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## The “stars” of Spanish Business Law according to Chambers

### Los mejores en su especialidad



**Jaime Folguera**  
Competencia. Uría



**Fernando Vives**  
Mercantil. Garrigues



**Ignacio García-Perrote**  
Laboral. Uría



**Martín Godino**  
Laboral. Sagardoy



**Agustín González**  
Propiedad intelectual. Uría



**Miquel Montaña**  
Patentes y marcas. Clifford



**José Guardo**  
Financ. proyectos. Clifford



**Juan de Dios Crespo**  
Deporte. R. Huerta & Crespo



**José Juan Pintó**  
Deporte. Pintó R. & Del Valle



**Luis Briones**  
Fiscal. Baker & McKenzie



**Ricardo Gómez**  
Fiscal. Garrigues



**Carles Puig**  
Fiscal/patrimonio. Cuatrecasas

Chambers & Partners identifies twenty lawyers who stand above the rest of their peers in their practises. Taxation, labour, intellectual property and sports laws are the areas of expertise of the most influential practitioners.

More than one hundred Spanish lawyers are listed, on an individual basis, in the annual directory elaborated by Chambers & Partners, thus recognising them as the best specialists in their respective practises in business law. But there is a small elite among them qualified as star individuals, who not only gather knowledge but also several characteristics that are considered essential to the exercise of law, such as sales capacity, high performance in issues led, team leadership and management, or innovative vision and creativity in solving problems for their clients.

This select group is growing more exclusive every year. The directory only pointed 15 practitioners in 2015, but only 12 received the star lawyer distinction this year. In the case of Carles Puig, partner at Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira, Chambers acknowledges this professional in two areas: taxation and asset management.

Uría is the firm that had the most lawyers classified as star individuals: Jaime Folguera —competition—, Ignacio García-Perrote —labour— and Agustín González —intellectual property—. With two outstanding practitioners, follow the firms Clifford Chance —José Guardo, in project finance and Miquel Montaña in patent and trademark— and Garrigues with his president Fernando Vives, considered by Chambers as the best corporate lawyer —mergers and acquisitions— in the country; besides Ricardo Gómez who stands out in taxation.

Taxation is precisely the practice in which more star lawyers were identified in Spain, since Luis Briones —Baker & McKenzie— and Carles Puig were also selected alongside Garrigues' senior partner.

Among this select group of specialists appear also Juan de Dios Crespo and José Juan Pintó, both in sports law and both in charge of firms which carry their own names. This particular list is completed with Martín Godino, partner and director at Sagardoy Abogados, who is specialised in labour law. This firm also has his president Íñigo Sagardoy pointed out in another exclusive selection: distinguished practitioners.

### Profesionales eminentes

				
<b>Luis de Carlos</b> Mercado de capitales. Uría	<b>Íñigo Sagardoy</b> Laboral. Sagardoy Abogados	<b>Alejandro Valls</b> Laboral. Baker & McKenzie	<b>Rosa Zarza</b> Laboral. Garrigues	<b>Gonzalo Ulloa</b> Patentes. Gómez-Acebo
				<p>Entre las diferentes categorías individuales que destaca 'Chambers', figura una selecta clasificación de lo que el directorio define como socios eminentes, entre los que se encuentran varios socios directores de despachos que operan en España. En esta edición, ha resaltado la labor de nueve abogados.</p>
<b>Carmen Chinchilla</b> Derecho público. Garrigues	<b>Felipe Yannone</b> Inmobiliario. Garrigues	<b>Miguel Cruz Amorós</b> Fiscal. PwC Tax & Legal	<b>Federico Linares</b> Fiscal. EY Abogados	

Chambers thus refers to lawyers who are as influential and specialised in their respective areas as star individuals, but who are not as active in daily practise because of their management or teaching duties.

This is one of the main reasons why it is more likely to find presidents and partners of the most influential firms in this group. Such is the case of Luis de Carlos, manager of Uría Menéndez, who is selected in this directory as outstanding practitioner of capital market. This is also de case of Federico Linares, main leader of EY Abogados, pointed out in taxation area.

In this ranking are also to be found: Alejandro Valls —Baker & McKenzie—, Rosa Zarza —Garrigues—, Gonzalo Ulloa —Gómez-Acebo & Pombo—, Carmen Chinchilla —Garrigues—, Felipe Yannone —Garrigues— and Miguel Cruz —PwC Tax & Legal.