



Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano

Abogados

Our Firm



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In my opinion there is no other firm in Peru that has the high standards of quality, commitment and experience that Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados has. They have a team of lawyers from various areas of expertise who have extensive experience and knowledge in their areas of specialization.

(Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2023: Dispute Resolution)

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Multidisciplinary team

With 58 years of market experience and more than 180 qualified lawyers, covering all areas of the law, Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados is fully equipped to provide sound advice in every legal aspect associated to your business in Peru, in a timely and cost-efficient manner. Each of our practice groups has become a market front-runner in its respective field.

Undisputed preeminence in Peru

We are recognized as leaders in the Peruvian legal market by the most important international publications, such as Chambers and Partners, The Legal 500, IFLR, Who's Who Legal, Latin Lawyer 250 and Client Choice Awards.

Our firm is the only one in Peru to have been awarded eleven times with the Peruvian Law Firm of the Year Award of Excellence by the prestigious English publisher Chambers & Partners; and by Who's Who Legal uninterruptedly since 2006.

We have been awarded twice as **Latin American Firm of the Year 2018 and 2021** by the prestigious English publication Chambers & Partners.

Project oriented approach

Our teams are prepared to provide you with the right blend of highly trained and seasoned lawyers, who will add value to your business from the outset with proactive, fitting and experienced advice.

Highly Qualified Lawyers

Our firm has the highest number of partners in the market: 53 of our lawyers are partners. All matters entrusted to us are carried out or supervised by at least one of our partners.



We are a bilingual team in English, and some of our lawyers speak other languages, such as Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Italian and Portuguese.



A significant number of our lawyers have obtained their academic degrees in Asia, Europe, Latin America and the United States.



We encourage our young associates to undertake internships at the most prestigious international law firms.



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Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados is clearly the market leader in the Peruvian mining sphere. They have an important client portfolio, as well as a broad bench of strong practitioners.

(Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2023: Mining)

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International Profile

We have strong links with internationally renowned firms that provide various professional services around the world, and we work closely with other correspondent law firms in Latin America.

Our lawyers participate in the most prestigious international legal networks and associations such as the **American Bar Association, International Bar Association, Employment Law Alliance, International Trademark Association, Inter-Pacific Bar Association, Association of Trade Mark Owners, Interlaw and World Services Group.**

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I have worked with Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados for many years, and can say they are very good in labour matters. They have outstanding lawyers.

(Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2023: Labour & Employment)

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Practice Areas

- Antitrust
- Asian Investment Desk
- Aviation
- Banking and Finance
- Banking Regulation
- Capital Markets
- Consumer Protection and Unfair Competition
- Corporate and Commercial
- Dispute Resolution
- Corporate Compliance
- Energy
- Environmental
- FinTech
- Fishery
- Forestry
- Immigration
- Infrastructure and Concessions
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Intellectual Property
- International Trade and Customs
- Labor
- Life Sciences
- Merger Control
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Mining
- Oil and Gas
- Privacy and Personal Data Protection
- Project Development
- Project Finance
- Public Law
- Public Procurement
- Public Services Regulation
- Real Estate Investment
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Tax
- Telecom, Media & Technology (TMT)
- Venture Capital, Technology and Entrepreneurship
- Water Resources and Sanitation
- Wealth Management

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The team at Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados stand out for their technical expertise and in-depth knowledge. It is by far one of the top firms in the market.

(Chambers & Partners Latin America, 2023: Banking & Finance)

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Highlights

Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados is a full-service firm with 30 practice groups, covering all areas of corporate law. All of our teams are at the forefront of the market and regularly participate in the most complex and sophisticated transactions in the country. We have extensive experience handling cross-border matters, including award-winning deals and international litigation and arbitration claims.

Aviation



- Foreign financiers and aircraft lessors on financial structures design and execution for the financing of the purchase of wide-body aircraft.
- Aircraft leasing to important local and international airlines.
- Major airline operators in permits and authorizations required for their operations and the establishment of offline operator representations.
- Handling claims related to major aviation losses, including the largest loss in PERU in the LAST 25 years.

Banking, Finance & Capital Markets



- Pan American Silver Corp in the refinancing for the acquisition of Yamana Gold for US\$750 million.
- LATAM Airlines Group in the exit financing (the "Exit Financing") in the United States of America before the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, United States (the "Chapter 11 Proceeding").
- Minera Las Bambas in the revolving financing provided by Credit Suisse, JP Morgan Chase, The Bank of Nova Scotia, Banco Santander, BTG PActual and SMBC for US\$ 800 million.
- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation in the refinancing of Majes Arcus and Repartición Arcus (Sojitz) for US\$ 132 million.
- Sociedad Minera Cerro Verde in the refinancing granted by a syndicate of banks for US\$ 325 million.
- Banco Santander, Banco Sabadell and BBVA in the financing granted through a revolving credit line in favor of Metro de Lima Line 2 for US\$ 150 million.
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) in the financing of women's business initiatives to Mibanco for US\$ 100 million.
- Urbanova in the financing granted by a syndicate of lenders for US\$ 200 million.



Restructuring and Insolvency

- Trafigura in the current liquidation process of Doe Run Peru for US\$660 million.
- HSBC in the cross-border insolvency of China Fishery Group / Copeinca for a US\$1.5 million.
- Avmax Aircraft Leasing Inc., in the insolvency proceeding of LC Peru S.A.C. (LC Busre) for a value of US\$ 60 million.



Dispute Resolution

- Successful representation of an international client in an arbitration proceeding against a local energy company, this award included the termination of a joint venture agreement and ordered the payment of compensation.
- Successful representation of a US energy subsidiary. UU. in an arbitration proceeding against a local power generation company, this dispute was resolved after conducting hearings before an international court.
- Successful representation to a mining company in a procedure for the release of a letter of guarantee in judicial proceedings against SUNAT.



Energy

- General advice to Luz del Sur in regulatory, administrative and judicial aspects related to the development of its concession.
- Successful representation of global companies in the bidding processes and development of several transmission lines and project implementation.
- Celeo Redes in the bidding process for the awarding of three power link projects.
- General advice to the companies of the Red Eléctrica group in the development of their transmission projects.
- General advice to conventional generation companies and renewable energy generation companies in the implementation of their projects.
- Tahoe Resources, Antamina, Cerro Verde, Marcobre and Southern Peru Copper in their energy demands to operate and in the development of their power plants and transmission lines.



Environmental

- Compañía Minera Antamina in the approval of the second modification of the Environmental Impact Assessment (MEIA) of the 'Antamina' Mining Unit to extend its mining operations in Peru from 2028 to 2036.
- Minera Barrick Peru in the approval of the modification of the Mining Closure Plan for the 'Pierina' Mining Unit, one of the most ambitious and technologically advanced projects in Peru.
- Repsol Exploración Perú, the Peruvian branch, on several administrative sanctioning procedures and administrative measures initiated or issued by OEFA regarding oil activities in Block 57 and Block 101 located in the Peruvian jungle.
- China National Petroleum Company (CNPC) in the process of approving the Block X abandonment plan. Additionally, we provided advice and effectively managed several administrative sanctioning procedures initiated by OEFA related to the activities in that block.
- Ball Corporation on environmental and water issues necessary for the purchase of land in an industrial complex to build and implement an aluminum can production plant.
- CBC Peruana on environmental and water issues necessary for the purchase of an industrial plant for bottling beverages.
- Minera Forrester Peru in a coercive collection procedure initiated by OEFA due to an unpaid fine imposed by this authority for non-compliance with environmental obligations.



Insurance

- International insurance company in the incorporation and permitting of a local subsidiary.
- International reinsurers in claims involving loss coverage in a variety of industry sectors.
- Local insurer on regulatory aspects in relation to collective insurance policies.
- Leading insurance company in the design of a health insurance portfolio transfer strategy.
- Leading insurance companies in compliance with Peruvian Laws by innovative potential products to be launched in the country.
- Registry of foreign reinsurers from different jurisdictions for their activities in the local market.
- Insurance brokers in a variety of regulatory aspects.



- Kimberly Clark in a significant tariff classification procedure in order to standardize processes and criteria at regional level on this matter.
- ABB in the determination of the customs value of large equipment considering significant particularities related to the development of the logistics of its imports.
- Goodyear in its customs valuation claim for an alleged increase in the declared import value.
- Arcos Dorados (McDonald's franchise operator) in complaint proceeding before the Customs Authority in relation to its imports.
- Lindley Corporation (Coca Cola bottler) in the correct determination of tariff preferences derived from the application of Free Trade Agreements.



- Support to two of the three most important mining groups in the country in a collective bargaining with seven unions being comprised of more than 3000 workers.
- Advice to two economic groups that, after a corporate restructuring, required adjusting their corporate schedules and intra-group services.
- Advice to an exporting group on its labor force restructuring and progressive reduction.
- Advice to mining companies on matters regarding the technological development impact in terms of safety at work.
- Advice to a business group in the education sector on reducing their labor force.
- Defense of several of the most important mining companies in the country on their opposition to the claim of a second-degree trade union organization to add a level of collective bargaining at the branch of activity level.



Mergers & Acquisitions

- First Quantum Minerals (FQM) in the US\$651 million transaction and acquisition of a 55% stake in "La Granja" project.
- Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (KKR) in a joint venture with Telefónica Hispanoamérica and Entel Perú with the purpose of creating the first independent wholesale fiber optic network with open access in Peru.
- Sempra in the sale of Luz del Sur for US\$3.59 million.
- Fidelidade in the acquisition of 49% of La Positiva for US\$100 million.
- DP World Group and DP World Perú in the sale of shares to Andino Investment Holding.
- Abastible in the purchase of the Repsol LPG business in Peru (Solgas S.A.) for US\$302 million.
- CVC Capital Partners in the purchase of Hermes from The Carlyle Group for US\$400 million.
- I Squared Capital in the acquisition of IC Power and Duke Energy's entire Latin American energy portfolio for US\$2.3 billion.
- SHV Interholding in the sale of Makro Supermayorista to InRetail for US\$350 million.
- Brookfield in the acquisition of a majority stake in the Peruvian toll road consortium Rutas de Lima.
- Entel in the sale of more than 3,000 telecommunications towers to ATC for US\$772 million.



Mining

- Ongoing representation of Sociedad Minera Cerro Verde (Freeport and Sumitomo) in two ICSID arbitration proceedings initiated against the Peruvian government under the U.S.-Peru Free Trade Agreement and the Netherlands bilateral investment agreement.
- Anglo American Quellaveco in obtaining authorization to operate the world-class plant. "Quellaveco" valued at US\$5.5 billion.
- Bear Creek Mining in financing the Corani project for US\$400 million.
- Barrick Gold Corporation in the sale of a royalty portfolio to Maverix Metals for US\$60 million.
- Lundin Mining Corporation in the sale of its shares in its Peruvian subsidiary and indirect owner of the Amauta copper project.
- Nexa Resources (Votorantim) in the initial public offering on the New York and Toronto stock exchanges for US\$496 million.
- Chinalco in the development of its Toromocho copper mine for US\$4.8 billion.



Oil & Gas

- Gases del Pacífico in the transportation and distribution of natural gas LNG for US\$250 million.
- Shell in the sale of premises and distribution of LNG.
- Sempra in its planned acquisition of Gasoducto Sur Peruano.
- Air BP in the analysis of administrative permits and its requirements for acquiring commercial jet refueling fuel.
- Exxon Mobile in the sale of its lubricants business for US\$747 million.



Project Finance

- Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan and Santander in the refinancing of the Lima Metro Line 2 project for US\$563 million.
- Salaverry Terminal Internacional in its refinancing through a private placement of an AB Bond -the first in Peru of its kind- for US\$115 million, partially subscribed by IDB Invest. This transaction earned recognition as the "Latin Lawyer Deal of the Year in Project Finance and Infrastructure."
- Lima Airport Partners in the syndicated loan granted by BBVA, IDB Invest, KFW IPEX Bank, MUFG, The Bank of Nova Scotia, Société Générale and SMBC for US\$ 1.25 billion, for the expansion of the Lima International Airport.
- Marcobre in the financing for the development of the Mina Justa copper mine for US\$ 900 million.
- Termochilca in the expansion of its gas power plant.
- Goldman Sachs, BBVA Continental and Banco de Crédito del Perú in the financing of the Rutas de Lima hybrid highway for US\$720 million.
- Proparco, FMO, Natixis, DEG, Hyundai Fund, and U.S. Exim-Bank for the U.S. Exim-Bank in the international financing of the Marcona and Tres Hermanas wind energy projects for US\$228 million.
- Mizuho Bank, Mizuho Securities and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation in the financing of the expansion of Line 1 of the Lima Metro for US\$396 million.
- PeruRail in the expansion of its railways.



Tax

- Cerro Verde in the process followed with SUNAT for unduly reducing the scope of its Tax Stability Agreement by requiring it to pay mining royalties.
- Huidbay in a tax audit and a subsequent challenge for IGV credit.
- Southern Peru in tax matters and representation of all its proceedings before SUNAT.

Awards



LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR: LATIN AMERICA 2021, 2018

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR: PERU 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2010



LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR: PERU 2022 (16 TIMES IN THE LAST 17 YEARS)



LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR: PERU 2023, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2015

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR: ANDES REGION CAPITAL MARKETS 2023 | CORPORATE 2021



LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR PERU 2023, 2019, 2018, 2015

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR: PERU TAX DISPUTES 2022



PRO BONO PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2021

Rankings



CHAMBERS LATIN AMERICA 2024

MOST FIRM-WIDE AND INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS IN PERU
BAND 1 IN 17 FIRM-WIDE CATEGORIES



THE LEGAL 500 LATIN AMERICA 2024

ONLY FIRM RANKED IN ALL PRACTICE AREAS OF THE PERUVIAN CHAPTER
TIER 1 IN 19 FIRM-WIDE CATEGORIES



LATIN LAWYER 250 2024

"THE GOLD STANDARD IN THE MARKET FOR NEARLY EVERY SINGLE PRACTICE AREA"
"THE BENCHMARK TO WHICH ALL OTHER PERUVIAN FIRMS ASPIRE"



IFLR1000 2023

TIER 1 IN ALL FIRM-WIDE CATEGORIES

Doing Business in Peru

Basic Considerations for Investing in Peru¹

The following table provides potential investors an overview of basic considerations for investing in Peru:

Restrictions on foreign shareholders	Unrestricted
Minimum capital required to incorporate a company	As a general rule, no minimum capital is required.
Average time of the incorporation process	15 business days
Restrictions on foreign investment	Unrestricted in general terms, except specific limitations defined under the criminal code and/or regulated sectors.
Legal Stability Agreements	Available to investors who meet the minimum legal investment amount. Legal Stability Agreements aim to protect investors and recipient companies on matters such as income tax, free availability of foreign currency, among others.
Restrictions on foreign exchange	Unrestricted
VAT	18%
Restrictions on hiring foreign personnel	Corporations may hire foreign personnel for up to 20% of their total number of workers.
Restrictions on foreigners' property ownership rights	Foreigners are not allowed to own real estates within 50 kilometers from national borders.
Remittance of profits	Full profit remittance is allowed.

¹Exceptions to this overview may apply.





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