

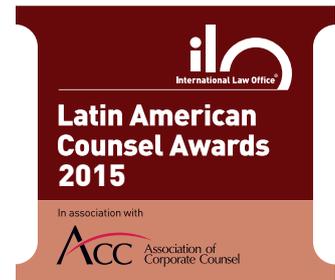
# Press Release

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## **Top in-house counsel recognised at the fifth annual International Law Office Latin American Counsel Awards in association with the Association of Corporate Counsel**

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – The International Law Office (ILO) and the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) hosted the fifth annual Latin American Counsel Awards at Rio’s majestic Copacabana Palace hotel last night. The gala event celebrated the achievements of in-house counsel recognised by their peers as excelling in their chosen fields.

**“The aim of the awards is simple - to find and recognise the best in-house lawyers in Latin America. The delivery of that aim is more challenging, and requires looking behind the scenes in search of those attributes that really matter in the ever-changing corporate world”**

explained Luciano Dequech, Association of Corporate Counsel and general counsel, Odebrecht Agroindustrial SA

To identify the winners, the ILO team conducted in-depth analysis of in-house lawyers and legal departments worldwide, receiving over 1,500 individual nominations. Respondents were asked to focus on criteria such as effective communication, legal understanding, commercial awareness, depth and strength of team and management skills. Awards were presented in the following areas: employment, general commercial, intellectual property, litigation, M&A and regulatory (financial and non-financial).

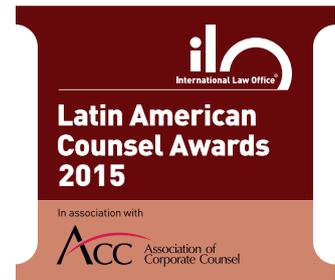
Walter Regina of John Deere – Latin America was named General Counsel of the Year after receiving multiple individual nominations from colleagues and partners at leading law firms.

**“Walter is a great leader with strong experience in corporate and compliance issues. He has been doing a great job since joining John Deere and has contributed a great deal to the continued success of the company in the region”**

enthused one such respondent.

The event sponsors AVAH Legal, Bichara Advogados, Carvalho, Machado, Timm e Deffenti Advogados, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Lee Brock & Camargo Advogados, Leite, Tosto e Barros Advogados, Lex Mundi, Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr e Quiroga Advogados, Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados.

**For more information and a complete list of winners, visit [www.latinamericancounsel.com](http://www.latinamericancounsel.com).**



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- An awards programme recognising and rewarding those law firms and partners that have been commended exclusively by corporate counsel for their client service.  
**[www.ClientChoiceAwards.com](http://www.ClientChoiceAwards.com)**
- A global awards programme that identifies in-house corporate counsel, both teams and individuals, who excel in their specific roles. The awards culminate each year in three of the largest annual gatherings of senior corporate counsel, with prestigious ceremonies in London, Miami and New York.  
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#### **About the Association of Corporate Counsel:**

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