

Estudio Beccar Varela reinforces white collar division with hire

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Estudio Beccar Varela has hired a professor from the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina to boost its white-collar and corporate crime practice.



Jorge Guillermo Rassó, 60, joined the firm as an advisory partner – a non-equity position between counsel and partner – on 13 May. He brings nearly 40 years of experience in the criminal justice system and recently worked as a clerk in the province of Buenos Aires’ Court of Appeals. Rassó will continue to divide his time between working at the firm and teaching criminal law at the university.

Beccar Varela’s white-collar crime department comprises Manuel Beccar Varela, who leads the practice, compliance partner Maximiliano D’Auro and two associates. Their practice area is a relatively recent addition to the firm, having only been established three years ago. Manuel Beccar Varela says an uptick in white-collar crime work, which he attributes to the rapid expansion of criminal legislation worldwide, drove the firm’s decision to invest in the field. “As a result of this new application of criminal law in the business world, companies have now begun to require updated and ongoing legal advice on all kinds of criminal matters,” he explains.

Back in 2012, Estudio Beccar Varela became one the first full-service firms in Argentina to create a practice group targeting white collar crime – a field of law often left to boutiques. The division, which was launched to coincide with the introduction of new legislation on financial crimes, aimed to target the perceived gap in the market by complementing counsel in the area with a full service offering.

Rassó says the department’s expertise was behind his decision to join the firm. “The experience as well as team’s high level of practice played a decisive role when deciding whether or not to accept the challenge,” he says.

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