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LEGAL 500 LATIN AMERICA 2017 EDITION RANKINGS RECOGNIZES SMPS LEGAL.

Mexico City. - September 6th, 2017, LEGAL 500 LATIN AMERICA 2017 EDITION announced that SMPS Legal has recognized three of the firm's practices, and 13 of its lawyers.

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Recognized practices and lawyers

Tax

Jorge San Martin
Ana Paula Pardo Lelo de Larrea
Christian Solis
Federico Scheffler

International Trade and Customs

Alexis Michel
Christian Solis
Ana Paula Pardo Lelo de Larrea
Ana Karen Navarrete
Paloma Armella

Real Estate

Alejandro Ortiz Prieto
Eduardo Pizarro
Moisés Shehoah
Diana Sologuren





The **Tax Practice** was noted for “A unique firm – it has offices in Calgary, Dallas, Mexico City and Bogotá – SMPS Legal has ‘has grown very quickly’ and ‘positioned itself strongly’. While the firm has amicably concluded its alliance with the well-known Manuel Tron, with whom the team continues to share a number of clients, it has not forfeited its visibility in the sector. Tax has been a central pillar of the firm since its founding, with practice head **Jorge San Martin** (who is both an accountant and a lawyer), described as ‘a very solid and capable practitioner’.

He is seconded by **Ana Paula Pardo**, formerly of Hogan Lovells BSTL, S.C., who has an international tax focus; ‘really effective’ tax-litigation specialist **Christian Solis**; and senior associate **Federico Scheffler**, who has a strong focus on advisory work, primarily in relation to M&A transactions and restructuring. The 11-strong team is full service in tax matters (barring transfer pricing) and has a ‘splendid litigation ability’; and the firm’s unique geographical footprint has resulted in a strong engagement with the energy, mining and oil & gas industries, in particular – much of its work stems from these sectors and related corporate activity.”

The **International Trade and Customs Team** was described as “a four-strong international trade team that ‘continually outstrips expectations’ and is lauded for its ‘fine service levels’. Working across the entire sector, it is particularly active in NAFTA rectifications related to verification-of-origin; efficient customs structure consultancy, and foreign trade audits.”

It also states: ‘Brilliant’ practice head **Alexis Michel** has over twenty years’ experience in the sector and also has a tax qualification; he’s ‘a great person to have at your side in a customs dispute’. Assisting with matters ranging from routine classification matters to complex appeals of administrative opinions, the practice is ‘a first port of call for IT&C work’.

Key support comes from senior associates **Ana Karen Navarrete** who was formerly a consultant at the Customs Brokers Association in Mexico City; and **Paloma Armella** who focuses on administrative procedures, rules of origin and trade audits. The team can also call on tax partners **Christian Solis** and **Ana Paula Pardo** on litigious and international taxation aspects of the practice as required. “

SMSP Legal was applauded for its great capacity in **Real Estate** “The seven-strong real estate team at SMPS Legal is co-directed by general corporate practitioner **Eduardo Pizarro Suárez**, who has particular experience in real estate transactions and financings; and **Alejandro Ortiz**, who has over 20 years’ experience and divides his time between the firm’s Mexico City and Dallas offices.

Counsel **Moises Shehoah** brings his experience as general counsel at developer Grupo Danhos to the team, while associate **Diana Sologuren** has over a decade’s experience in the sector.



About SMPS Legal

SMPS Legal is an international law firm that specializes and focuses its practice on energy and natural resources, tax consulting and litigation, foreign trade, privatizations, transactions, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, the hospitality industry, private equity, capital markets, real estate transactions, construction and development projects as well as financing structures and litigation assessment.

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