

Gardere Welcomes Five International Trade Attorneys in Mexico City Office

Further expanding its Latin American presence, **Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP** announces the addition of two partners and three associates to the firm's international trade practice in Mexico City. The group joins Gardere from Carrasco, García Abogados, S.C. and Trade Law Consultores, S.C.

"These are important new hires that increase the size of our dynamic Mexico City office and add firepower to our accomplished international trade practice," says Gardere chair Holland N. O'Neil. "This is one more example of our commitment to providing top quality legal counsel to clients with cross-border business."

Partner Marcos Carrasco-Menchaca provides advisory and consulting services related to international trade, customs, free trade agreements, customs litigation and taxation on foreign trade, as well as rendering services in international contracting and administrative litigation. Carrasco is currently an advisor on foreign trade for major multinational and national companies in the retail, fashion, oil and gas, automotive, auto parts and manufacturing industries.

During President Vicente Fox's administration (2000-2006), partner Alejandro Nemo Gómez-Strozzi served as the undersecretary of economy in charge of foreign investment, standards and trade remedies. In addition, he has previously led the Mexican Investigative Authority regarding trade remedies (UPCI) in the Ministry of Economy. Gómez focuses on international trade, antidumping, customs, foreign trade and Mexican administrative law.

Miguel Angel Concha-Fuentes, Luis Jahir Contreras-Guadarrama

and Alberto Santillán-Gaitán are also joining Gardere as associates. Concha is a foreign trade and customs attorney who specializes in customs and administrative litigation, customs advisory and unfair international trade practices, primarily dumping. In addition, Contreras provides advisory and consulting services related to foreign trade, customs and free trade agreements. Santillán specializes in advising and consulting on international trade and taxes on foreign trade, as well as customs and administrative litigation.

“With continued foreign investments entering Mexico’s market, it is imperative for Gardere to meet our clients’ growing need for international counsel,” says Roberto Arena, who heads the firm’s Mexico City office. “The team is highly regarded for their work with a diverse portfolio of organizations in Mexico and abroad, and we welcome them to the Firm.”

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