



LatAm firms kick off 2026 with partner promotions

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As 2026 begins, law firms across Latin America are recognising exceptional talent with partnership promotions – including at Elite firms Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados and Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas in Peru and Brigard Urrutia in Colombia, alongside Highly Recommended outfits Prieto in Chile and Baker McKenzie (Mexico).

Peru

Elite outfit Payet Rey has made new partners across two practice areas. Criminal law specialist Renzo Vinelli has been promoted to the partnership, alongside corporate and M&A lawyer Guillermo Arribas.

Fellow Elite firm Rebaza Alcázar has elevated two senior associates to partner. Antitrust and competition practitioner Magaly Varela and corporate and M&A lawyer Rafael Lulli assumed their new roles this month.

Managing partner Alberto Rebaza emphasises the significance of the promotions: "They reflect the firm's culture and our conviction that professional excellence goes

hand in hand with integrity, collaborative work and the sustained development of internal talent. Magaly and Rafael work in strategic areas of our firm and embody our values and our client-focused approach to legal service generating impact in the most complex matters."

Colombia

Brigard Urrutia announced the promotion of four lawyers to partner and one to director. M&A lawyer Angela Garcia Paez, infrastructure practitioner Mario Alejandro Forero, competition attorney Nicolás Cardona and anti-corruption investigation and compliance adviser Ricardo Forero all joined the firm's partnership at the start of the month. The [Elite](#) firm also elevated Raúl Vargas to director in the corporate practice.

Chile

Chilean [Highly Recommended](#) firm Prieto has appointed Isabel Monge to its partnership, bolstering its capabilities in the banking and finance field.

Meanwhile, CEPD Abogados announced the promotion of Juan Pablo Obaid to partner in its tax practice, where he focuses on tax litigation matters.

Mexico

The [Highly Recommended](#) Mexican office of Baker McKenzie has promoted two lawyers to its partnership. Juarez-based Carlos Maass-Porras joins the senior rank in the corporate and M&A practice, while Humberto Ruiz-Correa ascends to partner in the labour and employment department in Monterrey.

Commenting on the elevations, Colin Murray, Baker McKenzie's Americas chief executive officer, states: "We are honoured to recognise this outstanding cohort of newly elected leaders. Their deep experience and knowledge, paired with their unwavering commitment to our clients, will strengthen our firm across markets and practices."

Brazil

Porto Lauand Advogados has strengthened its senior ranks with two promotions effective this month. Labour and employment attorney Litza de Mello has been elevated to partner, bringing expertise built over years of consistent practice. "I approach this new phase with enthusiasm and a commitment to generating even greater value for Porto Lauand Advogados and for our clients," the newly promoted partner notes.

The firm also promoted tax lawyer Rocco Dias to the partnership following 15 years with the outfit.

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