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Eduardo Santamaría is a partner in Garrigues' Dispute Resolution: Litigation and Arbitration department since 2013.

He specializes in complex civil and commercial disputes. His regular practice focuses on the venture capital, financial, insurance, gaming, sports, pharmaceutical and construction sectors. He has been involved in a significant number of international arbitrations (ICC Paris; CAS Lausanne, etc.) and national arbitrations (Spanish Court of Arbitration, Arbitration Court of the Madrid Chamber of Commerce, CIMA, Barcelona Court of Arbitration, etc.), as well as in significant cases before various international bodies for the resolution of associative disputes (FIFA, UEFA, UCI, etc.).

Eduardo has been recurrently highlighted by the main international legal directories: Legal 500 since 2017 ("Next Generation Partner", "Arbitration Powerlist"), Acritas ("Star Lawyer"), etc., having obtained the "Forty under 40" award from the Iberian Lawyer Magazine in 2015.

He is a member of the Litigation and Arbitration Committees of the International Bar Association ("IBA"), member of the Spanish Arbitration Club and member of the Madrid Bar Association since 2001.

Experience

Eduardo specialises in civil and commercial litigation, with more than 20 years' experience in complex disputes in contractual, non-contractual, corporate and partnership disputes.

He regularly practices in the venture capital, financial, insurance, gaming, sports, pharmaceutical and construction sectors.

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Academic background

- Law Degree, University of Valladolid (2000).
- Research collaborator in the Procedural Law Department of the University of Valladolid [Merit scholarship awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science (1998–2000)].

Teaching activity

He is a lecturer on the Master's Degree in Business Law at the University of Navarra.

He has also lectured on Litigation and Arbitration in many different Master's programmes and Universities, among others:

- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Master's Degree for Access to the Legal Profession);
- European University of Madrid (SBA);
- University of Valladolid (Law School);
- Garrigues Business and Law School (MBA in Sports Law).

Memberships

- Member of the Litigation Committee and Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association ("IBA").
- Member of the Spanish Arbitration Club.
- Member of the Madrid Bar Association.

Distinctions

He has been recurrently highlighted by the main international legal directories, among others:

- Highlighted by Legal 500 in the Dispute Resolution area (2017-2022) "Next Generation Partner", with the following recognitions from his clients: "brilliant", "excellent in strategy" and "very attentive to business needs and how to achieve them".
- Recognized in the "Arbitration Powerlist" 2023 for Iberia published by Legal 500.
- Highlighted as a "Star Lawyer" by Acritas since 2017, with the following accolades: "he is really excellent at handling disputes", "very high value added", "extreme in performance" and "very talented in his pleadings".
- "Forty under 40" award by Iberian Lawyer (2015), directory that highlights the forty best lawyers in Spain and Portugal under the age of forty.

Publications

- Author of various doctrinal articles published in specialised legal journals: "Action for annulment of awards in corporate matters: particular attention to the concept of public order", "Non-enforceability against third parties of registrable corporate acts not published in the Mercantile Registry Gazette" (Legal Review),

"Allegation of nullity of the TAS arbitration agreement included in the FIFA Statutes", "Non-existence of civil liability due to injury" (Journal of Sports law, Aranzadi Thomson Reuters), etc.

- Recurrent contributor for Spain to the World Bank's publication "Doing Business" ("Enforcing Contracts" and "Protecting Minority Investors" annual reports).
- Recurrent contributor for Spain to the international organization World Justice Project in its annual publication "Rule of law Index".