

**CHAMBERS EUROPE 2016 CHOOSES PINTÓ RUIZ & DEL VALLE**



The prestigious directory *Chambers Europe 2016* included Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle amongst the elite of Spanish law firms for the sixth consecutive year, therefore consolidating their presence in Sports and IP Law, areas where the company already stood out in previous editions, and recognises Carlos Noguera's great prestige in restructuring.

*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 Pintó Ruiz & Del Valle, whose experience and deep understanding of the world of sports make him the object of warm recommendations from colleagues and clients. The name of José Juan Pintó is included amongst the 100 most important lawyers in Spain, and he is also referred to as one of 15 "star" lawyers in Spain. It all comes as recognition for the fourth consecutive year to the international prestige as well as the outstanding work and professionalism of José Juan Pintó in this area. According to *Chambers*, our firm, in Sports Law, «has particular strength representing football clients before Spanish and international sports tribunals. Also advises sports organisations, clubs and players on image rights disputes and contractual matters. Assists some national and international athletes with tax law matters». In this regard, 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 especially football players. They all have been provided with legal advice in relation to matters such as signing, media or image rights. Sources of *Chambers* stated conclusively: «It is clearly a top firm and the lawyers are fully devoted to the sports area». *Chambers* considers that José Juan Pintó «has a superb reputation among peers as a "superstar" in the field of sport in Spain and worldwide. He is widely recognised for his experience representing football players and clubs in major arbitrations. One source reports that "he was one of the first in the world of sport and really is a leader"». Moreover, they mentioned that Lucas Ferrer, Sports Department Head, «gains recognition from peers as an increasingly important figure in the area of sports law. He acts as counsel and arbitrator in disputes heard before the CAS».

*Chambers* highlights our Department of Industrial Property recognizing their excellent reputation in the overall activities carried out in the Industrial Property sector. The publication points out that the firm «handles brand protection, anti-counterfeiting and parallel import mandates for various well-known fashion and food and beverage companies. Also attracts attention for activity in recent significant trade mark litigation cases, with further expertise in criminal cases». A special mention is given, both in *Chambers Europe* and *Global Chambers* (tier 4) to Eva Ochoa, partner of Pintó Ruiz & del Valle. A highly valued lawyer by customers and colleagues, especially for the work she has done in the field of trademark protection and defence against possible violations, and that she often handles CTM infringement cases before the Alicante courts. Clients praise the firm for its excellent clientele and their well-reputed litigators.

Finally, *Chambers* gives prominence within the restructuring/insolvency area to Insolvency Department Head Carlos Noguera, who receives superb praise throughout the market as a specialised insolvency practitioner who acts for both creditors and debtors. According to *Chambers*, his clients say about him that «he is a strong negotiator; he knows how to deal with the person opposite and knows when he has to argue a point," say clients, who also "highlight his prestige and his absolute dedication to the issues."».

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