

## 52 McV Attorneys Recognized as 2024 Best Lawyers® in Puerto Rico; Five Attorneys Recognized as Lawyer of the Year

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate
- Environmental, Energy & Land Use
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation
- Real Estate, Hospitality & Finance
- Tax

### McV News

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We are pleased to announce that 52 of our attorneys have been included in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Puerto Rico*®. In addition, five of our attorneys were recognized as Lawyer of the Year.

Best Lawyers is the oldest and most respected lawyer ranking service in the world. Lawyers who are nominated for consideration are voted on by currently recognized Best Lawyers working in the same practice area and located in the same geographic region. The awards and recognitions are based purely on the feedback received from these lawyers.

The following lawyers were named in the 2024 *The Best Lawyers in Puerto Rico*® list:

- **Angel S. Ruiz** - Employee Benefits Law and Tax Law
- **Anita Montaner-Sevillano** - Immigration Law, Labor and Employment Law, and Litigation
- **Antonio A. Arias** - Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation
- **Antonio Escudero-Viera** - Corporate and M&A Law and Trusts and Estates
- **Antonio J. Ramírez** - Administrative Law, Banking and Finance Law, and Insurance Law
- **Antonio J. Rodríguez** - Administrative Law, Corporate and M&A Law, and Tax Law
- **Arturo J. García-Solá** - Administrative Law, Arbitration and Mediation, and Litigation
- **Britt E. Arrieta** - Litigation
- **Carlos J. Fernández-Lugo** - Energy Law, Environmental Law, and Land Use and Zoning Law
- **Carlos J. Villafañe** - Employee Benefits Law and Tax Law
- **Dora M. Peñagaricano** - Intellectual Property Law and Litigation

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- **Eduardo A. Zayas** - Litigation
- **Ernesto N. Mayoral** - Banking and Finance Law, Corporate and M&A Law, and Insurance Law
- **Esteban R. Bengoa** - Corporate and M&A Law
- **Francisco J. Pavía** - Corporate and M&A Law and Real Estate Law
- **Germán A. Novoa** - Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice and Environmental Law
- **Gustavo A. Gelpí** - Product Liability Litigation
- **Harry O. Cook** - Real Estate Law
- **Héctor M. Laffitte** - Arbitration and Mediation and Litigation
- **Henry O. Freese** - Corporate and M&A Law
- **Iraida Diez** - Corporate and M&A Law and Labor and Employment Law
- **Isabel Torres-Sastre** - Intellectual Property Law
- **Isis Carballo** - Tax Law
- **Jorge J. García-Díaz** - Environmental Law
- **Jorge M. Ruiz-Montilla** - Real Estate Law
- **Juan A. Marqués-Díaz** - Appellate Practice, Arbitration and Mediation, Banking and Finance Law, and Litigation
- **Leyla González-Ibarría** - Tax Law
- **Lillian Toro-Mojica** - Employee Benefits Law and Tax Law
- **Lizzie M. Portela-Fernández** - Banking and Finance Law and Corporate and M&A Law
- **Marcos Rodríguez-Ema** - Banking and Finance Law and Corporate and M&A Law
- **Maria C. Cartagena** - Administrative Law
- **María Cristina Salas** - Banking and Finance Law and Corporate and M&A Law
- **María Teresa Szendrey-Ramos** - Intellectual Property Law and Trusts and Estates
- **Mariana M. Contreras** - Tax Law

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- **Melba I. Acosta** - Banking and Finance Law and Corporate and M&A Law
- **Miguel Rivera-Arce** - Labor and Employment Law
- **Nayuan Zouairabani** - Debt & Equity and Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Néstor Durán-González** - Litigation
- **Patricia George-Iguina** - Hospitality and Tourism Law and Real Estate Law
- **Paul R. Cortés-Rexach** - Real Estate Law
- **Reinaldo L. Figueroa-Matos** - Labor and Employment Law
- **Ricardo J. García-Negrón** - Corporate and M&A Law
- **Roberto C. Quiñones-Rivera** - Arbitration and Mediation, Competition / Antitrust Law, Intellectual Property Law, and Litigation
- **Rosa Corrada** - Energy Law and Land Use and Zoning Law
- **Rubén Méndez-Benabe** - Administrative Law, Banking and Finance Law, and Corporate and M&A Law
- **Rubén Muñiz** - Litigation and Tax Law
- **Salvador F. Casellas** - Banking and Finance Law, Project Finance and Development Practice, Real Estate Law, and Structured Finance Law
- **Samuel T. Céspedes** - Franchise Law and Litigation
- **Samuel T. Céspedes Jr.** - Corporate and M&A Law
- **Silvestre M. Miranda** - Corporate and M&A Law and Real Estate Law
- **Xenia Vélez** - Tax Law
- **Yamary González** - Employee Benefits Law and Tax Law

In addition, Best Lawyers also recognized **Salvador F. Casellas, Carlos J. Fernández-Lugo, Ernesto N. Mayoral, María Teresa Szendrey-Ramos** and **Carlos J. Villafañe** as 2024 *The Best Lawyers in Puerto Rico*® Lawyer of the Year.

Mr. Casellas was recognized as the 2024 Lawyer of the Year in Project Finance and Development Practice; Mr. Fernández-Lugo in Land Use and Zoning Law; Mr. Mayoral in Banking and Finance Law; Mrs. Szendrey-Ramos in Trusts and Estates and Mr. Villafañe in Employee Benefits Law. Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading

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lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism and their integrity.

In addition to Best Lawyers, 22 McConnell Valdés attorneys were ranked in the 2024 Chambers & Partners Latin America publication:

- Anita Montaner-Sevillano
- Antonio Escudero-Viera
- Arturo J. García-Solá
- Carlos Fernández-Lugo
- Dora M. Peñagaricano
- Eduardo A. Zayas
- Ernesto N. Mayoral
- Harry O. Cook
- Isabel Torres-Sastre
- Isis Carballo
- Jorge J. García-Díaz
- Jorge M. Ruiz-Montilla
- María Teresa Szendrey-Ramos
- Nayuan Zouairabani
- Ricardo J. García-Negrón
- Roberto C. Quiñones
- Rubén Méndez-Benabe
- Salvador F. Casellas
- Samuel T. Céspedes Jr.
- Silvestre Miranda
- Yamary González
- Xenia Vélez

Please join us in congratulating our team for these well deserved recognitions.



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