

# GARRIGUES MERGES WITH DLP IN COLOMBIA

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## **Garrigues has expanded its Bogota operation by bolting on Colombian law firm De la Calle, Londoño, López y Posada Abogados (DLP).**

As a result of the merger, the Spanish law firm will have a 40-strong team in the Colombian capital and will reinforce its offering in antitrust and public law, areas in which DLP specialises.

José Miguel de la Calle and Ignacio Londoño, founding partners of the Colombian law firm, will become equity partners in Garrigues. Also joining Garrigues is the firm's founder, Humberto De la Calle, who has served as Vice President of the Republic of Colombia, government minister, ambassador to the UK and Spain and senior judge of the Supreme Court of Colombia. He is an expert in constitutional law and joins Garrigues as of counsel.

With regard to other DLP partners, a statement said were "plans to continue Garrigues' relationship" with Eduardo López Villegas, as an "external collaborator" handling labor litigation. Meanwhile, Mario

Posada García-Peña will continue with his independent tax law practice "collaborating with Garrigues whenever appropriate".

The statement added: "For the most part, the legal teams and administrative staff of DLP Abogados will be joining Garrigues Colombia as employees of the firm."

Fernando Vives, executive chairman and managing partner of Garrigues, said: "By incorporating professionals with the prestige and determination of Humberto de la Calle, José Miguel de la Calle, Ignacio Londoño and Roberto Borrás, and their teams, Garrigues has confirmed its commitment to Colombia and Latin America."