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OVERVIEW

Eric Save is a corporate/M&A partner in the firm's San Francisco office and a member of the firm's Latin America practice. He has represented clients with respect to a broad range of matters in Mexico, Brazil and other parts of Latin America, including cross-border M&A transactions, joint ventures, venture capital investments, start-up company matters, investments in energy and mining projects, secured lending transactions, and the establishment or sourcing of operations in the region. He regularly drafts and negotiates agreements and other legal documents in Spanish and has collaborated with lawyers and business people throughout the region. He also represents Latin American founders, companies, funds and family offices with respect to their business ventures in the U.S. and in getting financing from U.S. or other international sources.

In addition to this Latin American experience, Eric has advised clients with respect to corporate and transactional matters in the U.S. and the other areas outside of Latin America, with a particular focus on private company M&A transactions and renewable energy projects, as well as licensing, manufacturing and other commercial transactions in the U.S. and abroad. He has handled transactions for clients in a variety of industries, including technology, financial services, venture capital, private equity, electrical power, oil & gas, infrastructure, commodities trading, consumer products, sports/entertainment, and wine & spirits.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Eric was a partner in the San Francisco office of an international law firm. In addition, he previously worked in Mexico City for four years as an executive and in-house lawyer at a Mexican software company that he co-founded.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Latinvex*, Top 100 Latin America's Top 100 Lawyers (2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Bay Brazil

- Advisor, Latin SF
- Mentor, Start Up Mexico
- Pro bono representation of Centro Community Partners, an Oakland-based non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

EDUCATION

- J.D., Columbia Law School, 1999 (*Haft Foundation Prize*; , *Moot Court Editor*)
- A.B., Harvard College, 1996 (*magna cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- Bar of Texas

LANGUAGES

- Spanish

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Energy Reform Legislation in Mexico Gives the Private Sector Unprecedented Opportunities in the Mexican Electrical Power Industry,” 14-2 Pratt’s Energy Law Report 59 (LexisNexis A.S. Pratt) (2014).
- “Mexico’s Guidelines for Clean Energy Certificates Will Support Renewable Energy Development,” Alert from previous law firm, 2014.
- “Mexico’s Energy Reform Provides Significant Opportunities in Oil and Gas Exploration and Production,” Alert from previous law firm, 2014.

NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 February 2018, Two K&L Gates Partners Recognized Among Latin America’s Top Lawyers by *LatinVex* (*Press Release*)
- 3 January 2017, K&L Gates Further Boosts San Francisco Office with Energy and Environmental Partner Hire (*Press Release*)
- 14 September 2016, K&L Gates Expands Corporate/M&A, Latin America Practices with Addition of San Francisco Partner (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources
- Oil and Gas
- Renewables

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products
- Financial Services
- Fintech
- Sports