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SANTIVAÑEZ ABOGADOS

Recognised energy name

Established: 1964

Total lawyers: 32

Partners: 9

Santivañez Abogados may be best known for its energy skills and thick client book of companies in Peru's regulated sectors, but recent years have seen the firm diversifying its service offer to move towards a full-service model. Beginning with its relaunch in 2010, the firm has added partners and associates in its energy, environmental, mining and labour teams by absorbing small boutiques specialising in those areas. While some areas have gained talent, the firm's antitrust department saw its partner leave for a rival firm. While growth has been on the agenda, Santivañez's management is aware of the risks of overextending and stresses that the focus remains on organic growth.

PEOPLE & PRACTICES

ENVIRONMENT

Karim Kahatt is a leading environmental lawyer who spent some years at Peru's most prominent environment boutique before setting up his own firm (which he merged with this firm three years ago). He uses his experience in environmental law to help clients in the mining sector, such as Pacific Rubiales, which he advised in the creation of self-auditing systems to keep track of their environmental obligations with software designed by his firm.