

**CHAMBERS EUROPE 2018 CHOOSES PINTÓ RUIZ & DEL VALLE**



The prestigious directory *Chambers Europe 2018* included Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle amongst the elite of Spanish law firms for the eighth consecutive year, therefore consolidating their presence in sports and IP law, restructuring, TMT and dispute resolution.

*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 sixth 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 is well known for its «Multidisciplinary practice occupying a leading position in legal matters concerning the sports industry. Highly

experienced in representing football clients before Spanish and international sports tribunals, and regularly provides advice to sports organisations, clubs and players on image rights, anti-doping and contractual matters. Possesses additional expertise in sport dispute resolution and representation of clients in litigation and arbitration proceedings before relevant adjudicatory bodies. Benefits from its membership of PLG International Lawyers, INBLF and the Rex Sport network». 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 mainly 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: «the team's first-rate reputation in the market». The publication reveals that one of our clients mentions that «The lawyers are quick to respond and very thorough on the details». Other sources «acknowledge the department's coverage of various types of sports law, and describe it as a 'well-established' firm». *Chambers* also highlights that José Juan Pintó is «widely regarded as a leading expert in sports law. He is frequently appointed as arbitrator in CAS proceedings and his activity spans disputes in the football and athletics spaces». In a client's own words, «He is not only a great person, but also an incredible professional – he is a walking encyclopedia of law». About Lucas Ferrer, manager of our sports law area, *Chambers* declares that he «enjoys an excellent reputation for his practice as an arbitrator and sports law expert, with significant experience handling high-profile disputes before decision-making sporting bodies, including FIFA, UEFA, the CAS and the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal.»

*Chambers* highlights our Industrial Property department recognizing their excellent reputation in the overall activities carried out in the Industrial Property sector. The publication points out that the firm is «a popular choice for luxury brands». The directory makes a special mention to our partner Eva Ochoa, 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 has experience of litigating in the civil and criminal courts on cases concerning trade marks, industrial designs and unfair competition». One of the sources describes her as «active and efficient in trade mark litigation» a second states that «She moves quickly, knows what we want and understands the business conditions we are working in.»

*Chambers* gives prominence within the reorganisation/insolvency area to Restructuring and Insolvency department head Carlos Noguera (Tier 2), who receives superb praise throughout the market as a specialised insolvency practitioner who acts for both creditors and debtors. The directory says that he «has a lot of experience and a great reputation in the market. His activity includes advice on distressed investments, bankruptcy filings and in-court representation. Clients appreciate that 'he tells you things clearly'.» Finally, the publication highlights for the second time our firm's IT, Media & Telecommunications department in the TMT area, and for the first time, in the dispute resolution area, consolidating thus our firm's prestige in the aforementioned areas of practice.

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