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Good morning from Costa Rica, where The Latin American Lawyer and Iberian Lawyer are hosting our [first](#) arbitration masterclass in Central America (sold out!) and also attending the [VIII International Arbitration Congress](#)

In other news this week, Chadbourne and Norton Rose confirmed their merger is going ahead. The expanded entity will remain a verein with 52 offices globally. In Latin America, the new firm will have 5 offices across Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela.

Some recent market moves included Zang Bergel hiring an energy partner from Brons & Salas in Argentina, LatinAlliance adding a corporate partner from Romero Pineda in El Salvador and Miami boutique firm PAG launching an office in New York.

Meanwhile, [PPU](#) worked on the sale of Lewis Energy in Colombia and the securitization of Mega Plaza in Peru while Shearman & Sterling was instructed on Argentina's sovereign debt issuance.

The Latin American Lawyer and Iberian Lawyer will be in Buenos Aires in March to cover the M&A in Latin America Conference of the IBA (info [here](#)) and to host our first Latin American Cafe in Argentina. Our event is by invitation only and will [discuss](#) challenges and opportunities on the quest for transparency and efficient due diligence in M&A in Latin America. If you are an in-house lawyer interesting in attending, please email us directly.

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News

[Chadbourne & Parke and Norton Rose Fulbright confirm merger](#)

Post merger, the new entity will be home to more than 4,000 lawyers in 58 offices across 32 countries.

[PAG promotes Sofia Yagüe to partner and launches NY office](#)

Private Advising Group (PAG) announced it launched an office in New York and promoted Sofia Yagüe to partner.

[PPU instructed on Lewis Energy sale in Colombia](#)

Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uria advised Lewis Energy on signing a natural gas supply contract with Gas Natural Fenosa.

[LatinAlliance adds partner from Romero Pineda](#)

Central American legal outfit LatinAlliance announced the arrival of José Freddy Zometa as a new partner in El Salvador.

[White & Case instructed on \\$822 million project financing in Chile](#)

White & Case advised the senior creditors in the long-term project financing obtained by Transmisora Eléctrica del Norte for the construction of a 600Km electricity transmission line.

[Zang, Bergel & Viñes expands energy practice with Brons & Salas hire](#)

Argentinean law firm Zang, Bergel & Viñes Abogados announced the addition of a new partner, Amalia Sáenz, to front the firm's energy and natural resources practice group.

[Shearman & Sterling instructed on Argentina's \\$7 billion debt offering](#)

Shearman & Sterling advised the initial purchasers on Argentina's two part bond issuance.

[PPU instructed on Mega Plaza securitization](#)

PPU advised Scotiabank on structuring a securitization trust for the operators of Mega Plaza, the shopping mall chain in Peru.

[Carey instructed on Amsted joint venture acquisition](#)

Carey advised Amsted on the acquisition of a 60% stake owned by MGYT in a joint venture between both companies in Chile.

[Davis Polk instructed on \\$300 million offering by Banco Supervielle](#)

Davis Polk advised the initial purchasers on a Rule 144A/Regulation S offering by Banco Supervielle, the Argentinean bank.

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Iberian Lawyer TV

[Avoiding risks when communicating with the board](#)

Second part of the debate in Bogota which gathered leading inhouse and private practice lawyers in addition to board directors. Discussion included ways to avoid risk when implementing new technology and the need to professionalise the role of the board member with training and better remuneration. (video in Spanish only)

[For more videos click here](#)

Events

Mergers and Acquisitions in Latin America: New opportunities in a changing scenario

15 - 17 March, Buenos Aires

A conference presented by the IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the IBA Latin American Regional Forum. [Read more](#)

Crystal Clear: Transparency and efficiency at the top of the M&A agenda in Latin America

15 March Buenos Aires

Transparency is no longer optional in M&A. However, with the heightened risk of lack of good governance in certain markets and the downward pressure in transaction costs, how do you address the transparency gap in M&A due diligence without putting your business at risk? [Read more](#)

