

PPO, ROBALINO and Altra Legal join Ally Latinx

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Latin American law firm network Ally Latinx has expanded in the region by incorporating Bolivian firm PPO Abogados, Ecuador's ROBALINO and Altra Legal in Paraguay as new members.

The three firms joined Ally Latinx on 28 September.

The network now counts 12 firms in 11 countries. The alliance is non-exclusive.

Ally Latinx was created last year as the Latin American branch of global legal platform Ally Law, an international law firm alliance that counts more than 74 member firms from across the globe.

Paul Franke, president of Ally Law and partner of US firm Moye White, says member firms and their clients are seeing commercial, infrastructure and international trade opportunities throughout Latin America. “Our primary goal is to help clients identify potential collaborations, negotiate forward-thinking deals and achieve their business objectives. Ally Latinx further enhances our ability to meet these needs,” he comments.

PPO managing partner, Carlos Pinto, says joining Ally Law will allow the firm to provide more sophisticated and creative legal advice to clients. “It was a natural extension to become part of this group that strengthens our platform to serve national and international clients at the highest levels,” comments Javier Robalino, managing partner of ROBALINO.

The managing partner of the Paraguayan member firm, José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez, says it was an easy decision to join the network as the member firms share similar cultures. “We share the belief that the group’s unique structure is better for quality and service than financially integrated single brand firms,” he explains.

Ally Latinx director Juan Pablo Cardinal, of Argentina’s Richards, Cardinal, Tützer, Zabala, Zaafferer, indicates that the network will incorporate more firms in Latin America. “Our committee is constantly looking to expand into new jurisdictions, and we are planning to grow and develop the organisation step by step,” he says.

All three new member firms are Highly Recommended in their respective countries of the Latin Lawyer 250. Among Ally Latinx’s existing members, **Brazil**’s Cascione Pulino Boulos Advogados and **Peru**’s Santiváñez Abogados are also Highly Recommended in Latin Lawyer 250. Newly-added firm PPO is one of the largest law firms in Bolivia by headcount. It is known for its M&A, banking and labour practices, among others. Earlier this month, it **helped** the French Development Agency (AFD) grant a loan of 100 million euros (US\$118 million) to Bolivia, which will

use the funds to support households severely affected by the covid-19 pandemic.

Ecuador's ROBALINO was launched last year after the entire partnership of the local office of Uruguay-headquartered Ferrere **departed** to form the new outfit. It is respected for its offering in corporate, banking, arbitration and tax, among other practices. The firm has recently strengthened its presence in the South American country by **promoting** three lawyers to partner.

Paraguay's Altra Legal is recognised for its advice on international arbitration proceedings, while it also boasts solid corporate and banking departments.