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CAREY'S FIRST ALUMNI REUNION

Carey holds first alumni reunion

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Chile's largest law firm, Carey, has held its first reunion, inviting more than 150 alumni to its Santiago offices for the event, which the firm hopes will be the first step in forming a wider alumni network.

The reunion, held on 23 April, was attended by a mix of former partners and associates including 2013 presidential candidate Tomás Jocelyn Holt, former speaker of Chile's house of deputies Nicolás Monckeberg, and former head of the Chilean inland revenue service Ricardo Escobar.

"We decided to hold this meeting because for us, each and every one of them has been and still is very important: they were are part of our history, are part of our present and, we hope, of our future," says managing partner Jaime Carey. Regarding the firm's plan to set up an alumni network, he believes this reflects the good relationships that Chilean lawyers typically maintain with their former law firms.

All former partners, directors and senior associates from the past few decades were invited, with some present who had worked at the firm – which was established in 1905 – as far back as the 1960s. A book published by Chilean newspaper La Segunda several years ago, entitled Breverías, which detailed the witticisms of one of the firm's pivotal figures, Guillermo Carey Sr – father of firm chairman Jorge Carey and Jaime Carey – was handed out at the event.

In his speech, Jorge Carey recognised the work done by his father's former colleagues, including Antonio Ortuzar, who left in the 1970s to form Cruzat, Ortúzar & Mackenna (now Baker & McKenzie (Chile) and Carlos Olivos, who is now a name partner of Guerrero Olivos, as well as his brother Guillermo Carey, who left in the 1980s and later formed Carey & Allende.

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