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## Winners of The Latin American Lawyer Energy & Infrastructure Awards announced

The winners of The Latin American Lawyer Energy & Infrastructure Awards were announced at a ceremony at the JW Marriott in Mexico City Thursday night



The award ceremony gathered guests from the legal sector to recognise the excellence of the lawyers of firms experts in the sector of Energy and Infrastructure in Latin America.

With these recognitions, the achievements of the leading players in the sector in their different disciplines are rewarded.

To see photos from the event, click [here](#).

The winners were as follows:

### Attorney of The Year

Derek Woodhouse - CMS Woodhouse Lorente Ludlow (Mexico)

Well known for his expertise in matters related to the power sector, Derek is an outstanding professional. Clients says he is a “very knowledgeable” and he has built an excellent reputation for advising clients on complex negotiations with the Comisión Reguladora de Energía.

### Law Firm of the Year

Pinheiro Neto Advogados (Brazil)

Pinheiro Neto is a market-leading firm in the Latin American energy and infrastructure market. The team has extensive experience in the fields of finance and M&A and is very well established and respected in the Brazilian market.

### Attorney of the Year - M&A

Sergio Amiel – GARRIGUES (Peru)

An outstanding professional who is well known for his leadership and management skills. He is preferred counsel for many prestigious clients. A leading figure who is also highly regarded in the academic field.

### Law Firm of the Year - M&A

DLA Piper Martínez Beltrán (Colombia)

The Colombian team offers significant M&A-related experience and consistently attracts instructions connected to high-end transactions in multiple jurisdictions. Clients admire the firm's timely, pragmatic and efficient approach.

#### **Law Firm of the Year - M&A Infrastructure**

TozziniFreire Advogados (Brazil)

A highly reputed firm with very strong M&A Infrastructure capabilities. In 2018 TozziniFreire Advogados was involved in one of the most significant M&A transactions in the Brazilian energy sector, which involved the acquisition of two transmission lines connecting the states of Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul.

#### **Attorney of the Year - Finance**

Bertha Argüello - Arias (Nicaragua)

Considered a leader in her field, Argüello has built an excellent reputation in the market for her "client-centred approach".

#### **Law Firm of the Year - Finance**

Pinheiro Neto Advogados (Brazil)

Pinheiro Neto Advogados has extensive experience of the Latin American financial landscape and formidable environmental-related capabilities. The firm has built a reputation for handling the most significant finance-related projects in the market.

#### **Attorney of the Year - Renewable Energy**

Rodolfo Rueda Ballesteros – Thompson & Knight LLP (Mexico)

Rodolfo's practice covers the entire lifecycle of renewable energy projects. Clients appreciate his high level of understanding of the intricacies and opportunities in the energy and natural resources sector both in Mexico and internationally.

#### **Law Firm of the Year - Renewable Energy**

Salerno y Asociados Expertos en Energía (Mexico)

Energy boutique Salerno y Asociados has a growing reputation in the market. The team is commended for the way in which it makes highly technical matters simple and easy for clients to understand.

#### **Attorney of the Year - Administrative & Environmental Law**

Clemente Pérez – GUERRERO OLIVOS (Chile)

Clemente Pérez is well known for advising on large real estate and infrastructure projects, and their environmental implications. Clients say he has impressive knowledge in this field and his advice is “extremely valuable”.

#### **Law Firm of the Year - Administrative & Environmental Law**

Lammoglia Abogados (Mexico)

Lammoglia Abogados has a market-leading team that offers a comprehensive, high-quality service advising on environmental, urban and regulatory matters.

#### **Attorney of the Year - Tax**

Eduardo A. Mayora - Mayora & Mayora (Guatemala)

A renowned Guatemalan jurist and a national reference in the tax sector, Mayora advises companies on a wide range of environmental and infrastructure-related matters. Is he a top choice among many clients due to his vast experience.

#### **Law Firm of the Year - Tax**

EY Law (Costa Rica)

The EY Law Costa Rica team has an excellent reputation for advising on the full range of local and international tax matters related to the energy and infrastructure sectors. Clients praise their high-quality advice, technical knowledge and client service.

#### **Law Firm of the Year - White Collar Crime**

Greenberg Traurig (Mexico)

Greenberg Traurig's White Collar Crime team is one of the most widely respected in the Latin American market. The firm has handled many high-profile environmental-related criminal cases. Clients say the firm has excellent lawyers and “top-tier skills”

#### **Law Firm of the Year - Oil & Gas**

LEC Abogados (Venezuela)

LEC Abogados regularly advises major clients in the oil and gas sector, as well as service providers in the industry. Clients say they are a “top-tier team” offering expert advice.

#### **Best Practice Finance**

Mayora & Mayora (Guatemala)

Market-leaders in the area of banking and finance, with outstanding technical skills and commercial awareness. In the last 12 months, the team was involved in a number of groundbreaking deals in the energy and infrastructure sector.

**Law Firm of the Year - Arbitration**

Arias (Costa Rica)

A highly experienced arbitration team with extensive experience in Central America. In the last 12 months the team has handled a significant number of major arbitrations.

**Law Firm of the Year - Litigation**

Lammoglia Abogados (Mexico)

The Lammoglia Abogados litigation team is led by Franco Lammoglia Ordiales. Clients say they are experts in contentious environmental matters, describing them as “brilliant advisors who show an impressive dedication”.

**Attorney of the Year - Competition & Regulatory Law**

Lucía Ojeda – SAI Law & Economics (Mexico)

Lucía Ojeda Cárdenas is a very experienced professional having worked on some of the most significant environment-related regulatory matters. Clients recognise her as one of the foremost experts in her field.

**Up & Coming**

Alejandro León - Allen & Overy (USA)

Alejandro, a member of Global Projects, Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure group, has a growing reputation in the market and has been highlighted by many in the market as up-and-coming. Clients praise his expertise in the field and the excellent quality of his work.

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