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# Private equity boutique boosts Latin practice

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US private equity law boutique Schwartz LLC has hired a senior counsel experienced in Latin American work to its global emerging markets corporate and financial practice.

Robert Stebbings joins the firm after practicing independently. He was previously a partner at Kaye Scholer LLP and the former head of the Latin American practice group at Rogers & Wells, which merged with [Clifford Chance LLP](#).

Schwartz managing partner Kenneth Schwartz says, "Bob Stebbings adds unparalleled depth of experience in Latin American legal matters to our firm. We are truly privileged and honoured that he has chosen to continue his distinguished career as a senior member of our team."

Stebbing was lead counsel for Brazilian miner Samarco's US\$1 billion iron project. He has also represented Brazil's state-energy company, Petrobras, in its New York Stock Exchange IPO and the Bolivian municipality La Paz in a finance offering.

This is Schwartz's second hire this month, and will see Stebbings joining his former Clifford Chance colleague, Gil Michel-Garcia whose appointment was covered by [LATINLAWYER](#), [here](#).

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