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Paula Uriarte Calvo is a senior associate in the Litigation Department at Garrigues, where she practices in the area of criminal litigation. Her main occupation is leading criminal proceedings related to crimes committed in the course of business activity, acting as both private prosecutor and defendant. In addition, she participates in the development and implementation of crime prevention programmes for legal persons, and collaborates as an external advisor in internal investigation processes. She holds a degree in Law and International Relations from Universidad Pontificia de Comillas (ICADE) and an Executive Master's Degree in Business Law from Centro de Estudios Garrigues, Business Law School. She is a regular teacher at Centro de Estudios Garrigues, Business Law School.

Experience

Paula Uriarte joined Garrigues in 2014 as a member of the Litigation Department in the criminal litigation area in the Madrid office.

Her professional activity is mainly focused on the following practice areas:

- Leading complex criminal proceedings, with extensive experience in crimes related to: economic and corporate, tax, against intellectual and industrial property, against the market and consumers (corruption between individuals and relating to competition), corruption in the public sector (bribery, influence peddling, embezzlement of public funds and corruption in international commercial transactions) and crimes against workers' rights, in particular those arising from occupational accidents with criminal implications. She has acted in courts and tribunals throughout Spain, with a particular focus on major proceedings at the National High Court, which, due to their technical and logistical complexity, are cases in which Garrigues' criminal practice has an undisputed leading position.
- She advises on extradition proceedings, European Arrest Warrants and INTERPOL red notices, international judicial assistance proceedings (enforcement of sentences, tracing and recovery of assets, letters rogatory, etc.).

- She has been collaborating in the preparation and updating of Crime Prevention Programmes for legal entities, having participated in the preparation and development of this type of model for a multitude of companies from very different sectors, including listed companies and companies belonging to the IBEX 35.
- She advises on internal investigation processes for companies.

She has taught on Master's Degree for Access to the Legal Profession + Luxury and Fashion Industry Specialty at Centro de Estudios Garrigues, Business and Law School. Since 2021, she has been collaborating with the ICADE School of Legal Practice on various pro-bono projects.

She is fluent in Spanish and English. Intermediate in German.

Member of the Madrid Bar Association.

Academic background

- Degree in Law and International Relations, Universidad Pontificia de Comillas (ICADE), Madrid.
- Erasmus at Georg August Universität, Göttingen, Alemania.
- Studies for public examination to the Judiciary and the State Prosecution Service (2010-2014).
- Executive Master's Degree in Business Law, Centro de Estudios Garrigues, Business and Law.
- Executive Masters's Degree in Criminal Corporate Compliance at Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid (ICAM).

Teaching activity

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