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Javier Urbano is a partner in the Corporate/Commercial Department at Garrigues, where he has spent his entire professional career. He specializes in mergers and acquisitions, private equity, corporate law and contractual advice. He has participated in a large number of major M&A and private equity transactions, having advised on complex sale and purchase transactions, investment agreements, divestments and joint ventures.

Among other fields, he is an expert in cross-border transactions and has acted as counsel for numerous multinationals operating in Spain. He also has expertise in M&A transactions within the technology sector. He has a law degree from Universidad Pontificia Comillas – ICADE and a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School. He has taught several courses on his areas of expertise, such as on the MBA program at ESADE, at Instituto de Empresa and at Asociación para el Progreso de la Dirección. Javier has spoken on a range of corporate law issues at the International Faculty for Executives (IFAES) and has contributed to various seminars relating to his areas of expertise.

Experience

Javier Urbano has been a partner in the Corporate/Commercial Department at Garrigues since 2001, having spent his professional career at the firm. Throughout his career, he has participated in numerous high-profile domestic and international corporate deals.

He has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, private equity, corporate law, and contractual advice. He is an expert, among other areas, in cross-border deals and has advised on complex corporate sale and purchase processes, investment agreements, joint ventures and restructuring processes. He regularly acts as counsel for international operators present in the Spanish market. Javier also has expertise in M&A transactions within the technology sector.

He has participated in major deals, such as:

- the acquisition by IBM of Bluetab and TGestiona and outsourcing
- the investment in and divestment from Educaedu by the private equity fund Great Hill Partners
- several M&A transactions of the Publicis Group in Spain
- strategic cooperation agreements between Legends Hospitality and Real Madrid, F.C.
- bancassurance alliances and joint venture agreements between Aegon and several Spanish financial entities
- the acquisition and merger by the private equity fund Change Capital Partners of the Master Cadena and Idea groups
- the sale of Tipsa to the Seur-La Poste
- the acquisition of Wiron by Williams Scotsman
- the acquisition of the Lex Nova Group by Thomson Reuters
- the sale of a majority holding in BQ to Vingroup
- the sale of Naviera Fernández Tapias SA to Teekay Shipping Corporation

He has a good command of Spanish, English and French.

Academic background

- Degree in Law, Universidad Pontificia de Comillas (ICADE).
- Master’s Degree in Law (LLM) Harvard Law School.

Teaching activity

Javier has taught courses on his areas of expertise, such as “Aspectos legales de las operaciones de Fusiones y Adquisiciones” (Legal Aspects of M&A Transactions) on the ESADE MBA course, “Cuestiones Avanzadas del Derecho de Sociedades” (Advanced Corporate Law Matters) on the Instituto de Empresa Master’s Degree in Business Law Advice, and on the “Derecho de Sociedades” (Corporate Law) course at Asociación para el Progreso de la Dirección. He has spoken on a range of corporate law issues at the International Faculty for Executives (IFAES) and has contributed to various seminars covering matters such as the cross-border merger of corporations.

Memberships

- Madrid Bar Association
- Harvard Club of Spain
- World Services Group, M&A and Private Equity
- Founding partner of La Franco Argentine, S.A.

Distinctions

Javier Urbano has been recognized by the following legal directories: Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, IFLR and Best Lawyers.

Publications

- “Cross border mergers. A Spanish perspective.” Corporate Counsel.
- “La Sociedad Cotizada. Transformación, fusión y escisión de sociedades cotizadas”.(Listed Companies. Re-registration, Merger and Spin-Off of Listed Companies). Marcial Pons, Coleccíon Garrigues.
- “Closely held corporations in Spain. The light vehicle competition”. European Company Law.
- “Medidas defensivas en ofertas públicas de adquisición de acciones con arreglo a Derecho español” (Defensive Measures in Tender Offers under Spanish Law). International Company and Commercial Law Review.