

## Na Mídia

06/01/2020 | [Latin Lawyer](#)

### Demarest hires investigations partner from KLA

Emily Darby



Eloy Rizzo (Credit: Demarest)

**Demarest Advogados** has recruited a white-collar investigations partner to spearhead its compliance practice in São Paulo. *By Will Barbieri*

**The firm announced on 13 December that it had added partner Eloy Rizzo, who joined after 17 years with KLA - Koury Lopes Advogados, where he worked on compliance, investigations, white-collar and complex litigation matters, reported Latin Lawyer's sister magazine *Global Investigations Review*.**

Rizzo, who is listed in Who's Who Legal: Investigations, began at Demarest on Monday 16 December after departing from KLA the Friday before.

**At Demarest, he joins compliance partners Carlo de Lima Verona, Bruno de Luca Drago and Fabyola En Rodrigues in the practice.**

Rizzo declined to discuss specifics of his current cases, but said he has worked on various corruption cases under investigation in Brazil and the US. He previously spent nearly a year with Washington, DC-based firm Miller & Chevalier while on leave from KLA, and worked on a case related to Operation Car Wash, the sweeping corruption investigation into bribery of officials at state-controlled oil company Petrobras, while there.

He told *Global Investigations review* he is looking forward to bringing this experience to Demarest, and said: "[The] plan is to ensure that we are among the strongest compliance and white-collar teams in Brazil."

Rizzo said that one of the clients he's taken with him to Demarest is highway operator EcoRodovias.

The company agreed to a \$100 million settlement with Brazil's public prosecution service (MPF) in August to resolve allegations of corruption and money laundering related to highway construction contracts. Rizzo said he will deal with the monitor to the company, appointed by the MPF for a period of 32 months as part of the settlement.

Rizzo also said he is looking forward to working with colleagues in Demarest's other practice areas.

"The investigations I perform have relation with other areas of law, for example antitrust and criminal matters. Demarest already had a robust practice in these areas," he said.

Speaking about his former firm, Rizzo expressed gratitude. "I want to thank KLA for the great 17 years that I had with them, I started there, and they developed me as a human being and a lawyer," he said.

**Paulo Coelho da Rocha, managing partner at Demarest said: "Eloy Rizzo is one of the most renowned Brazilian lawyers in this area, and his arrival is in line with our strategy of having the best compliance practice among Brazilian law firms."**

Speaking about Rizzo's departure, a spokesperson for KLA said that it was a pity to be losing Rizzo after so many good years.

KLA announced on 16 December that it had overhauled its compliance and investigations group following Rizzo's departure. The team is now led by Filipe Magliarelli, a partner in the firm's corporate criminal area and compliance team, and Catrina Rattes, who handles risk identification and compliance programme-type work.

*This article was originally published by Global Investigations Review on 17 December.*