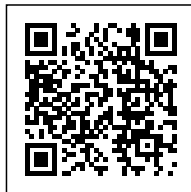


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**The Latin American Lawyer** was in Madrid last week for the Iberian Lawyer **Gold Awards** Ceremony. The sold out event was a success and was attended by over 200 leading lawyers and compliance professionals from Spain and Portugal. For the first time, the ceremony included awards to global inhouse teams with regional focus and Iridium Concesiones received the gong for **Global Team, Focus Latin America**. A gallery with the ceremony photos is available [here](#). Congratulations to all the winners and finalists! In other legal market news, Mattos Filho became the first Brazilian law firm to open an office in London while the trio of international law firms which announced their [merger](#) earlier this month are said to be looking for a US partner firm to bolt on. Speculation is rife both sides of the Atlantic but in the meantime CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang (or CMS for shorts) will go live in May 2017.

Elsewhere, Skadden acted for Duke Energy on the firesale of its Latin American assets. In one transaction the energy company sold its business in Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador and Argentina for over \$1.2 billion to I Square Capital. The buyer instructed [Rodrigo Elias & Medrano](#) on the Peruvian leg of the deal. On a separate operation, Duke Energy sold its assets in Brazil to China Three Gorges, which instructed TozziniFreire and White & Case.

**The Latin American Lawyer** will be in Bogota, Miami and Mexico in November. Visit our [event calendar](#) for more information.

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**News**

**Iberian Lawyer reveals winners of 2016 Gold Awards**

Aeroportos de Portugal, JTI Iberia and Andrade Gutiérrez among other winners at Madrid ceremony recognising legal and compliance professionals. Iridium Concesiones wins Global Team - Focus Latin America for their legal work in the largest public-private partnership project to date in Peru.

**Mattos Filho opens office in London**

Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr e Quiroga Advogados has become the first Brazilian law firm to launch an office in London.

**Carey guides LarrainVial's entry into Chilean venture capital market**

Activa, LarrainVial's private equity arm, instructed Carey in the capital increase and acquisition of control of FenVentures.

**Estudio Rodrigo instructed on Advent's acquisition in Peru**

Rodrigo, Elias & Medrano advised chemicals distributor Peruquimicos in Peru on its acquisition by Advent International.

**Skadden, TozziniFreire and White & Case instructed on Duke Energy asset sale in Brazil**

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom advised Duke Energy on the \$1.2 billion sale of its Brazilian assets. TozziniFreire and White & Case acted for the buyers, China Three Gorges.

**Simpson Thacher instructed on Peru's sovereign bond issuance**

Simpson Thacher advised the Republic of Peru on a tender offer and simultaneous issue of approximately \$3.1 billion in sovereign bonds.

**Chadbourne, Skadden and Estudio Rodrigo instructed on Duke Energy sale in Latin America**

Duke Energy announced the sale of its assets in Latin America and instructed Skadden for the deals. I Square Capital, which purchased the assets in Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador and Argentina, retained Chadbourne in NY and Rodrigo, Elias & Medrano Abogados in Peru.

**Consortium advised Banco Agromercantil de Guatemala on \$44 million loan**

Banco Agromercantil de Guatemala have retained Consortium Legal in Nicaragua as counsel in a \$44 million syndicated loan to an agribusiness organization.

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**Iberian Lawyer TV**

**Knowing your client and your market is critical**

Knowing your client and your market is critical to bridge differences when implementing compliance policies

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**Events**

**Good governance principles: nice to have or must-have?**

10 November, Bogota

The debate in Bogota will bring together board secretaries and members at leading Colombian and multinational companies to discuss challenges faced when implementing good governance policies focused on mitigating risk. [Read more](#)

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**14th ICC Miami Conference on International Arbitration**

13 November, Miami

This conference provides an indispensable update on developments in the region. Not only does it offer a line-up of top-class speakers, topical discussions and relevant news, but also an excellent opportunity to network. [Read more](#)

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**Is your company secure or an easy target? The strategic role of secretaries of the board in managing risk**

17 November, Mexico City

TTthe debate in Mexico City will bring together board secretaries and members at leading Mexican and multinational companies to discuss challenges faced when implementing good governance policies focused on mitigating risk. [Read more](#)

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