

PACHECO COTO ADDS THREE TO THE PARTNERSHIP IN CENTRAL AMERICA

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International law firm Pacheco Coto has promoted two senior associates in Costa Rica and El Salvador and added a lateral hire in Honduras.

In Costa Rica, Oswald Bruce is now a partner. His expertise includes the fields of intellectual property, telecommunications, energy, immigration, consumer law, foreign investment, real estate and alternative dispute resolution. Bruce is also a certified Arbitrator and Mediator, and has consulted for the United Nations, international non-government agencies, the Costa Rican Bar Association and several universities. He graduated in law from the Escuela Libre de Derecho, San José, Costa Rica, in 1997, and completed his Master's Degree in Corporate Law at the Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología, Costa Rica, in 2002.

Monica Machuca has been promoted to partner in El Salvador. She is currently the director of the firm's IP practice group in El Salvador and, additionally, focuses on mergers and acquisitions and labour law. Besides her transactional workload, Machuca is a member of the country's task force in charge of drafting legislation for new laws to regulate natural gas and port concessions in El

Salvador. She obtained her law degree from the Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, El Salvador in 2001, and was admitted to the Bar by the Supreme Court of the Republic of El Salvador in 2004. Machuca also holds an Intellectual Property Law Post Graduate Diploma from the Universidad de Castilla La Mancha, Toledo, Spain and is a current member of the Salvadoran Intellectual Property Association (ASPI) and of the Inter-American Intellectual Property Association (ASIPI).

In Honduras, Dr Ricardo J. Rosa joined Pacheco Coto as a partner from his own law firm. Dr Rosa obtained his law degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras, Honduras, in 2010, and completed his Master's Degree in Mercantile Law at the same university in 2013. In 2016, he earned his Ph.D. in Mercantile and Tax Law at the Universidad San Carlos, Guatemala. Dr Rosa has extensive background in the areas of corporate, labour, criminal and administrative law, as well as expertise in contracts, franchising, intellectual property, environmental licensing, sanitary permits and project administration. He is also a certified Arbitrator at the Conciliation and Arbitration Centre of Tegucigalpa's Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Young Arbitrator's Forum and of the Spanish Arbitration Club.

With the new additions, Pacheco Coto is now home to 22 partners across nine offices in Central America, Europe and Asia.