

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT LAUNCHES LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR LATIN AMERICA

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Norton Rose Fulbright has created a leadership team for its Latin America practice with lead partners in Bogota, Caracas, Houston, London and Rio de Janeiro.

The move follows the January 2016 [departure](#) of the firm's former chair of the Latin America practice, Elisabeth Eljuri, to an in-house role in Mexico.

The global firm appointed Willie Wood, based in Houston, as the chair of the newly created leadership team. Wood led the Latin America practice at legacy Fulbright & Jaworski for nearly 15 years prior to its 2013 integration with Norton Rose. He is also the US head of energy & infrastructure and also serves on the firm's global supervisory board.

In the announcement, Wood said "Latin America is a key region for Norton Rose Fulbright, and we have assembled a robust leadership team to provide strategic direction. We plan to further expand

our practice in LatAm to benefit our clients both locally and worldwide"

Along with Wood, the Latin America leadership team is comprised of Efren Acosta who also heads the Houston office's corporate, M&A and securities practice and Andrew Haynes who co-heads the Brazil practice and is based in Rio de Janeiro. It also includes Bogota-based Leopoldo Olavarria who leads the energy practice in Latin America and Ramon Andrade in Caracas who oversees the technology and innovation practice group. Ned Crady in Houston and Tom Vita in London round up the leadership team.

Norton Rose Fulbright is home to more than 180 lawyers working on cross-border and in-country matters in Latin America. Nearly 100 of these lawyers reside in Norton Rose Fulbright's Rio de Janeiro, Bogotá and Caracas offices. In addition, more than 80 lawyers focus on Latin America matters from offices in Houston, New York, Washington DC, Calgary, Toronto, London, Munich, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Beijing, Singapore, and Sydney.