

Basham tax partner leaves for Thompson & Knight

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Thompson & Knight LLP's Mexico City office has hired a partner from [Basham, Ringe y Correa](#) ([/ll250/firms/1132018/basham-ringe-y-correa](#)) to reinforce its tax practice.

Mario Barrera, 41, joined the firm on 3 October and takes the partner count to five.

Barrera focuses his practice on domestic and cross-border tax planning, tax treaties and transfer pricing. He also represents clients before the tax authorities in non-litigious procedures such as tax audits, administrative appeals and settlements.

Barrera was previously a partner at [Basham, Ringe y Correa](#) ([/ll250/firms/1132018/basham-ringe-y-correa](#)). He joined as an associate in 2004 and became a partner in 2014.

A spokesperson for Basham said Barrera's departure was under amicable terms and wished him success on his upcoming projects.

Basham's tax team is spearheaded by partners Gerardo Nieto, Gil Zenteno, Alejandro Barrera, Sergio Barajas and Víctor Barajas.

Thompson & Knight's appointment is the latest in a series of prominent tax moves in Mexico. DLA Piper Gallástegui y Lozano absorbed (<http://latinlawyer.com/article/1145415/dlas-mexican-arm-concludes-merger-with-tax-boutique>) well-respected tax boutique González Luna, Moreno y Armida, SC in August, while Kaye Trueba poached (<http://latinlawyer.com/article/1142061/mexico%E2%80%99s-kaye-trueba-poaches-ey-tax-manager>) EY's tax controversy manager in May. That came the same month Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enriquez SC hired (<http://latinlawyer.com/article/1141608/creel-garc%C3%ADa-cuellar-hire-confirms-transfer-pricing-trend>) a recognised transfer-pricing specialist and shortly after transactional heavyweight Ritch, Mueller, Heather y Nicolau, SC launched (<http://latinlawyer.com/article/1099543/ritch-mueller-opens-tax-practice-with-double-lateral-hire>) a practice dedicated to the area.

Mexico's enforcement of the OECD's Base Erosion Profit Shifting (BEPS) programme is an important consideration behind many of these hires. BEPS aims to crack down on companies using complex transfer-pricing techniques to evade paying tax, but also ramps up reporting requirements. Many law firms and companies are feeling the strain. It will be a theme for several panels at Latin Lawyer's 2nd Annual Tax Summit, which will be held on 9 November in Miami. A link to the programme can be found [here](http://latinlawyer.events/tax2017) (<http://latinlawyer.events/tax2017>), while early-rate tickets may be purchased [here](https://www.regonline.co.uk/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2020163) (<https://www.regonline.co.uk/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2020163>).

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