

# 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)  
Poza 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, Barriueu, 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  
Vinclum 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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