

## CHAMBERS EUROPE 2019 CHOOSES PINTÓ RUIZ & DEL VALLE

The prestigious directory *Chambers Europe 2019* included Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle among the elite of Spanish law firms for the ninth consecutive year, therefore consolidating their position in sports and IP law, restructuring, TMT and dispute resolution.

*Chambers* highlights in Band 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. For the seventh 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 «stand-out cross-departmental practice occupying a market-leading position in legal matters concerning the sports industry. Offers a specialised expertise in the dispute resolution practice area, regularly representing clients in litigation and arbitration proceedings before relevant adjudicatory bodies. Possesses additional capabilities representing clients from the football industry, including recent client wins Luis García Plaza and the Asociación Nacional de Fútbol Profesional de Chile. Assists individual athletes with contractual matters, as well as representing authorities in anti-doping cases. Also advises on IP matters within a sports law context, including image rights». 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: «Their legal knowledge is exceptional and the speed at which they work, as well as their availability, has always been very good. They are well prepared and are very helpful at being mediators». The publication reveals that one of our clients mentions that «They are a firm with a top-quality service and the lawyers are very knowledgeable, serious and experienced». *Chambers* also highlights that José Juan Pintó «is lauded by clients who describe him as "an incredible lawyer and without a doubt one of the best sports lawyers in the country. Sources go on to add: "He is very respected and is always active on the major sports cases in the country." He regularly acts as a CAS arbitrator. He has a particular focus on football cases, including contractual disputes». About Lucas Ferrer, Head of our Sports Law Department, *Chambers* declares that he «offers experience acting as an arbitrator, as well as arbitration counsel, in the

sports arena. He provides significant expertise handling high-profile disputes before FIFA and the CAS. He is praised by clients as "a very intelligent lawyer and a super negotiator." Ferrer also advises clients on contractual matters».

*Chambers* highlights our Industrial Property Department recognizing their excellent reputation in the overall activities carried out in the Industrial Property sector. The directory makes a special mention to our partner Eva Ochoa, who is highlighted both in *Chambers Europe* and *Global Chambers* in Band 4. Ochoa is widely valued by clients and peers, and *Chambers* states that «Sources recommend Eva Ochoa of Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle for her "practical" approach. She primarily advises on issues surrounding trade marks, such as copycat products, and is adept at handling cross-border mandates».

In addition, *Chambers* gives prominence within the reorganisation/insolvency area to Restructuring and Insolvency Department Head Carlos Noguera (Band 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 «remains an active player within the Barcelona restructuring and insolvency arena, acting for both creditors and debtors. One interviewee describes him as "an expert in these issues," and another considers him "analytical, attentive and someone who generates trust."». Finally, the publication highlights for the third time our firm as a Recognised Practitioner in the TMT area (i.e. IT, Media & Telecommunications, etc.), and for the second time, in the dispute resolution area, consolidating thus our firm's prestige in the aforementioned areas of practice.