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# The Leading Lawyers and Law Firms Globally

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El Salvador





### How lawyers are ranked

Every year we carry out thousands of in-depth interviews with clients in order to assess the reputations and expertise of business lawyers worldwide. The qualities we look for (and which determine rankings) include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.

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### Band 1

#### Arias

**What the team is known for** Arias is a regional powerhouse that commands an outstanding reputation in El Salvador's corporate market. The San Salvador-based team of talented practitioners handles sophisticated local and cross-border M&A transactions, in addition to corporate restructuring and incorporations. Arias's lawyers continue to draw praise for their expertise in corporate and financial mandates. The department provides counsel to a variety of regional and international players from the telecommunications, manufacturing and energy sectors.

#### Strengths

"Arias's team works very closely with its clients. They are more than an adviser; they're a strategic partner with a deep understanding of each complex transaction."

"The team is composed of expert lawyers in all service areas."

#### Notable practitioners

Regional managing partner and eminent practitioner **Armando Arias** continues to be recog-

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Quintanilla Schmidt Carlos <i>LatamLex Abogados</i>
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Milla Ricardo <i>Dentons Muñoz</i>
Nochez Palacios Mariana <i>BLP</i>
Torres Héctor <i>Torres Legal</i>
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Aguilar David <i>Dentons Muñoz</i>
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Rodríguez de Arteaga Jennifer <i>Mayora &amp; Mayora, S.C.</i>

Corporate/Commercial
<b>Dispute Resolution</b>
<b>Leading Individuals</b>
<b>Band 1</b>
Ángel Eduardo <i>Arias</i>
Sáenz Marinero Humberto <i>Novis Estudio Legal (ORL) ◇</i>
<b>Band 2</b>
Ramos César <i>Consortium Legal</i>
Rodríguez Jaime <i>Arias</i>
Sáenz Mario Enrique <i>Sáenz &amp; Asociados (ORL) ◇</i>
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Anaya Barraza Salvador Enrique <i>ANAYA-SJE (ORL) ◇</i>
Mena Guerra Ricardo <i>IusPublik (ORL) ◇</i>
<b>Up-and-coming individuals</b>
Montano Fernando <i>Arias</i>
Torres Héctor <i>Torres Legal</i>

expert lawyer in all practice areas." **Eduardo Ángel** is head of Arias' dispute resolution department in El Salvador and a market-leading partner. He continues to be endorsed by the market for his stellar practice in El Salvador. **Strengths:** "Eduardo Ángel is an excellent professional." "He's a very good lawyer: responsive, with strong, strategic ideas; a good thinker." Co-head of department and co-managing partner **Roberta Gallardo** demonstrates a long-standing presence in Salvadorean corporate and commercial work. Her work includes acquisition finance, M&A, regulatory and loan restructuring matters. **Strengths:** "Roberta Gallardo has a very deal-oriented mindset, which is very helpful when working on complex transactions." "She's an expert in M&A, handling complex corporate situations. She's always available and efficient." Department head **Morena Zavaleta** has a strong reputation in the intellectual property practice in El Salvador. Zavaleta has solid experience acting on contentious IP proceedings, as well as handling IP due diligence in support of transactional matters. **Strengths:** "Morena Zavaleta is very active in IP, with a good client portfolio." Co-head of the department and co-managing partner **Lilian Arias** remains a key name in Salvadorean corporate and commercial matters. Her practice includes M&A and regulatory matters. **Strengths:** "Lilian Arias is an experienced corporate lawyer and a very strong

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<b>Eminent Practitioners</b>
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Romero Mena José Roberto <i>Romero Pineda</i>
<b>Leading Individuals</b>
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Portal Edy Guadalupe <i>Eproint (ORL) ◇</i>
Rodríguez Villamil Danilo <i>Espino Nieto (ORL) ◇</i>
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Fajardo Gilberto <i>Rivera Rodríguez Fajardo (ORL) ◇</i>
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<b>Up-and-coming individuals</b>
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Torres Fabiola <i>LatinAlliance</i>
<b>Associates to watch</b>
Leon Retana Nadya Susana <i>Romero Pineda</i>
Medrano Francisco <i>Consortium Legal</i>
Menjívar Helen <i>Eproint (ORL) ◇</i>
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practitioner.” Well-regarded practitioner **Jaime Rodríguez** continues to be praised for his dynamic dispute resolution practice in El Salvador. He is well versed in domestic and international arbitration and commercial litigation matters. **Strengths:** “Jaime Rodríguez has in-depth experience with dispute resolution and arbitration. He is articulate, professional and his legal briefs are well written and based on sound legal reasoning.” Partner and co-head of department **Ana Mercedes López** benefits from remarkable multi-practice capabilities assisting clients with corporate and commercial matters in El Salvador. **Strengths:** “Ana Mercedes López has deep understanding of each transaction she’s involved with, and she is always available to advise on any case as needed.” Co-head of department partner **Luisa Rivas** wins praise from commentators in El Salvador’s corporate and commercial market. **Strengths:** “Luisa Rivas offered us a very strong client service. She’s done a great job in our experience working with her.” **Fernando Montano** continues to be praised for his expertise advising clients on dispute resolution matters in El Salvador. His work includes real estate related litigation matters. **Strengths:** “Fernando Montano is an excellent professional, dedicated and a great adviser.” Partner **Sonia Urbina** assists with trade mark issues for international clients, including cancellation and opposition actions. Urbina’s expertise extends to patent prosecution, and she is admitted to practice in both Honduras and El Salvador.

<b>Foreign Experts Corporate/Commercial</b>
<b>Based in El Salvador with expertise in countries listed below</b>
Panama <b>Tulipano Illuega</b> <i>María Alejandra</i>
<b>Salvadoran expertise based in countries listed below</b>
Honduras <b>Urbina</b> <i>Sonia Arias</i>

**Band 2**

**BLP**

**What the team is known for** BLP is a dynamic law firm that is involved in complex multi-jurisdictional M&A transactions in El Salvador. The San Salvador-based team is renowned for keeping companies in compliance with all the requirements of local law applicable to corporate entities on a day-to-day basis.

**Strengths** “BLP understand our legal and commercial concerns and respond accordingly in a short time. They provide practical solutions.”

**Notable practitioners** Head of department **Zygmunt Brett** continues to be recognised within the Salvadorean corporate and commercial market. His practice includes project and acquisition finance and credit refinancing. **Strengths:** “Zygmunt Brett is one of the top commercial lawyers in El Salvador.” “He’s very professional, responds promptly to our requests and works in great coordination with his team.” **Luis Vega** is endorsed for his Salvadorean corporate and commercial work. He has significant expertise advising clients on their day-to-day corporate matters, as well as providing assistance to banking clients. **Strengths:** “Luis Vega is a good, pro-deal practitioner.” Up-and-coming partner **Mariana Nochez Palacios** advises clients on tax and labour matters, as well as mergers and acquisitions. **Strengths:** “Mariana Nochez Palacios’s work is very good. She is always timely and available to attend to issues that may arise.”

**Consortium Legal**

**What the team is known for** Consortium Legal has a well-regarded practice group that advises on a broad range of commercial matters in El Salvador. The department has significant expertise in handling M&A deals, corporate governance and joint venture matters. The San Salvador-based team advises on debt restructuring processes, infrastructure projects and loan agreements granted to Salvadorean companies.

**Strengths** “Consortium Legal has a very strong team with great capabilities. They are extremely diligent in their processes.”

**Notable practitioners** Head of department **Suzanne de Tablas** is held in high regard for her dedication to intellectual property matters, particularly for her work on trade mark infringement mandates in El Salvador. **Strengths:** “Suzanne de Tablas is a very capable practitioner in intellectual property matters.” Experienced partner and head of department **César Ramos** continues to lead important commercial disputes, including litigation and arbitration proceedings in El Salvador. **Strengths:** “César Ramos

provides excellent recommendations and demonstrates his experience in strategising for complex issues.” Experienced partner and co-head of department **Oscar Samour** gains approval from interviewees who value his practice in El Salvador. His focus practice includes bond issuance, loan negotiations and agreements, and M&A. **Strengths:** “Oscar Samour is a lawyer with an impeccable track record in El Salvador and is positioned as a benchmark in the area of corporate law.” Co-head of department **Diego Martín-Menjívar** is appreciated by market sources for his capabilities in corporate matters in El Salvador. His work includes legal and tax advice in the areas of communications and infrastructure. **Strengths:** “Diego Martín-Menjívar takes matters into his own hands, managing his multi-skilled team, and he is always one step ahead. We have come to consider him as a partner to our business.” Senior associate-to-watch **Felipe Aragón** is a recognised practitioner in El Salvador and is particularly known for his corporate expertise. His work includes advising on banking and finance, bond issuances and stock acquisitions. **Strengths:** “Felipe Aragón is a very strong, committed lawyer.” **Francisco Medrano** continues to be praised by interviewees in El Salvador. His practice includes the development of legal strategies for the defence and protection of trade mark portfolios. **Strengths:** “Francisco Medrano advises us in an integral way on intellectual property issues, providing viable solutions for the well-being of our organisation.” Admitted to practice in both El Salvador and Panama, **María Alejandra Tulipano Illuega** of Consortium Legal is well regarded for her skills in corporate and commercial mandates. Her practice is bolstered by her experience working in the Republic of Panama’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Band 3**

**García & Bodán**

**What the team is known for** García & Bodán is a well-regarded regional player that is noted for its capacity to handle a range of corporate matters in El Salvador. The San Salvador-based team advises on labour, tax and migratory law, as well as on commercial contracts. The legal team further assists clients with company incorporations, as well as with compliance issues and counsel on local regulations.

**Strengths** “García & Bodán’s team has extensive knowledge in corporate and regulatory matters in El Salvador.”

**Notable practitioners** Head of department **Julio César Vargas Solano** is regarded among interviewees as a leading IP specialist in El Salvador. His work includes the management of trade mark portfolios and IP litigation matters. **Strengths:** “Julio César Vargas Solano is a very strong practitioner who offers an excellent service.” “I have no doubt on who to turn if I have an issue in the countries he represents. His responsiveness and the sophistication of his work are top-notch.” Partner and head of department **Oscar José Torres Cañas** advises clients on corporate, insurance, M&A, and banking and finance related matters in El Salvador. **Strengths:** “Oscar José

Torres Cañas stands out for his great knowledge of any legal requirements, plus he's very business-oriented." Senior associate-to-watch **David Ernesto Claros Flores** advises clients on tax, commercial and labour matters, as well as mergers and acquisitions, in El Salvador. **Strengths:** "David Ernesto Claros Flores is an excellent professional who pays attention to the needs of his clients and provides tailor-made solutions."

### LatamLex Abogados

**What the team is known for** LatamLex Abogados is a well-known regional player with an experienced team that is well placed to advise across a whole range of corporate mandates, including M&A deals. The department routinely assists major regional and international banks with complex financing transactions, including investments in Salvadorean energy. The practice benefits from the firm's noted dispute resolution department, as well as the firm's solid presence throughout Central America.

#### Strengths

"The experience of working with LatamLex Abogados has been very good, and they have sufficiently demonstrated their ability to handle issues of high complexity."

#### Notable practitioners

Managing partner and co-founder **Carlos Quintanilla Schmidt** continues to be recognised by the market for his experience in the Salvadorean corporate and commercial practice. **Strengths:** "Carlos Quintanilla Schmidt shows a great level of professionalism in leading regional operations." Partner and co-head of department **Ana Patricia Portillo Reyes** is recognised by clients and her peers in the Salvadorean commercial law practice, with her practice standing out for banking and finance matters. **Strengths:** "Ana Patricia Portillo Reyes has provided top-level counselling during sophisticated transactions." Partner and co-head of department **Carlos Mauricio Guzmán Segovia** remains a significant name in Salvadorean corporate matters. His practice includes mergers and acquisitions, and credit structuring. **Strengths:** "Carlos Mauricio Guzmán Segovia has excellent legal knowledge and business sense. He always provides the best to-the-point advice and anticipation of risks, particularly in regard to new investments."

### Lexincorp

**What the team is known for** Lexincorp is a significant regional firm with a strong Salvadorean corporate team. The San Salvador-based team is particularly proficient in advising regional banking clients and investment funds on the structuring, negotiation and execution of revolving and non-revolving loan agreements. Lexincorp offers further assistance in the financing and development of renewable energy projects, and it is also adept at advising clients seeking authorisation from the competition authority.

#### Strengths

"Lexincorp has a very capable, professional team. They know the industry very well and have provided us with excellent support."

#### Notable practitioners

Department head **Enrique Rodolfo Escobar López**

continues to receive recognition for his expertise in Salvadorean corporate and commercial matters. **Strengths:** "Enrique Rodolfo Escobar López is a capable and hard-working professional. He's a well-known and hands-on lawyer who provides an excellent service." **Antonio Guirola Moze** has expertise in corporate and commercial matters, and has significant expertise advising Salvadorean and international clients in this field. **Strengths:** "Antonio Guirola Moze provided us with a very good service and prompt responses to all our questions. His elaboration of contracts is excellent."

### Mayora & Mayora, S.C.

**What the team is known for** Mayora & Mayora has a dynamic corporate/commercial practice group in El Salvador. It regularly acts for lenders, debtors and sponsors, and supports clients with the financing and development of clean energy projects. The San Salvador-based team also offers help in banking and finance and real estate issues. The firm counts energy companies, financial institutions and real estate developers among its clients.

#### Strengths

"Mayora is our firm of choice in El Salvador. They are very capable and provide timely responses."

#### Notable practitioners

Partner and head of department **Edna Carolina López Toledo** is held in high regard for her dedication to intellectual property, particularly for her work on trade mark infringement mandates in El Salvador. **Strengths:** "Edna Carolina López Toledo is an excellent professional with a high level of awareness of clients' needs." Senior partner and head of the corporate and M&A department **Manuel Telles Suvillaga** is recognised for his capabilities in the renewable energy sector, as well as his financial and regulatory expertise in El Salvador. **Strengths:** "Manuel Telles Suvillaga is a strong practitioner with vast knowledge of commercial and banking law." Senior associate-to-watch **Jennifer Rodríguez de Arteaga** enters the rankings this year with positive remarks from clients and peers in El Salvador. Her practice includes work in matters relating to credit agreements, and transactional and regulatory advice. **Strengths:** "Jennifer Rodríguez de Arteaga is an excellent professional, offering a very good service to her clients."

### Band 4

#### CENTRAL LAW

**What the team is known for** CENTRAL LAW is a well-respected regional law firm with a significant Salvadorean commercial practice group advising on M&A transactions and corporate restructuring. The firm is also proficient in labour and tax mandates, and it has an impressive roster of local and international clients.

#### Strengths

"CENTRAL LAW's excellent team definitely understand the clients' needs and act swiftly."

#### Notable practitioners

**José Manuel Argüello**, partner and co-head of the IP department, continues to be endorsed by interviewees for his capabilities in Salvadorean

IP work. His practice includes trade mark registration advice. **Strengths:** "José Manuel Argüello is a very reliable, friendly practitioner, with a lot of knowledge of the area. He's very professional."

### Dentons Muñoz

**What the team is known for** Dentons Muñoz is a versatile law firm in the El Salvador market. The San Salvador-based team is well placed to assist clients with a wide range of corporate matters, and has very good experience in acting for technology companies on regulatory mandates, as well as representing aviation sector clients. Dentons Muñoz's lawyers are also well equipped to provide advice on corporate governance, tax compliance, banking regulations and consumer protection regulations.

#### Strengths

"Dentons Muñoz represented us responsibly in a complex transaction, showing professionalism and a lot of experience in the field, and transmitting a lot of trust and transparency."

#### Notable practitioners

Head of department **Daniel Martínez** is an experienced and renowned practitioner who acts on corporate transactions relating to foreign direct investment in El Salvador. **Strengths:** "Daniel Martínez is a senior and expert legal consultant with many years in the practice. His advice is always welcome and useful." Up-and-coming partner **Ricardo Milla** continues to receive recognition as a leading lawyer in El Salvador for corporate matters. His practice includes corporate restructuring, M&A and due diligence. **Strengths:** "Ricardo Milla understands the needs of the client, and his deep knowledge of the law makes him a great partner to work with. We work with several law firms and counsels in the region, but in our judgement he gives the best advice." Senior associate-to-watch **David Aguilar** features in the corporate and commercial rankings this year following recognition from interviewees in El Salvador. **Strengths:** "David Aguilar is a very proactive lawyer. He's precise with his observations and always available to attend to his clients' needs."

### LatinAlliance

**What the team is known for** LatinAlliance is well placed to assist clients with a range of commercial matters in El Salvador. The San Salvador-based team covers corporate, banking, tax and labour law. LatinAlliance also provides legal advice on shareholders' agreements.

#### Strengths

"LatinAlliance's knowledgeable team provides a very good customer service."

#### Notable practitioners

Up-and-coming practitioner **Fabiola Torres** is listed in the Salvadorean IP rankings this year following recognition from market commentators. Her work includes trade mark registrations, opposition and trade mark portfolio management in the life sciences and food sectors. **Strengths:** "Fabiola Torres is an excellent lawyer with complete knowledge of IP matters."

### Nassar Abogados

**What the team is known for** Nassar Abogados joins the rankings this year after receiving strong

praise from market commentators for its corporate and commercial law practice in El Salvador. The practice includes organisational restructuring, due diligence and regulatory matters for local and international clients.

**Strengths**

*"Nassar Abogados' team are very strong and creative when handling corporate and commercial law-related operations."*

**Notable practitioners**

**Kelly Romero** is ranked for corporate and commercial work in El Salvador based on praise for her impressive work in this field. Her work includes legal advice on regulatory and due diligence matters. **Strengths:** *"Kelly Romero provides an excellent service, with a sense of business opportunity in the urgency of her answers."* Senior associate-to-watch **Romeo Martínez** enters the rankings this year for his work on Salvadorean commercial legal matters. His work includes corporate restructuring. **Strengths:** *"Romeo Martínez is a professional with extensive experience and offering excellent customer service."*

**Romero Pineda & Asociados**

**What the team is known for** Romero Pineda & Asociados is a well-known law firm with a strong corporate department. It regularly advises regional and international companies on financial mandates, including the financing of energy and healthcare projects in El Salvador. The San Salvador-based team also advises on labour, customs, antitrust and tax matters.

**Strengths**

*"Romero Pineda & Asociados's work is excellent. They are very prompt in their responses and they are always attentive to resolving issues."*

**Notable practitioners**

Eminent practitioner and department co-head **José Roberto Romero Mena** receives high praise from interviewees in the Salvadorean IP practice area. **Strengths:** *"José Roberto Romero Mena is a renowned and experienced practitioner in IP matters."* **Carlos Castillo**, partner and head of department, has strong capabilities in IP work in El Salvador. His work includes advising on trade mark strategies, renewals and prosecutions. **Strengths:** *"Carlos Castillo is a remarkable practitioner."* *"He is a trade mark and IP lawyer with great experience and capability."* Corporate partner and head of department **Francisco Martínez's** legal practice in El Salvador continues to be praised by market commentators. His work includes M&A, due diligence and commercial compliance. **Strengths:** *"Francisco Martínez is a good practitioner working on banking and finance-related matters."* **Elsy Durán** receives strong recognition among market sources for her IP practice. Her work includes assisting clients with brand portfolio management, including trade mark filing, renewals and litigation matters. **Strengths:** *"Elsy Durán is an excellent trade mark lawyer."* *"She's very concise in answering queries and absolving doubts regarding registration strategies and risk analysis."* Associate to watch **Nadya Susana Leon Retana** continues to be praised by market commentators. Her practice includes assisting clients with trade mark clearing, protection and renewals. **Strengths:** *"Nadya Susana Leon Retana*

*is an excellent lawyer; she deals with quite complex matters and I recommend working with her."* *"She offered us great assistance."*

**Torres Legal**

**What the team is known for** Torres Legal enters the rankings this year with sustained praise from peers and clients within the corporate and commercial law practice area in El Salvador. The firm's work includes regulatory compliance, along with legal counsel for local and international clients on matters of tax, labour and project finance.

**Strengths**

*"Torres Legal's team are highly qualified, with a good knowledge of all areas regarding business law."*

**Notable practitioners**

Head of department **Héctor Torres** enters the rankings this year with highly positive feedback from interviewees about his corporate work. His practice includes assisting clients with loan contracts and regulatory operations for banking and fintech matters. Héctor Torres boasts additional expertise in the dispute resolution practice area. **Strengths:** *"Héctor Torres's commitment to our business is beyond what we ever expected. He always fights to get us the best terms in the businesses we are involved in."* **Rebeca Galdámez** makes her first appearance in the Salvadorean corporate and commercial rankings this year, after receiving strong praise by market commentators. Interviewees endorse her practice in significant and complex matters. **Strengths:** *"Rebeca Galdámez is a young lawyer with a great future. She is very capable."*

**Other Ranked Lawyers**

**Salvador Enrique Anaya Barraza** of ANAYA-SJE is renowned for his established capabilities advising on constitutional matters in El Salvador.

Noteworthy partner **Giancarlo de la Gasca** of De la Gasca & Cía is a key figure in the Salvadorean IP practice area. He continues to receive recognition from relevant market commentators.

**Strengths:**

*"Giancarlo de la Gasca is a strong practitioner with great experience in trade mark defence and piracy cases."*

Experienced lawyer **Gilberto Fajardo** of Rivera Rodríguez Fajardo is praised by market commentators, who recognise his relevant IP practice.

**Strengths:**

*"Gilberto Fajardo is a very knowledgeable, academic practitioner."*

Well-regarded dispute resolution practitioner **Ricardo Mena Guerra** of lusPublik continues to be praised by market commentators for his knowledge of public law matters and is widely recognised for his presence in administrative litigation in El Salvador.

**Strengths:**

*"Ricardo Mena Guerra is a capable practitioner, very actively involved in contentious matters."*

Associate to watch **Helen Menjívar** of Epoint remains listed in Salvadorean IP rankings this year following recognition from market sources.

**Strengths:**

*"Helen Menjívar is a very good practitioner, working on the technical part of IP matters. She does it very well."*

Sole practitioner **Alejandro Muñoz** joins the rankings this year after receiving consistent positive feedback from clients, who comment on his solid performance on corporate and commercial matters in El Salvador.

**Strengths:**

*"Alejandro Muñoz is a very strong practitioner. We know we can count on him when dealing with complex matters."*

**Mónica Guadalupe Pineda Machuca** of EY Law is a well-regarded corporate lawyer in El Salvador. Her practice includes regulatory licensing and corporate due diligence, along with the preparation of other documentation required to develop local projects.

**Strengths:**

*"Mónica Guadalupe Pineda Machuca is an excellent professional who shows seniority. Her response is always good and timely, and with a high degree of understanding of the client's needs."*

Distinguished practitioner **Edy Guadalupe** of Epoint Portal remains a highly respected name in Salvadorean IP.

**Strengths:**

*"Edy Guadalupe Portal is an excellent lawyer, managing trade mark portfolios."*

*"She is a recognised expert in this area with an international presence. She is a good lawyer, very active in this work, and has a nice practice."*

**Elena Puente** of Espino Nieto & Asociados continues to be praised for her position in El Salvador's intellectual property practice area, and she has proven capabilities assisting clients with trade mark cases.

**Strengths:**

*"Elena Puente has vast experience and knowledge in IP-related matters."*

*"Her work as a brand's portfolio manager is very good."*

Experienced partner **Danilo Rodríguez Villamil** of Espino Nieto & Asociados continues to be endorsed by the market for his stellar IP practice in El Salvador.

**Strengths:**

*"Danilo Rodríguez Villamil is one of the best litigants in IP, a good professional."*

*"He is a well-known and experienced lawyer."*

Market commentators praise sole practitioner **Roxana Romero de Gamero** for her work assisting with trade mark matters in El Salvador.

**Strengths:**

*"Roxana Romero de Gamero is a very strong practitioner, who offers great assistance in sophisticated matters."*

Founding partner and department co-head **Mario Enrique Sáenz** of Sáenz & Asociados is lauded for his capabilities in high-profile disputes in El Salvador.

Leading practitioner **Humberto Sáenz Marinero** of Novis Estudio Legal wins recognition for his dispute resolution work in El Salvador. His work includes representation of clients in international arbitration cases.

**Strengths:**

*"Humberto Sáenz Marinero is one of the very best lawyers in El Salvador, in all respects."*

Seasoned practitioner **Benjamin Valdez Iraheta** of Benjamin Valdez & Asociados remains a renowned figure among corporate/commercial lawyers in El Salvador.

**Strengths:**

*“Benjamin Valdez Iraheta is a good, leading professional and a senior adviser in structuring operations.”*

**Freddy Zometa** of AZ Abogados is recognised by market commentators for his know-how in commercial matters in El Salvador.

**Strengths:**

*“Freddy Zometa is a good corporate practitioner.”*