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**Americas Law Firm of the Year**

*IFLR Americas Awards, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021, and 2023*

# Recent Highlights

- LATAM Airlines Group, Latin America's largest air carrier, in the company's successful exit from a first-of-its-kind cross-border debt restructuring before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.
- Puerto Rico Public-Private Partnerships Authority in a landmark transaction intended to continue the transformation of Puerto Rico's electric sector.
- CNP in the acquisition of the stakes held by Caixa Seguridade and Icatu in five companies that distribute insurance, savings, and consórcio products.
- Inter & Co and Banco Inter in a corporate reorganization that resulted in the migration of Banco Inter shareholders to Inter & Co and the listing of Inter & Co securities on Nasdaq.
- Constellation in the restructuring of \$1.84 billion in total indebtedness.
- Suzano, the world's largest pulp producer, in the acquisition of Kimberly-Clark's tissue products business in Brazil.
- Vale, Dongkuk, and Posco in the \$2.2 billion sale of CSP to ArcelorMittal.
- Votorantim in the formation of a co-investment vehicle with Temasek to invest up to \$700 million in growth equity in Brazil.
- LATAM Airlines in its \$1.9 billion strategic partnership with Delta, bringing together the leading airlines in North and Latin America for the first time.
- Steering committee of bondholders in Brazilian telecom Oi's restructuring of \$20 billion of liabilities, the largest-ever Latin American bankruptcy, with contested litigation in several forums, including Brazil, the Netherlands, and the United States.
- Cable Onda, a Panama-based provider of telecommunication services, in the \$1.46 billion sale of a controlling 80% stake to Millicom, a Luxembourg-based provider of telecommunication services.
- The Republic of Argentina in over \$50 billion of international capital markets and other financings since 2016.
- Telecom Argentina, one of the country's largest private sector companies, in a \$1 billion senior unsecured credit facility.
- Vale in the \$2.1 billion sale of its fertilizer assets to The Mosaic Company, in winning dismissal of a multibillion-dollar civil RICO claim in U.S. courts, and in a dispute resolution proceeding related to the provision of services for a mining project in Guinea.
- Suzano Papel e Celulose S.A., a leading Brazilian pulp and paper producer, in the \$14 billion merger with Fibria Celulose S.A., another leading Brazilian pulp and paper producer — the largest acquisition financing ever in Latin America.
- Petrobras in U.S. securities class action litigation and complex reporting arising from "Operation Car Wash," the largest corruption scandal in Latin American history.
- The Mexican Ministry of Communications and Transportation in the \$11.6 billion financing, including bank financing, bonds, and hybrid securities, for the construction and development of the new Mexico City International Airport, projected to become the largest airport in Latin America.

## International Counsel Law Firm of the Year

*Chambers Brazil Awards, 2022*

## Debt and Equity-linked Team of the Year; Restructuring Team of the Year; Debt and Equity-linked Deal of the Year (Republic of Uruguay sustainability-linked bond); Equity Deal of the Year (Inter & Co. Nasdaq listing); and Restructuring Deal of the Year (LATAM Airlines Group)

*IFLR Americas Awards, 2023*

## Corporate Finance: ESG Deal of the Year (Republic of Chile's first sovereign sustainability-linked bonds)

*Latin Lawyer, 2023*

## M&A Deal of the Year (Univision and Televisa's \$4.8 billion merger, forming the largest Spanish-language media group)

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## Restructuring Deal of the Year (LATAM Airlines' exit from Chapter 11)

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## No. 1 International Firm in Latin America

*Latin American Corporate Counsel Association, 2013–2023*

## No. 1 Law Firm in Latin America

*Latinvex, 2017–2023*

## International Counsel of the Year (Corporate Finance)

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