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Carmen Chinchilla is a Of Counsel in the Administrative Law Department of Garrigues, where she has pursued her professional career since 1998. She specializes in the areas of public procurement, public property, authorizations and concessions, administrative penalties, subsidies, telecommunications, audiovisual, the electricity sector and gaming. She has acted as legal counsel in proceedings before the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court and the High Courts. Carmen is a Professor of Administrative Law and the executive editor of Revista de Administración Pública. She has served as a Constitutional Court lawyer. In addition to Spanish, she is fluent in French and Italian.

Experience

Carmen is a Of Counsel at Garrigues and she has been a professor of Administrative Law since 1996.

She has acted in numerous engagements relating to public procurement, public property, authorizations and concessions, administrative penalties, subsidies, telecommunications, audiovisual media, the electricity sector, gaming, and in many other fields of administrative law and constitutional law.

She has acted as legal counsel in a range of appeals before the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court and the High Courts.

She has advised companies and individuals, preparing opinions and reports, and has contributed to the preparation of draft legislation and regulations, advising the central government as well as local and regional governments.

Carmen has also participated in international public infrastructure projects.

She addressed the International Olympic Committee on legal aspects of the selection procedure as part of the assessment of Madrid’s bid as a Candidate City for the 2012 Olympic Games.

She is the executive editor of Revista de Administración Pública, founded by Professor García de Enterría in 1950 and currently edited by Professor Tomás Ramón Fernández.

She served as a Constitutional Court Lawyer from 1990 to 1994.

Academic background

- Degree in Law, Universidad de Granada, 1981.
- Doctor of Law (with Special Academic Award), Universidad de Alcalá, 1986.

Teaching activity

As a Professor of Administrative Law, she has taught classes at the Faculties of Law of Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Universidad de Alcalá and Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha. She has lectured on Public Finance Law at the Faculty of Business Studies at Universidad de Alcalá, and on Audiovisual Media Law at the Faculty of Information Sciences at Universidad Complutense de Madrid. She currently lectures on Administrative Law on the Dual Degree in Law and Business Administration at Universidad de Alcalá.

Carmen is a regular speaker at Spanish and international seminars and congresses. She has spoken at numerous public and private institutions in Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, the Dominican Republic and Tunisia.

Memberships

Member of the Managing Board of the Spanish Committee for UNHCR.

Distinctions

Carmen has been recognized by the following legal directories:

- Chambers Europe: Eminent Practitioner
- Best Lawyers. Recognized since 2008 in the following categories:
  Administrative Law
  Communications Law
  Litigation
  Media Law
  Natural Resources Law
  Planning
  Public Finance Law

Publications

Carmen is author of the following books:

- “La radiotelevisión como servicio público esencial” (*Broadcasting as an Essential Public Service*). Tecnos, 1988.
- “La desviación de poder” (*The Misuse of Powers*). Civitas, 1989 (third edition 2004).

- “La tutela cautelar en la nueva justicia administrativa” (*Interim Protection in the New System of Administrative Justice*). Civitas, 1991.
- “Los Bienes patrimoniales del Estado” (*State Assets*). Marcial Pons, 2001.
- “Los Juegos Olímpicos” (*The Olympic Games*). Civitas 2009.
- “La Sociedad de Condueños complutenses. Crónica jurídica de un mecenazgo universitario” (*The Society of Joint Owners of Alcalá de Henares. A Legal Chronicle of University Patronage*). Aranzadi, 2020.

She has edited and coordinated the following collective works:

- “Honor, intimidad y propia imagen” (*Honor, Privacy and Personal Portrayal*). Cuadernos de Derecho Judicial. Consejo General del Poder Judicial, 1993.
- “Telecomunicaciones: estudios sobre dominio público y propiedad privada” (*Telecommunications: Studies on Public Domain and Private Property*). Marcial Pons, 2000.
- “Comentarios a la Ley 33/2003, del Patrimonio de las Administraciones públicas” (*Commentary on Law 33/2003 on Public Property*). Civitas, 2004.
- “Estudios sobre la Ley General de la Comunicación Audiovisual” (*Studies on the General Audiovisual Communication Law*). Aranzadi, 2011.

She has written around one hundred articles in Spanish and foreign legal journals, and has co-authored several collective works on administrative procedure, the judicial review jurisdiction, public contracts, public property, the Spanish Constitution, the Constitutional Court, etc.

Her writings on injunctive relief in the judicial review jurisdiction and on misuse of powers are key reference works in Spain and Latin America and have been cited in judgments and orders handed down by the courts in countries such as Panama and Argentina.