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Experience

Lluís Esquerra is partner of Garrigues' Corporate law and Commercial Contracts practice in Barcelona. He has spent his entire professional career at the Firm following a spell at Arthur Andersen Asesores Legales y Tributarios, where he began his career in January 1988.

His legal work has encompassed many areas of business law, including corporate advisory services, mergers, acquisitions and business restructuring, commercial contracts, joint ventures and the securities market, both in Spain and abroad. He has also worked in the field of public companies and services, and has handled privatizations for various government agencies.

His main clients are from the financial services and utilities industries in general, for whom he has carried out numerous engagements in his areas of expertise, including the regulation of financial activities. In recent years, he has amassed considerable experience in matters relating to electronic money and payment services.

He also works in the life sciences sector and his clients include numerous chemical and pharmaceutical companies established in Cataluña. In light of his corporate law experience, he is head of the Garrigues Pharma team in Barcelona. He has extensive experience in domestic and international transactions in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries.

In recent years his domestic legal work has focused on CO2 emissions trading and carbon finance and he specializes in emissions trading transactions. He has provided legal advice on these matters to both public organizations and private companies, including carbon funds.

He regularly appears in the main international legal directories, such as Chambers&Partners, The Legal 500, Best Lawyers and IFLR1000, among others, in various practice areas.

Lluís is a member of the Barcelona Bar Association, sits on its Corporate Law Committee and is a member of the Expert Group on Corporate Law.

Academic background

Degree in Law, Universidad de Barcelona (1986).

Post-graduate studies in European Law, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona.

He received a scholarship from the Central Bank for training in financial matters in 1987.

Publications

Regular speaker and participant in numerous seminars and conferences held by the Firm and the Barcelona Bar Association. He has participated in forums such as the Grup d'Experts en Dret Mercantil at ICAB, IESE-Inforpress, Foro de la Jurisdicción

Mercantil, Club Español de la Energía, UNESA, CIDEM – ACC10, and Grup d'Experts en Canvi Climàtic de Catalunya, among others, and is in charge of organizing the Garrigues Legal and Garrigues Pharma forums in Barcelona.

His publications include articles related to financial regulations, the securities market and emissions trading.
