

## press release

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## ECIJA El Salvador strenghtens its Economic Crime area through the Selegales Law Firm merging



Carlos Gil, partner at ECIJA El Salvador; Enrique Araujo, new partner at ECIJA El Salvador; Alfredo Navas, managing director at ECIJA El Salvador and Carlos Quintanilla, partner at ECIJA El Salvador.

### **The Selegales Law Firm, specialized in Economic Crime Law, merges ECIJA El Salvador with Enrique Araujo as new partner of the Firm.**

After opening in June 2018, the leading *full service* Firm in the Spanish market, ECIJA strengthens its services in Economic Crime Law at El Salvador office through the merging of the Selegales office. With this movement, ECIJA office in El Salvador also adds a new partner, Enrique Araujo, resulting in a team made up of a total of 4 partners, 10 lawyers.

ECIJA's new partner, Enrique Araujo, counts with more than 27 years of professional experience in the criminal field, focusing in prevention and regulatory compliance for companies. Throughout his career, Araujo has held positions as external adviser to companies of recognized prestige, helping them to improve their corporate governance models.



Alfredo Navas Duarte, Managing Partner at ECIJA office in El Salvador, has highlighted the importance of this merging: "This movement aims to include a highly demanded practice within the services of the firm. In this way, we want to offer comprehensive advice to our clients". The Managing Partner of ECIJA El Salvador has also emphasized how economic crime has become more complex with globalization and therefore there is a growing need for a specialist counsellor in this area in companies, to advise on their obligations to prevention of crimes such as fraud, unfair administration, public and private corruption, among others.

This merging is part of the global expansion strategically initiated by ECIJA three years ago and which has consolidated ECIJA as the largest Spanish firm in Latin America, with a presence in 10 countries, a total of 11 offices, 36 partners and 222 professionals in the region.

### **About ECIJA**

ECIJA, with more than 20 years of professional experience, is one of the leading firms in the Spanish market, acknowledged by international directories such as Chambers & Partners or The Legal 500. It has been acknowledged by The Lawyers as the best TMT firm in Europe and by Financial Times among the twenty most innovative firms on the continent. Its relevance in the Spanish market has been recognized by Expansión and by Forbes, who have highlighted it as the best firm in Digital Economy in Spain. ECIJA counts on a team of 96 partners and more than 550 professionals worldwide.

### **About SELEGALES**

With Enrique Araujo as leader, Selegales has been established in the Republic of EL Salvador as a specialized law firm in Economic Crime Law services, which include areas such as the prevention of money laundering, advisory services related to probity, acts of corruption and extinction of domain, defence of industrial and intellectual property in the penal area, among other.