

## Leading Law Firms Establish “The Legal Alliance of the Americas”

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Leading law firms from several countries in North and South America have established a new law firm network focused on providing legal services throughout the Americas - The Legal Alliance of the Americas. The law firms comprising the Alliance have already been working with each other on common clients and transactions, and formalized their close cooperation into The Legal Alliance of the Americas network in order to provide clients with even better service and responsiveness throughout the Americas.

Though the firms in the Alliance remain independent, the Alliance will provide the mechanism to enable the firms to offer clients with seamless services across the jurisdictions of North and South America, by pooling their resources and expertise. Economically, the Americas have become an important and powerful economic cluster, with more and more European and Asian companies establishing operations and expanding business throughout multiple countries in North and South America, thereby competing with companies already operating in the Americas.

The Alliance plans to actively market the services of its firms to prospective clients already in the Americas as well as to companies from other regions of the world looking to establish operations in the Americas. “The Alliance represents a bold step by the four founding firms to expand their reach to the entire western hemisphere, although each firm will continue to operate separately,” indicated the Alliance’s Executive Director, José Ceppi, who is Of Counsel to Miller Canfield.

The Alliance is currently comprised of four firms: Arizpe, Valdés & Marcos (Mexico), Estudio Malis & Asoc. (Argentina), Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC (USA), and Rothman Spering Padovan Duarte (Brazil). Firms from other countries in the Americas will soon join the network. Below is a brief description of each of the Alliance’s founding firms.

### **Arizpe, Valdés & Marcos Abogados**

**Arizpe, Valdés & Marcos** was founded in Monterrey, Mexico in 2001. The firm is composed of five partners and ten other lawyers. Its practice is concentrated on mergers & acquisitions, commercial matters, corporate, real state, banking and securities, environmental, tax, immigration, joint ventures and strategic alliances, litigation, trusts and estates and tax.

### **Estudio Malis & Asoc.**

Estudio Malis was founded in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2005. The Firm is composed of four partners and 19 other lawyers. Its practice is concentrated on mergers & acquisitions, corporate, finance, securities & banking, bankruptcy, real estate, competition law, tax, criminal law, labor, insurance, litigation, information technology and data protection, insurance and intellectual property. Visit [www.estudiomalis.com.ar](http://www.estudiomalis.com.ar).

### **Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.**

Miller Canfield, with U.S. offices in New York, Detroit, Chicago and Cincinnati, as well as in Poland and China, was founded in 1852 and has 250 lawyers practicing in all major areas of law. The firm is among the 200 largest law firms in the U.S. The firm’s lawyers are recognized by the most prestigious legal referral guides and organizations around the world. Visit [www.millercanfield.com](http://www.millercanfield.com).

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**Rothmann Sperling Padovan Duarte Advogados**

The firm was founded in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1971 and it has always been a boutique firm specialized in providing legal assistance to international clients doing business in Brazil. The firm is composed of seven partners and twenty other lawyers. The firm focuses its practice on corporate, tax, dispute resolution, intellectual property and labor.