



**Carey bolsters Public Law practice with hire
of prominent Chilean constitutionalist Patricio Zapata**

Santiago, Chile, August 2, 2021- In a period in which Chile will be marked by the constitutional debate, which should lead to the approval of a new Constitution, the Chilean leading law firm Carey, hired prominent constitutionalist expert, Patricio Zapata, to lead its Public Law practice group.

Patricio Zapata holds a Master's degree in Law from Harvard University as well as a Master's degree in Political Science from Universidad Católica de Chile. His work and experience led him to be elected to head the Citizen Council of Observers of the constituent process convened by President Michelle Bachelet in 2016. Previously he held important positions in the government of two other Chilean presidents.

His practice has focused on constitutional and administrative issues. He is an experienced litigator on matters regarding constitutional and administrative legal issues and he has authored numerous articles and technical columns regarding such issues. Since 1995 he has taught Constitutional Law at the Law School of the Universidad Católica de Chile.

Jaime Carey, Managing Partner of the firm, commented: "We are very excited about Patricio's incorporation to Carey. Adding one of the foremost public law national experts to our team, particularly in the context of Chile's current challenges, is a tremendous contribution to be able to fulfill our mission as a firm, which is to provide an excellent service to our clients".

Patricio Zapata stated that "directing the public law area of a premier firm such as Carey, which I join with great enthusiasm, will be a challenge, but I hope to contribute with my experience to strengthen its prestigious team of professionals".

Carey is the largest law firm in Chile with more than 270 legal professionals. Its Public Law practice group has extensive experience in highly complex constitutional and administrative matters and has represented its clients before the Comptroller General of the Republic, the Constitutional Court, as well as Chilean courts in general and ICSID arbitration courts. Carey's team also provides legislative advice to public and private organizations.