

CHAMBERS EUROPE 2013 SELECTS PINTÓ RUIZ & DEL VALLE

The prestigious *Chambers Europe 2013* directory was published in April, increasing the importance and influence of our firm. This year, besides the distinctions listed below, special value was given to the importance of the sports law department by considering the President of our firm, José Juan Pintó Sala, to be one of the 13 most influential lawyers in the whole of Spain.

For the third consecutive year, it placed Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle among the elite of Spanish law firms. Thanks to this, our firm further strengthens its presence in sports law, restructuring and IP, all areas in which the firm was already outstanding in previous editions.

This year, *Chambers* has distinguished the strong sports law team at Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle and raises its classification to the highest score, Band 1, with special and personal mention of José Juan Pintó, while also maintaining the classification of Jorge Sánchez Rodríguez, a partner in our firm. The work of this department, whose experience and in-depth knowledge of the sports world has earned it warm recommendations by colleagues and clients, has been especially valued. Specifically, the firm has attained particular recognition for its conflict resolution in sport and providing legal advice to very important clients, which include football associations and teams, in areas such as the drafting of contracts for sportspeople and the designation of sports companies as organisations of public interest. In the words of *Chambers*, sources clearly state: "An excellent firm for the resolution of sports lawsuits and arbitration." The publication regards José Juan Pintó as "very knowledgeable in litigation and very impressive in court. He's an extraordinary lawyer." The sources also stress that he is "an arbitrator par excellence – a very good negotiator. He's a delight, a real pleasure to work with", and they recall that he is a member of the Court of Arbitration of Lausanne, where he works as an arbitrator. With regard to the department in general, the sources stress that it is "very good for international matters" and that it is "excellent for arbitration and litigation matters: great specialists".

With regard to bankruptcy law, *Chambers* also mentions the extensive experience of Carlos Noguera, partner at Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle, where he runs the bankruptcy law department. It should be remembered, and has been described as such, that the bankruptcy department, with Carlos Noguera at the helm, has taken part in a great number of high-profile bankruptcy proceedings in the Spanish economic, financial and company sector, advising large companies and banks both in court and out of court over the years, which has led to the department, and its leader, rising in the classification due to a better valuation conducted by the sources consulted. The good name and prestige of Carlos Noguera in this sector increases client trust (existing or new) year-on-year in this department, which is especially sensitive to today's economic and social situation. Some sources highlight his impressive academic record, a "hard-working and very visible" head of the department.

Finally, *Chambers* highlights our industrial property department and recognises its excellent reputation in activities in the industrial property sector. The publication emphasises the prestigious client portfolio, made of major companies in a number of sectors and leading brands, showing the strength and good work of the department. It also recommends Javier del Valle, director of this Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle department, as the contact person.

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