  
Guerrero Olivos  
Morales & Besa.  
Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Chile)  
Prieto  
Quintana Ried Flores Abogados  
Baker Mckenzie (Chile)  
Silva  
Urenda Rencoret Orrego y Dörr Abogados

## **Colombia**

Baker & McKenzie (Colombia)  
Brigard Urrutia  
Correa Merino Agudelo  
DLA Piper Martínez Beltrán  
GodoyHoyos  
Gómez-Pinzón  
Holland & Knight (Colombia)  
Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Colombia)  
Posse Herrera Ruiz

## **Dominican Republic**

Guzman Ariza  
Headrick Rizik Alvarez & Fernández  
Medina Garrigó Abogados  
Pellerano Nadal Law & Consulting  
Russin, Vecchi & Heredia Bonetti  
Ulises Cabrera

## **Ecuador**

Dentons Paz Horowitz  
Pérez Bustamante & Ponce (PBP)  
ROBALINO

## **Mexico**

Antonio Aramburu  
Baker McKenzie (Mexico)  
BGBG - Bello, Gallardo, Bonequi y García, SC  
Bufete Castro Pizaña  
Bufete Olea y Asociados, SC  
Bufete Robles Miaja SC  
Chevez, Ruiz, Zamarripa y Cía SC  
Consultaria Legal Empresarial SC  
Creel, Garcia-Cuellar, Aiza y Enriquez SC  
Derechos Humanos y Litigio Estratégico Mexicano  
DLA Piper Gallástegui y Lozano  
E. Quiroz - Abogado  
Escalante & Asociados  
Basham, Ringe y Correa, S.C.  
Galicia Abogados  
GMI Consulting  
González Calvillo, SC  
Greenberg Traurig SC  
Hogan Lovells (Mexico)  
Holland & Knight (Mexico)  
Jáuregui y Del Valle, SC  
López, Mercado & Pelayo Abogados  
Maillard Abogados Laborales  
Mañón Quintana Abogados  
Perez Johnston Abogados  
Regalado & Galindo Abogados  
Ritch, Mueller y Nicolau, S.C.  
Sánchez Devanny  
Santamarina y Steta  
Von Wobeser y Sierra SC  
White & Case SC

## **Panama**

Alemán, Cordero, Galindo & Lee  
Dentons Muñoz (Panama)  
Galindo, Arias & López  
Morgan & Morgan

## **Paraguay**

Estudio Mersán Abogados  
FCA Law Firm  
Ferrere (Paraguay)  
GHP Attorneys at Law  
Gross Brown  
Olmedo Abogados  
Vinclum Abogados

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Estudio González Salinas +  
Muñiz, Olaya, Meléndez, Castro, Ono & Herrera  
Estudio Rodríguez Angobaldo  
EY Law (Peru)  
García Sayán Abogados  
Hernández & Cía Abogados

Lazo, de Romaña & Bravo Abogados  
Miranda & Amado  
Monroy & Shima Abogados  
Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados  
Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Peru)  
Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas  
Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados  
Rubio Leguía Normand  
Yataco Arias Abogados

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Dentons Jiménez de Aréchaga  
Ferrere (Uruguay)  
Guyer & Regules  
Hughes & Hughes  
Posadas

## **Venezuela**

Antequera Parilli & Rodríguez  
Baker McKenzie (Venezuela)  
D'Empaire  
Despacho de Abogados miembros de Dentons  
InterJuris Abogados  
Leña  
Mendoza, Palacios, Acedo, Borjas, Páez Pumar & Cía

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