

CHAMBERS EUROPE 2017 CHOOSES PINTÓ RUIZ & DEL VALLE



The prestigious directory *Chambers Europe 2017* included Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle amongst the elite of Spanish law firms for the seventh consecutive year, therefore consolidating their presence in sports and IP law, areas where the company already stood out in previous editions. Additionally, the publication recognises Carlos Noguera's great prestige in reorganisation and mentions our department of IT, Media & Telecommunications in the TMT area, thus recognising its outstanding work.

*Chambers* highlights in Tier 1 (at the top of the ranking) the strength of our Sports Law team, led by Jose Juan Pintó, President and partner of Ruiz & Del Valle, whose experience and deep understanding of the world of sports make him the object of warm recommendations from colleagues and clients. José Juan Pintó stands out as one of the 11 most relevant lawyers in Spain, and is also considered as a 'star lawyer'. For the fifth consecutive year, his international prestige, outstanding work and professionalism, made

José Juan Pintó deserving of such distinctions. According to *Chambers*, in Sports Law, our firm “has particular strength representing football clients before Spanish and international sports tribunals. Also advises sports organisations, clubs and players on image rights disputes and contractual matters. Assists some national and international athletes with tax law matters. Team members have additional expertise in acting for clients on disputes before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Benefits from its membership of PLG International Lawyers, INBLF and the Rex Sport network.” In that sense, Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle has a legal team which is specialized in providing advice to sports clients, such as football associations and teams, sports organizations and especially football players. All those clients have been provided with legal advice in matters related to contracting—signing, media rights, or counsel in image rights. In *Chambers's* own words, sources stated conclusively: “it is the best law firm in Spain for sport-related matters—not only at a national level but also, and more importantly, at an international level”. The publication reveals that our clients «admire the firm's service and its reliability: “They have our trust and confidence due to their excellence and the good results.”» *Chambers* recognises also that José Juan Pintó is “one of the classic lawyers who started sports law in Spain.” A renowned arbitrator, he was appointed as a member of the CAS's Ad Hoc Division for the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. According to a client, “he is a natural leader who has all the necessary contacts at the highest level. He is a relevant figure in the world of sports law and an excellent jurist”. About Lucas Ferrer, head of our Sports Department, the directory states that he «has noteworthy experience litigating before prominent decision-making sporting bodies, including FIFA, UEFA, the CAS and the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal. Sources remark: “He has deep experience and knowledge both as an advocate and as an arbitrator on a wide range of international sports matters. He brings a high level of skill and energy to all his matters and on a personal level is a pleasure to work with.”»

*Chambers* highlights our Department of Industrial Property recognizing their excellent reputation in the overall activities carried out in the Industrial Property sector. The publication points out that the firm is praised “for Acts on brand protection, anti-counterfeiting and parallel import mandates for numerous well-known multinationals from the food, fashion and electronics industries. Receives particular recognition for its strengths in IP litigation and offers further expertise in criminal cases and licensing. Also acts for clients from the pharmaceuticals sector, and has expertise in both patent and trade mark cases.” The directory makes a special mention to Eva Ochoa, partner of Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle, who is highlighted both in *Chambers Europe* and *Global Chambers* in Tier 4. Ochoa is widely valued by clients and peers, and *Chambers* states that she “enjoys solid feedback this year for her work on behalf of fashion and clothing companies, food and drinks manufacturers and perfume houses. She has strong experience of trade mark and unfair competition cases.”

*Chambers* gives prominence within the reorganisation/insolvency area to Insolvency Department Head Carlos Noguera, who receives superb praise throughout the market as a specialised insolvency practitioner who acts for both creditors and debtors, consolidating himself and improving his ranking in the directory, until reaching Tier 2, and says that he “leads the team at Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle SL and is recommended for his tremendous experience in the restructuring and insolvency space. Interviewees comment his excellent negotiation skills, reporting that “he really understands people – when to be aggressive, when to be quiet and when to explain more.”

Finally, the publication highlights for the first time the IT, Media & Telecommunications Department at Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle in the TMT area, consolidating thus our firm's prestige in this area of practice.

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