

The 2025 LatAm Top 30: The Largest Law Firms in Latin America and the Caribbean by Head Count

Brazil firms continue to maintain high head counts, but nine of the top firms are headquartered outside of Latin America.

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Brazilian firms continue to dominate Law.com International's Latin America Top 30 list, which ranks by head count the largest law firms in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The second annual list, established with Law.com Compass data collected in December 2025, includes firms viewed by the market as having a corporate legal element and was adjusted based on updates provided by most of the firms. It also includes, for the first time, estimates for the firms' annual revenue from the region.

The head counts include qualified associates, counsel and partners for international and local law firms operating across the region, including in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

Urbano Vitalino Advogados, which has 14 offices in Brazil and is part of the Marcalliance network of 31 independent law firms, reported 1,117 lawyers on its payroll,

making it the largest firm by head count in Latin America. The firm also has offices in Angola and Portugal.

As Latin America's largest economy, with a territory roughly the same size as the continental United States, Brazil is home base for some of the biggest firms in the region.

The second-largest firm in the rankings is Siqueira Castro Advogados, which has 18 offices in Brazil and is part of the ADVOC law firm network that has a presence in over 90 countries. Siqueira Castro reported 750 lawyers on its payroll.

Head count size, however, is not everything.

"In Latin America and especially Brazil, bigger head count does not always translate into bigger revenue or profit," said Monica Machado, director for Latin America at BPL, a legal recruiting firm based in São Paulo. "Some firms might charge lower fees or pay their attorneys less."

Two more Brazilian firms and a Spanish firm round out the top five: Mattos Filho now employs 722 lawyers, while TozziniFreire Advogados has 600. Spain's ECIJA, which has 23 offices across 16 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Puerto Rico, employs 573 lawyers in the region.

Very few law firms in Latin America report annual revenue, and only a handful of global firms are willing to break out revenue by region. Where uncorroborated, Law.com International has estimated annual revenue ranges using a combination of head count and local rate data.

"For us, being one of the largest law firms in Latin America reflects the consistency of our governance model and the way we work—grounded in collaboration, excellence, and innovation," said Pedro Whitaker de Souza Dias, managing partner at Mattos Filho, which is one of the few firms in Latin America that publicly discloses annual revenue.

Shrinking Footprints

Global firms that operate in Latin America have reduced their footprints in the region in recent years. Yet, nine of the top 30 firms are headquartered outside Latin America, including firms based in Spain and the United Kingdom.

Baker McKenzie's head count fell in 2025 after the firm ended its association with [Estudio Ehecopar](#), a well-regarded Peruvian firm that employs nearly 80 lawyers.

The two parted ways by mutual agreement and will continue to collaborate, Baker McKenzie said.

Also in 2025, DLA Piper ended an exclusive cooperation agreement in Brazil with [Campos Mello Advogados](#), removing 160 lawyers from its network. DLA Piper downsized as well in 2024, when its affiliate in Colombia [broke away](#) from the global law firm, taking more than 120 lawyers.

Latin America-based firms are breaking off from their global partners in large part to reassert their independence. By setting out on their own, these firms can charge more competitive local rates and collaborate on deals with multiple top-tier global law firms.

The separations from global firms came amid brisk deal activity in the region.

[A report from KPMG](#) showed that deal volume rose by 28% in Latin America during 2025, even as global deal volume slumped 16%. Professionals active in the region also expect appetite for M&A to increase in the near-term, the report said.

Colin Murray, Americas chief executive officer for Baker McKenzie, corroborated that sentiment.

“We continue to see strong interest in Latin America from our clients, as M&A activity there increases along with inbound investments,” he said.

Baker McKenzie has 538 lawyers in Latin America, including a large team that works at Brazilian firm Trench Rossi Watanabe via a cooperation agreement. Baker McKenzie’s Latin America team also includes a sizable cohort in Mexico, as well as lawyers stationed in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, and Venezuela.

“Latin America is a critical part of Baker McKenzie’s global strategy,” said Murray. “Our presence in the region spans more than 70 years, beginning with our first international office in Venezuela, which continues to thrive and is the focal point of more expansion into the region, given recent events.”

“Clients value our long history in the region, and our deep understanding of local markets paired with our global perspective,” he added.

European Expansion

While U.S. and Latin America-based firms are breaking ties, European firms such as Pérez-Llorca are rowing in the opposite direction, inking fresh deals with the region’s domestic firms.

In 2025, Spain's Pérez-Llorca stepped up its Latin America expansion drive via a full legal and economic integration deal with [Gómez-Pinzón](#), a top law firm in Colombia.

That merger brought 120 lawyers in Bogotá and Medellín, and came about a year after Pérez-Llorca entered Latin America via a combination with [leading Mexican firm](#) González Calvillo.

U.K.-based Clyde & Co also entered Colombia in 2025, via a strategic collaboration with G Herrera Abogados & Asociados, a leading insurance law firm in the country. Apart from Colombia, Clyde & Co has Latin America offices in Brazil, Chile, Mexico, and Venezuela.

Big Brazil

Brazilian regulations forbid international law firms from providing advice on local legal matters, which is why global firms like Dentons have strategic alliances with Brazilian law firms. Dentons works in tandem with Vella Pugliese Buosi e Guidoni Advogados in Brazil.

Kate Barton, Global CEO for Dentons, said Latin America and the Caribbean continue to be a key region for the firm and its clients.

"In collaboration with our teams in 85-plus countries, we are able to bring truly global perspectives to advance our clients' priorities," said Barton.

All told, Dentons counts on 500 lawyers across 29 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

While an association with a large Brazilian law firm is a surefire way to boost head count in Latin America, more than a dozen international law firms also have offices in Brazil that are staffed by U.S.- and U.K.-qualified lawyers. Those lawyers advise only on cross-border matters.

On the ground in Brazil, global firms frequently collaborate with top-tier firms like Pinheiro Neto Advogados.

"Our strategy is to continue to have a strict financial discipline, organic growth and focus on profitability rather than size," said Fernando Meira, managing partner at Pinheiro Neto.

Leading Firms

Outside of Brazil, Latin America's next-largest economies—Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Chile, and Peru—each have at least one local law firm that employs more than 200 lawyers.

In Mexico, the largest firm is Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza, y Enriquez; that firm employs 281 lawyers, including 46 partners.

Creel locked in the title of Mexico's largest independent full-service firm in 2024 through a merger with [disputes resolution boutique](#) Martínez, Algaba, de Haro y Curiel.

"Disputes is fundamental in a Latin America firm," said Carlos Aiza, senior partner at Creel. "We could not pass on this amazing opportunity."

In Argentina, the largest firm is Marval O'Farrell Mairal, with 315 lawyers on staff.

The biggest firm based in Colombia, meanwhile, is Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uria, also known as PPU Legal.

PPU Legal – which employs 346 lawyers across offices in Colombia, Chile, and Peru – describes itself as an Ibero-American law firm since it has a strategic alliance with Spain's Uría Menéndez Abogados.

In Chile, the biggest firm is Carey Abogados, with 270 lawyers, while in Peru, the biggest is Estudio Muñiz, a full-service law firm with 372 lawyers across 13 offices.