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Criminal Law and Internal Investigations

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Álvaro Mato is a principal associate in the Dispute Resolution: Litigation and Arbitration department at Garrigues, where he practices in the area of Criminal Law and Internal Investigations. He advises individuals and legal entities on criminal procedures. His main occupation in this area includes criminal litigation, extradition, internal investigations and compliance.

He represents the interests of companies and individuals, acting for the defense and for the prosecution in highly complex criminal matters, particularly those with a marked economic component and multi-jurisdictional nature. Álvaro has advised listed companies subject to FCPA provisions and supervision by the SEC. As a member of the internal investigations unit, he has led multiple cross-border investigations at multinational companies falling within the jurisdiction of the DOJ.

Álvaro Mato holds a Degree in Law and Business Administration from Universidad Nebrija in Madrid and an Executive Master's Degree in Business Law and Executive Programme in Corporate Compliance from Centro de Estudios Garrigues in collaboration with Harvard Law School.

## Experience

Álvaro Mato is a principal associate in the area of Criminal Law and Internal Investigations in the Dispute Resolution: Litigation and Arbitration department at Garrigues.

He specializes in offenses against honor and privacy, tax offenses, financial and corporate offenses, intellectual property offenses, market and consumer offenses (corruption in business and relating to competition), corruption in the public sector (bribery, influence peddling, misappropriation of public funds), environmental offenses, land planning and zoning offenses, forgery and misrepresentation, and offenses against workers' rights (occupational health and safety).

He has participated in numerous criminal proceedings involving the above offenses before the courts, bringing private prosecutions against and acting in defense of individuals and legal entities.

He has worked with a group of corporate compliance experts at the firm on the design, preparation and implementation of corporate compliance plans, programs and models (risk assessment, preparation of

criminal risk maps and control measures, development of criminal risk management systems, organizational models, codes of ethics and codes of professional conduct, internal policies, anti-corruption policies and manuals, ethics channels and whistle-blowing channels, internal investigations and disciplinary action systems).

Álvaro Mato is a member of the Madrid Bar Association.

## **Academic background**

- Degree in Law and Business Administration, Universidad Nebrija.
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