

PRIETOCARRIZOSA, ONE OF THE LEADING LAW FIRMS IN COLOMBIA, OPENS OFFICE IN BARRANQUILLA

Barranquilla, November 29, 2011. The law firm **prietocarrizosa** is set to open a new office in Barranquilla in order to attend to the needs of the Caribbean coast, in association with renowned attorney Juan Carlos Gloria, who, along with his team, will join the firm.

Prietocarrizosa has turned its attention to the Caribbean region, predicting great economic and commercial potential which should be enhanced with the approval of Free Trade Agreements with various countries, most recently, the United States.

"Presumably, much of the public and private investment in the coming decades in Colombia will be geared towards this region, which has the most potential as a point of departure and arrival of foreign trade. In addition, tourist attractions, as well as the need for development of infrastructure in the region provide a prediction of great development in the coming years," says Martin Carrizosa, founding partner of the firm.

The official presentation will be held on November 30, at a cocktail party to be attended by leading political figures, corporate leaders and other personalities of the Caribbean Coast.

This is the first step that will allow **prietocarrizosa** to support the economic and social development of the Caribbean Coast: *"From January 1, 2012 we will be closer to our customers in the Atlantic Coast, putting our 17 areas of practice at their service, with emphasis on tourism, real estate and infrastructure development. We believe that soon many companies will follow our lead. This region is the business center of the future,"* says Jorge Di Terlizzi, a partner at the firm.

This association also represents an advantage for the competitiveness of the city and the Caribbean region for changes that will be created by the Free Trade Agreements, by locally having the legal services of a firm with extensive experience and expertise, which will support the operations of new businesses which are already being established or those that are now turning towards the Atlantic coast. *"It's a great opportunity for us as professionals in Barranquilla, to integrate **prietocarrizosa** at a national level, allowing us to offer our customers better services, in multiple and increasingly complex areas of law, without having to travel to Bogotá or another city, with the quality of a world-class law firm,"* said Juan Carlos Gloria, new partner of the firm, who is in charge of the office in Barranquilla.

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