

Beccar Varela welcomes back corporate lawyer

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Corporate lawyer María Benson has returned to Argentina's [Estudio Beccar Varela](http://ll250/firms/1135165/estudio-beccar-varela) ([/ll250/firms/1135165/estudio-beccar-varela](http://ll250/firms/1135165/estudio-beccar-varela)) as an advisory partner after seven years at another firm.

Beccar Varela announced it had rehired Benson, 45, on 4 April. Benson started her career at the top-tier Argentine firm in 1997, [making](http://latinlawyer.com/article/1087781/argentine-firms-boost-partnership-ranks) (<http://latinlawyer.com/article/1087781/argentine-firms-boost-partnership-ranks>) partner in 2008 before leaving to set up her own firm, Benson Natale, in 2010.

Benson joins the corporate and M&A department, which is currently composed of 14 partners and 35 associates. The team has no formal head, with partners leading projects on a case-by-case basis.

"[Beccar Varela] is the best place to continue my professional development," she says. "I am joining a team of excellent lawyers. Together we will endeavour to continue providing our clients with a better and better service."

Managing partner Horacio Beccar Varela says it is "an honour" to have Benson back on board. "She has a unique gift of combining theoretical knowledge with practice," he adds.

Benson focuses her practice on corporate law, M&A, project finance and debt structuring. She has a solid roster of clients, including telecoms company Telefónica, Banco de Galicia and a handful of government ministries.

Benson will take up the position of advisory partner at Beccar Varela, meaning she has less day-to-day responsibility for firm or department management matters than equity partners.

Benson becomes Beccar Varela's sixth female partner. This means women make up around 15% of the partnership, just below the average for Argentina (16%), according to Latin Lawyer's 2016 women in law survey (<http://latinlawyer.com/edition/1000807/women-in-law-2016>). Considering all lawyers, the proportion of women at the firm is around 45%. A Beccar Varela partner, Maria Fernanda Mierez, recently spoke (<http://latinlawyer.com/article/1138153/vance-centre-wip-conference-women-have-power-to-close-gender-gap>) at a Vance Centre Women in the Profession conference in Buenos Aires about how to close the gender gap.

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