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With more than fifty offices in 27 countries, Baker & McKenzie is the largest law firm in the world. In Mexico, the firm has had a very significant presence since 1961. In Mexico City, the firm operates locally under the name *Bufete Sepukveda* and in all other locations in Mexico the firm is known as Baker & McKenzie. The firm currently has offices in the cities of Juárez, Mexico City, Monterrey, and Tijuana, with expansion plans to the other growing industrial regions in Mexico. A substantial percentage of all foreign companies establishing operations in the *maquiladora* regions have retained the services of Baker & McKenzie to assist them in all aspects of their endeavours in this regard.

The lawyers in the firm combine expertise in Mexican law with an understanding of the business environment and governmental process in Mexico. The firm enjoys an excellent reputation in business and government circles as one of the leading Mexican firms dealing with international and domestic business transactions. The lawyers from the four Mexican offices regularly meet with their Canadian counterparts to discuss coordination of business activities in the North American context and to encourage trade and investment activities between Canada and Mexico. Partners from the Mexican offices serve on a number of domestic and international bodies as representatives of both national business organizations and the Mexican government. Partners from the Mexican offices regularly advise the Mexican government on international business matters including the recent NAFTA negotiations.

The Toronto office, in existence since 1962, is an integral part of the North American practice of the firm which includes nine offices in the United States and four in Mexico.

The areas of firm's expertise in Canada and Mexico include:

- Administrative Law
- Banking and Finance
- Corporate and Commercial
- Customs
- Environmental Law
- Foreign Investment and *Maquiladora* Law
- Health Law
- Immigration
- Intellectual Property
- International Trade
- Labour and Employment Law
- Real Estate, Tax and Transportation
- Tax Law

The Baker & McKenzie offices in Canada and Mexico work to assist Canadian companies to find the right partner to enable them to establish or expand business activities in Mexico. Whether a company's objective is to raise capital, establish a joint venture or strategic alliance, or begin exporting to the Mexican market, Baker & McKenzie offers a coordinated approach to ably facilitate entry to the Mexican market.



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