

CHAMBERS EUROPE 2020 CHOOSES PINTÓ RUIZ & DEL VALLE

The prestigious directory *Chambers Europe 2020* included Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle amongst the elite of Spanish law firms for the tenth consecutive year, therefore consolidating their presence in it and recognising our firm as one of the best in sports and IP law, bankruptcy, 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 makes him the object of warm recommendations from colleagues and clients. For the eighth 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. Also advises on employment contracts covering player transfers. Experienced handling international mandates, with notable clientele in South America». 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 and dispute resolution in the sports area—signing, media rights, or counsel in image rights. The directory reproduces the words from one of our clients who considers that «the team is "very precise and detail-oriented" in its approach to mandates». *Chambers* also highlights that José Juan Pintó «receives praise from interviewees for his skills as arbitrator as well as for his experience handling disciplinary proceedings. He also represents clients in cases regarding non-payment of transfer fees, contractual issues and the imposition of sanctions». About Lucas Ferrer, manager of our sports law area, *Chambers* declares that he «acts for clients on contentious mandates, offering representation before CAS in cases involving breach of contract and transfer payments. He also advises on contractual issues surround player transfers. One source lauds: "His understanding of the issues involved is second to none, he is very client-friendly and is able to adapt to different scenarios and client needs."». Our managing partner Jordi López is mentioned for the first time within the sports law ranking and the directory says that he «acts for both domestic and international football clubs, handling contractual issues, as well as disqualification proceedings. One commentator highlights that he offers "very good technical knowledge and is extremely precise."»

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 Tier 4. Ochoa is widely valued by clients and peers, and *Chambers* states that she «assists with copyright and trade mark infringement proceedings. Clients describe her as "incredibly easy to deal with."».

In addition, *Chambers* gives prominence within the reorganisation/insolvency area to Restructuring and Insolvency department head Carlos Noguera, 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 a notable player within the Barcelona restructuring and insolvency arena. He advises international and Spanish clients on debt refinancing and insolvency proceedings.

Finally, the publication highlights for the third time our firm as a Recognised Practitioner in the dispute resolution area, consolidating thus our firm's prestige in the aforementioned area of practice.