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Corporate and M&A

Luis Enrique Mata Palacios is a partner in the Corporate Law practice group of the Madrid office of Garrigues. He specialises in national and international mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital and general corporate law in various sectors, including, among others, financial services, energy and infrastructure.

Experience

Luis Enrique Mata Palacios is a partner in the Corporate Law practice group of the Madrid office of Garrigues, which he joined in 2014. He is specialized in commercial contracts, M&A, private equity and venture capital.

During his professional career, he has been involved in multiple M&A, private equity, venture capital, acquisition finance and project finance transactions, advising Spanish and international clients from a wide array of sectors, including, among others, financial services, energy, IT and infrastructure. In his practice, he also advises international and domestic funds and companies on multiple transactions and at different stages of the investment cycle. He has also relevant experience advising on private fund transactions.

As a result of his training in common law and international background (LL.M and member of the NY Bar Association), he has gained extensive experience advising MNEs and global financial groups in their investments and operations in Spain and abroad.

In September 2023, Luis Enrique began his secondment at the New York office of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, as a visiting lawyer, rejoining Garrigues in 2024. During this year his practice focused on M&A and private equity transactions.

Academic background

- Master of Laws (LL.M), from Columbia University School of Law (New York), graduating with honors (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar).

- Masters Degree in Commercial Law (*Especialización en Derecho Mercantil*), Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, graduating with honors (*Summa Cum Laude*).
- Degree in Law, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, graduating with honors (*Summa Cum Laude*).

Teaching activity

As of January 2019 he is an associate lecturer at IE Law School, teaching Commercial Law and Corporations II.

Memberships

Member of the Madrid, Caracas (Venezuela) and New York (USA) bar associations.

Distinctions

He has been recognized as a "key lawyer" by Legal 500.

Publications

- "*Comments to Article 5 of the Banking Law: Financial Intermediation*", published in Law Review Derecho y Sociedad No. 10, edited by Monteávila University(*)
- "*Nullity action against decisions of Shareholders Meetings*" published in Revista de la Escuela de Derecho de la Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (No. 67-70)(*)

(*) Originally published in Spanish. See Spanish version of CV for more details.