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Legal talent from Mexican firms Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC, Ritch Mueller and Kuri Breña Sánchez Ugarte y Aznar and Peruvian outfit Echecopar were among the busiest banking and finance lawyers across Latin America in 2025, according to data collected by Latin Lawyer's Deal Tracker.

Pedro Velasco de la Peña of **Elite** Mexican firm Creel García-Cuéllar was the busiest banking and finance partner among Latin American firms in 2025, having worked on 19 deals throughout the course of the year. Following closely behind in joint-second place were his colleague Emilio Aarún and Alonso Miranda, partner at Peruvian **Elite** outfit Echecopar – both of whom advised on 18 transactions.

Meanwhile, two Mexican partners shared the third spot on the podium with 15 deals each: Jean Paul Farah Chajín of Elite outfit Ritch Mueller and Rodrigo López Márquez of Highly Recommended Kuri Breña. Carlos Albarracín of **Elite** international firm Milbank was the most active partner outside of Mexico and Peru, with 14 banking and finance deals under his belt for the year.

Creel García-Cuéllar, Echecopar, Ritch Mueller and Kuri Breña talent among LatAm's busiest banking and finance partners

Most active partners at Latin American firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Law firm	Jurisdiction	Deals
Pedro Velasco de la Peña	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	Mexico	19
Alonso Miranda	Echecopar	Peru	18
Emilio Aarún	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	Mexico	18
Jean Paul Farah Chajín	Ritch Mueller	Mexico	15
Rodrigo López Márquez	Kuri Breña Sánchez Ugarte y Aznar	Mexico	15
Carlos Albarracín	Milbank	International	14
Giovanni Ramírez Garrido	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	Mexico	13
Manuel Quinche	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	Colombia	13

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On the regional counsel-associate leaderboard, Creel García-Cuéllar lawyers dominated the field. Counsel Martin Pavon was triumphant, sitting in pole position with 19, while colleague Mirna Alejandra Alvarado shared second spot with Echecopar associate Mikela Echeandía, counting 13 transactions each. Rounding off the top three was Creel García-Cuéllar's Alejandro Isaac with 12.

Outside of Peru and Mexico, Rafael Marulanda of **Highly Recommended** Cuatrecasas (Colombia) was the most active associate in banking and finance mandates, having helped seal 11 transactions throughout the 12-month period.

Creel García-Cuéllar, Echecopar and Cuatrecasas (Colombia) associate top the regional table

Most active associates at Latin American firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Name	Position	Law firm	Country	Deals
Martin Pavon	Counsel	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	Mexico	19
Mikela Echeandía	Associate	Echecopar	Peru	13
Mirna Alejandra Alvarado	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	Mexico	13
Alejandro Isaac	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	Mexico	12
Lubeck Espinosa	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	Mexico	11
María Fernanda Valencia	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	Mexico	11
Rafael Marulanda	Associate	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	Colombia	11
Sofía Rivera Ramírez	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	Mexico	11

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International

Following on behind 2025's busiest international partner in Latin American banking and finance deals, Carlos Albarracín, was Alejandro Gonzalez Lazzeri of Elite outfit Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, who counted 11 transactions across the duration of the year. In joint-third place were Stephen Double of Highly Recommended Holland & Knight LLP and Juan Francisco Mendez of Elite firm Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, each with seven.

Skadden, Simpson Thacher, Holland & Knight and Milbank partners head up the international table

Most active partners at international law firms by Latin American banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Name	Firm	Loans
Carlos Albarracín	Milbank	14
Alejandro Gonzalez Lazzeri	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	11
Juan Francisco Mendez	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP	7
Stephen Double	Holland & Knight LLP	7
Fabiana Sakai	Milbank	6
Augusto Ruiloba	A&O Shearman	5
Charles Johnson	Norton Rose Fulbright	5
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Milbank also topped the international counsel-associate leaderboard, with associate Fernando Quezada leading the way with eight banking and finance transactions on his cards for the year. Holland & Knight's Nicolas Usandivaras and Simpson Thacher associate Jomar Vargas tied for second spot with six.

Meanwhile, third place was shared by four lawyers with five deals each: Milbank's Gonzalo Guitart, Mateo Morris of Highly Recommended firm Arnold & Porter, Pedro de Elizalde of fellow Highly Recommended outfit A&O Shearman and Jose Nicolas Perez-Sierra from Skadden.

Milbank, Simpson Thacher and Holland & Knight comprise the associate top three

Most active associates at international law firms by Latin American banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Position	Law firm	Deals
Fernando Quezada	Associate	Milbank	8
Jomar Vargas	Associate	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP	6
Nicolas Usandivaras	Associate	Holland & Knight LLP	6
Gonzalo Guitart	Counsel	Milbank	5
Jose Nicolas Perez-Sierra	Associate - promoted to partner in April 2026	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	5
Mateo Morris	Senior associate	Arnold & Porter	5
Pedro de Elizalde	Associate	A&O Shearman	5
Ana Bueno	Associate	Milbank	4

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Argentina

In Argentina, partner Alexia Rosenthal of **Highly Recommended** firm TCA Tanoira Cassagne, appeared on the highest volume of banking and finance mandates in 2025: 11. Sergio Talamo of the Elite Marval O'Farrell Mairal was hot on her heels with 10, while fellow TCA partner Ignacio Criado Diaz completed the podium with nine.

TCA and Marval partners lead Argentina's banking and finance rankings

Most active partners at Argentine firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Law firm	Deals
Alexia Rosenthal	TCA Tanoira Cassagne	11
Sergio Talamo	Marval O'Farrell Mairal	10
Ignacio Criado Diaz	TCA Tanoira Cassagne	9
José Bazán	Bruchou & Funes de Rioja	7
Leandro Belusci	Bruchou & Funes de Rioja	6
José Martínez de Hoz (n)	Martínez de Hoz & Rueda	4
Analia Battaglia	Bruchou & Funes de Rioja	3
Diego Serrano Redonnet	Pérez Alati, Grondona, Benites & Arntsen (PAGBAM)	3

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Among counsel and associates, talent from Elite firm Bruchou & Funes de Rioja rose into the spotlight. Associate Branko Serventich topped the leaderboard with nine deals under his belt, while colleague Sebastian Pereyra Pagiari shared second place with TCA's Carolina Mercero, counting five. Two associates also shared third spot – Marval's Lautaro Penza and Luisina Luchini of Highly Recommended outfit Martínez de Hoz & Rueda, with four transactions each.

Bruchou, TCA , Marval and Martínez de Hoz talent top the Argentine counsel-associate table

Most active partners at Argentine firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Position	Law firm	Deals
Branko Serventich	Associate	Bruchou & Funes de Rioja	9
Carolina Mercero	Associate	TCA Tanoira Cassagne	5
Sebastian Pereyra Pagiari	Associate	Bruchou & Funes de Rioja	5
Lautaro Penza	Associate	Marval O'Farrell Mairal	4
Luisina Luchini	Associate	Martínez de Hoz & Rueda	4
Franco Montiel	Senior associate	Beccar Varela	3
Juan María Rosatto	Associate	Bruchou & Funes de Rioja	3
Malena Tarrio	Associate	Bruchou & Funes de Rioja	3

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Brazil

Over in Latin America's largest economy, partner Thales Tormin Saito of **Elite** outfit Machado Meyer Advogados steamed ahead, having worked on 10 banking and finance mandates across the duration of 2025. Following closely behind was Alexei Bonamin, partner at fellow Elite firm TozziniFreire Advogados, with seven. In joint-third place were Machado Meyer's Bruno Janikian Racy and Frederico Moura and Gabriel Bürgel from fellow Elite firms Stocche Forbes Advogados and BMA Advogados, respectively.

Machado Meyer, TozziniFreire and Stocche Forbes partners lead the ring in Brazil

Most active partners at Brazilian firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Law firm	Deals
Thales Tormin Saito	Machado Meyer Advogados	10
Alexei Bonamin	TozziniFreire Advogados	7
Bruno Janikian Racy	Machado Meyer Advogados	6
Frederico Moura	Stocche Forbes Advogados	6
Gabriel Bürgel	BMA Advogados	6
Laercio Munechika	Stocche Forbes Advogados	5
Eduardo Diniz Alves Pereira	Stocche Forbes Advogados	4
Maria Costa Neves Machado	Lobo de Rizzo Advogados	4

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Machado Meyer led the counsel-associate leaderboard, too, with associate Sthefany Pereira Amorim sitting in pole position with seven banking and finance transactions on her books for the year. Four lawyers shared second place – TozziniFreire's Leonardo Medeiros Braghetto, and Mila Cunha and Rafael Fogel Klarnet of Elite firm BMA Advogados, as well as Machado Meyer's Guilherme Latessa Jeong – with five, while fellow Machado Meyer associate Matheus Wassano Ishigaki and Rafael Teixeira of BVA - Barreto Veiga Advogados rounded off the top three with four deals.

Machado Meyer and TozziniFreire lead the associate table, too, alongside BMA

Most active associates at Brazilian firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Position	Law firm	Deals
Sthefany Pereira Amorim	Associate	Machado Meyer Advogados	7
Guilherme Latessa Jeong	Associate	Machado Meyer Advogados	5
Leonardo Medeiros Braghetto	Senior associate	TozziniFreire Advogados	5
Mila Cunha	Associate	BMA Advogados	5
Rafael Fogel Klarnet	Associate	BMA Advogados	5
Matheus Wassano Ishigaki	Senior associate	Machado Meyer Advogados	4
Rafael Teixeira	Associate	BVA - Barreto Veiga Advogados	4
Beatriz Zaroni Boaventura	Associate	Lobo de Rizzo Advogados	3

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Chile

Pedro Garcia of **Highly Recommended** firm Garrigues (Chile) reigned supreme as Chile's busiest banking and finance partner, having worked on 11 deals throughout 2025. Macarena Ravinet of Elite outfit Cuatrecasas (Chile) followed behind with nine deals, while José Miguel Carvajal and Myriam Barahona – both in the partnership at fellow Elite firm Morales & Besa – rounded out the top three with seven.

In Chile, Garrigues, Cuatrecasas and Morales & Besa partners take the lead

Most active partners at Chilean firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Law firm	Deals
Pedro Garcia Morales	Garrigues (Chile)	11
Macarena Ravinet	Cuatrecasas (Chile)	9
José Miguel Carvajal	Morales & Besa	7
Myriam Barahona	Morales & Besa	7
Isabel Monge	Prieto	6
Fernando Noriega	Carey	4
José Luis Ambrosy	Claro & Cía	4
Rodrigo Sepulveda	Carlola, Díez, Pérez-Cotapos	3

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The same firms dominated Chile's counsel-associate top three. Cuatrecasas' Victoria Herrera led the way with 11 deals, while former colleague José AgÜero shared second spot on the podium with Morales & Besa's José Manuel Meli Undurraga – both counting eight banking and finance mandates. Five lawyers tied for third place with seven deals each: Morales & Besa associates Camila Pereira, Maria Schafer and Antonella Canziani – the latter of whom moved to Guerrero Olivos last month – as well as Cuatrecasas' Federico Espinosa and Garrigues' Ignacio Vargas.

Morales & Besa associates dominate the Chilean podium

Most active associates at Chilean firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Position	Law firm	Deals
Victoria Herrera	Associate	Cuatrecasas (Chile)	11
José Manuel Meli Undurraga	Associate	Morales & Besa	8
José AgÜero	Associate - moved to Barros & Errázuriz Abogados in March 2026	Cuatrecasas (Chile)	8
Antonella Canziani	Associate - moved to Guerrero Olivos in June 2026	Morales & Besa	7
Camila Pereira	Associate	Morales & Besa	7
Federico Espinosa	Associate	Cuatrecasas (Chile)	7
Maria Schafer	Associate	Morales & Besa	7
Ignacio Vargas	Associate	Garrigues (Chile)	7

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Colombia

Manuel Quinche of Elite outfit Cuatrecasas (Colombia) – who was **ranked** the country's busiest partner on debt capital markets deals in 2025 – also reigned as the most active senior-level lawyer on banking and finance transactions last year, working on 13 deals across the 12 months.

Mateo Mendoza, founding partner of Recommended firm Mendoza, trailed behind with seven deals, while three partners – Posse Herrera's Jesús Albarrán, Cuatrecasas' Juan Carlos Puentes and Juan Manuel De La Rosa of Highly Recommended firm Martínez Quintero Mendoza González Laguado & De La Rosa – assumed joint-third place with transactions each.

Mendoza, PPU, Martínez and Cuatrecasas partner spearhead the Colombian rankings

Most active partners at Colombian firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Law firm	Deals
Manuel Quinche	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	13
Mateo Mendoza	Mendoza	7
Hernando Padilla	Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Colombia)	6
Jesús Albarrán	Posse Herrera Ruiz	6
Juan Carlos Puentes	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	6
Juan Manuel De La Rosa	Martínez Quintero Mendoza González Laguado & De La Rosa	6
Natalia Arango	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	5
Jaime Moya	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	4

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Cuatrecasas' local outpost dominated the counsel-associate rankings, too. Rafael Marulanda sat in pole position with 11 banking and finance deals under his belt for the year, while Juan Carlos Puentes followed closely behind with nine and Nathalie Medina placed third with eight.

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Cuatrecasas associates dominate the Colombian top three

Most active associates at Colombian firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Name	Position	Law firm	Deals
Rafael Marulanda	Associate	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	11
Juan Carlos Puentes	Associate	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	9
Nathalie Medina	Senior Associate	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	8
Maria Hernandez	Associate	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	7
Mariana Vanegas	Associate	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	7
Manuel Gomez Fajardo	Director - promoted to partner in April 2026	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	7
Ariana Catalina Fernandez Rodriguez	Associate	Cuatrecasas (Colombia)	6
Sebastian Celis	Director	Martínez Quintero Mendoza González Laguado & De La Rosa	6

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Mexico

In Mexico, partner Pedro Velasco de la Peña of the Elite Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC worked on the highest volume of banking and finance deals among Mexican firms in 2025: 19. His colleague, Emilio Aarún was hot on his heels with 18, while Jean Paul Farah Chajín of fellow Elite outfit Ritch Mueller completed the podium with 15 – sharing that spot with Rodrigo Lopez of Highly Recommended Kuri Breña Sánchez Ugarte y Aznar.

Creel, García-Cuéllar, Ritch Mueller and Kuri Breña partners dominate the Mexican podium

Most active partners at Mexican firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Law firm	Deals
Pedro Velasco de la Peña	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	19
Emilio Aarún	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	18
Jean Paul Farah Chajín	Ritch Mueller	15
Rodrigo Lopez	Kuri Breña Sánchez Ugarte y Aznar	15
Giovanni Ramirez Garrido	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	13
Rosemarie Mclaren	Galicia Abogados	8
Silvia Roldan	Kuri Breña Sánchez Ugarte y Aznar	8
Guillermo Perez Santiago	Galicia Abogados	7

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At counsel and associate level, Creel García-Cuéllar talent took the leaderboard by storm once again. Counsel Martín Pavón steamed ahead, having advised on 19 banking and finance deals throughout the course of 2025, while colleague Lubeck Espinosa followed with 14. Hot on her heels was Mirna Alejandra Alvarado, who secured 13 mandates.

Creel García-Cuéllar associates take the leaderboard by storm

Most active associates at Mexican firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Name	Position	Law firm	Deals
Martín Pavón	Counsel	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	19
Lubeck Espinosa	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	14
Mirna Alejandra Alvarado	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	13
Alejandro Isaac Beas	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	12
Maria Fernanda Valencia	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	11
Sofia Rivera Ramirez	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	11
Javier Lavalle	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	9
Daniel Moguel	Associate	Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enríquez SC	8

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Peru

Following on from Peru's busiest banking and finance partner, Echecopar's Alonso Miranda, were two Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas partners – Daniel Gonzáles and Maite Colmenter, counting nine and eight deals for the year, respectively.

Echecopar and Rebaza partners steam ahead in Peru

Most active partners at Peruvian firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Law firm	Deals
Alonso Miranda	Echecopar	18
Daniel Gonzáles	Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas	9
Maite Colmenter	Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas	8
Alvaro Del Valle	Miranda & Amado (now Pérez-Llorca (Peru))	6
Carlos Enrique Arata	Muñiz, Olaya, Meléndez, Castro, Ono & Herrera	6
José Goyburu	Hernández & Cía	6
Marco Alarcón Piana	Echecopar	6
Nicolás Cornejo	Rodrigo	6

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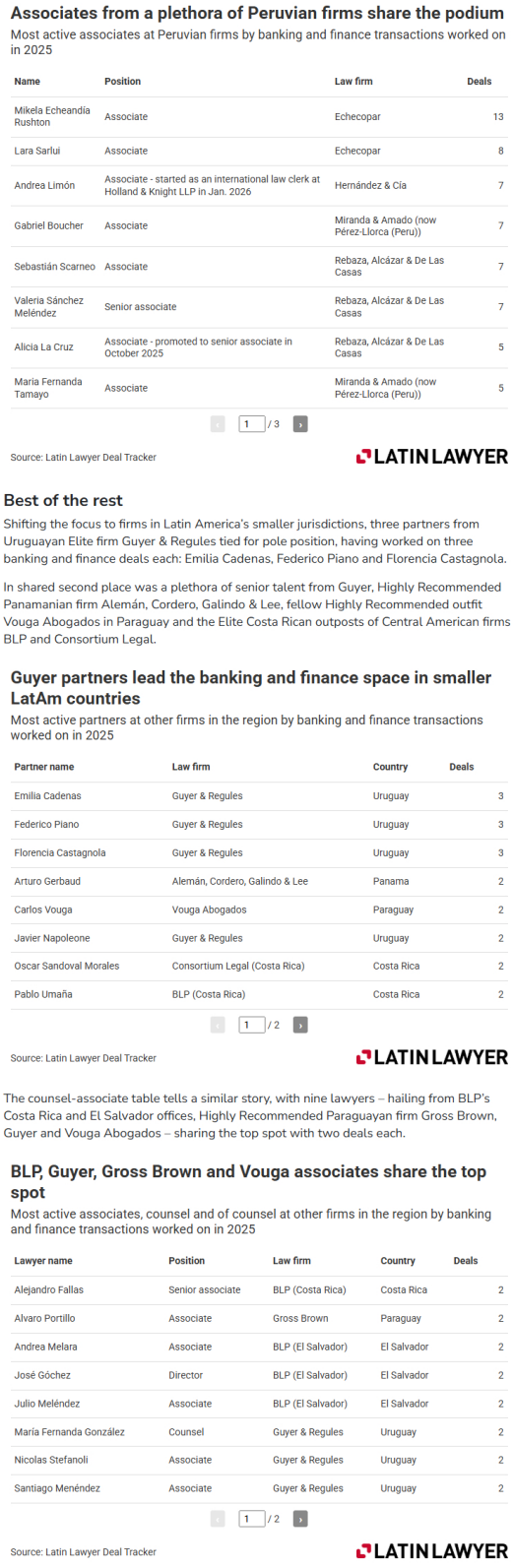
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Echecopar talent also topped the counsel-associate leaderboard, with Mikela Echeandía Rushton sitting comfortably in first place with 13 banking and finance deals on her books for 2025 and Lara Sarlui following behind with eight.

Meanwhile, four lawyers shared the third spot on the table: Andrea Limón of Highly Recommended firm Hernández & Cía – who is currently completing a placement as an international law clerk at Holland & Knight LLP – Gabriel Boucher of Miranda & Amado, now Pérez-Llorca (Peru), and Sebastián Scarneo and Valeria Sánchez Meléndez of fellow Elite firm Rebaza Alcázar – all counting seven deals each.

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Associates from a plethora of Peruvian firms share the podium

Most active associates at Peruvian firms by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Name	Position	Law firm	Deals
Mikela Echeandía Rushton	Associate	Echecopar	13
Lara Sarlui	Associate	Echecopar	8
Andrea Limón	Associate - started as an international law clerk at Holland & Knight LLP in Jan. 2026	Hernández & Cía	7
Gabriel Boucher	Associate	Miranda & Amado (now Pérez-Llorca (Peru))	7
Sebastián Scarneo	Associate	Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas	7
Valeria Sánchez Meléndez	Senior associate	Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas	7
Alicia La Cruz	Associate - promoted to senior associate in October 2025	Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas	5
Maria Fernanda Tamayo	Associate	Miranda & Amado (now Pérez-Llorca (Peru))	5

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Best of the rest

Shifting the focus to firms in Latin America's smaller jurisdictions, three partners from Uruguayan Elite firm Guyer & Regules tied for pole position, having worked on three banking and finance deals each: Emilia Cadenas, Federico Piano and Florencia Castagnola.

In shared second place was a plethora of senior talent from Guyer, Highly Recommended Panamanian firm Alemán, Cordero, Galindo & Lee, fellow Highly Recommended outfit Vouga Abogados in Paraguay and the Elite Costa Rican outposts of Central American firms BLP and Consortium Legal.

Guyer partners lead the banking and finance space in smaller LatAm countries

Most active partners at other firms in the region by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Partner name	Law firm	Country	Deals
Emilia Cadenas	Guyer & Regules	Uruguay	3
Federico Piano	Guyer & Regules	Uruguay	3
Florencia Castagnola	Guyer & Regules	Uruguay	3
Arturo Gerbaud	Alemán, Cordero, Galindo & Lee	Panama	2
Carlos Vouga	Vouga Abogados	Paraguay	2
Javier Napoleone	Guyer & Regules	Uruguay	2
Oscar Sandoval Morales	Consortium Legal (Costa Rica)	Costa Rica	2
Pablo Umaña	BLP (Costa Rica)	Costa Rica	2

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The counsel-associate table tells a similar story, with nine lawyers – hailing from BLP's Costa Rica and El Salvador offices, Highly Recommended Paraguayan firm Gross Brown, Guyer and Vouga Abogados – sharing the top spot with two deals each.

BLP, Guyer, Gross Brown and Vouga associates share the top spot

Most active associates, counsel and of counsel at other firms in the region by banking and finance transactions worked on in 2025

Lawyer name	Position	Law firm	Country	Deals
Alejandro Fallas	Senior associate	BLP (Costa Rica)	Costa Rica	2
Alvaro Portillo	Associate	Gross Brown	Paraguay	2
Andrea Melara	Associate	BLP (El Salvador)	El Salvador	2
José Góchez	Director	BLP (El Salvador)	El Salvador	2
Julio Meléndez	Associate	BLP (El Salvador)	El Salvador	2
María Fernanda González	Counsel	Guyer & Regules	Uruguay	2
Nicolas Stefanoli	Associate	Guyer & Regules	Uruguay	2
Santiago Menéndez	Associate	Guyer & Regules	Uruguay	2

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