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Luis Ortiz Blanco is of counsel in Garrigues' EU and Competition Law department, and is specialized in advising and representing clients in administrative and legal proceedings before Spanish and European authorities and courts. His practice covers matters related to cartels, cooperation agreements between competing companies, distribution or agency agreements, abuse of a dominant position, merger control, State aid and free movement of goods, among others. The main professional directories recognize him as an outstanding specialist. Luis has a PhD in Law and has written some of the most recognized books in the European Union on procedure, transport (especially maritime) and market power.

Experience

Luis Ortiz Blanco was a partner and is currently of counsel in the EU and Competition Law department at Garrigues, a firm where he has developed his professional career after working for ten years (1987-1996) as a civil servant in the Directorate General for Competition of the European Commission, in Brussels.

Luis is specialized in European Union and competition law, and in particular in advising and representing clients in administrative and judicial proceedings before Spanish and European authorities and courts (European Commission, National Competition Commission, Commercial Courts, National Court, Supreme Court and Court of Justice of the European Union). He is the reference lawyer for a good number of multinational and Spanish companies in the field of European and Spanish competition law, and regularly intervenes in many of the most important procedures at a European level.

Luis' practice covers matters related to cartels, cooperation agreements between competing companies, distribution or agency agreements, abuse of a dominant position, merger control, state aid, free movement of goods and trade defense procedures.

Directories such as Chambers and Partners Global – The World's Leading Lawyers, Chambers Europe, Legal 500, Global Competition Review, Who's Who Legal, and PLC Which Lawyer recognize Luis as a leading specialist in Competition Law.

He is fluent in French, English and Spanish.

Academic background

- Graduate and PhD in Law and Graduate in Hispanic Philology from the Complutense University of Madrid.
- Visiting Researcher, Real Colegio Complutensem and Harvard Law School.

Memberships

Member of the Madrid Bar Association. Practicing since 1980.

Publications

Luis is the author of some of the most recognized books on European and Spanish competition law, including EU Competition Procedure (Fourth Edition), Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2021 (Editor); EU Regulation and Competition Rules in the Transport Sector (Second Edition), Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2016 (Editor); Market Power in EU Antitrust Law, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2012; Shipping Conferences under EC Antitrust Law, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2007; and Competition Law Manual, Tecnos editorial, Madrid, 2008.