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EU and Antitrust Law

Susana Cabrera is the partner in charge of the EU & Antitrust practice.

She has extensive experience in all matters relating to antitrust law, such as merger control, investigations related to agreements and cartels, abuse of dominant position, compliance programs, and in providing all manner of strategic advice in numerous sectors, including the financial, energy, telecoms, pharmaceutical, transportation, entertainment, tobacco and retail, both in administrative proceedings before the Spanish and European antitrust authorities and in litigation before the Courts. She has participated in some of the highest-profile antitrust cases in Spain and worldwide and is routinely recognized as one of the leading experts in her areas of expertise by legal directories.

Susana has a degree in Law from Universidad Complutense and a Business degree from Universidad San Pablo CEU, Madrid. She holds an LL.M. from the College of Europe, Bruges (sponsored by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and the European Business Certificate from École Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur, Paris. She reads specialist seminars and lectures at several universities and forums, in Spain and abroad.

Experience

Susana Cabrera is the partner in charge of the EU & Antitrust practice.

She has over 25 years’ experience, having worked at Garrigues’ offices in Madrid and Nueva York (2012-2016), as well as a stint with a US firm in New York (2001-2002), both of which have enabled her to develop a truly international practice.

She has broad experience in all matters relating to EU and antitrust law across a range of sectors, including the financial, energy, telecoms, pharmaceutical, transportation, aviation, shipping, entertainment, logistics, distribution, tobacco and retail, both in administrative proceedings before the Spanish and European antitrust authorities and in litigation before the Courts. She has participated in and advised on several of the highest-profile antitrust cases in Spain and worldwide in the following areas:

- Merger control, both before the Spanish antitrust authorities and the European Commission, including the negotiation of commitments, with particular expertise in complex proceedings requiring imaginative solutions. She also has extensive experience in coordinating merger control processes in different jurisdictions worldwide, and particularly in Latin America, having participated in numerous engagements that required clearance in several jurisdictions, including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru or Uruguay.
- Antitrust investigations in relation to cartels, abuse of dominant position and other anti-competitive practices before the CNMC, regional competition authorities and the European Commission.
- On-site inspections in antitrust cases conducted by the CNMC, regional competition authorities and the European Commission.
- Advice on the design and implementation of compliance programs.
- Advice on, drafting and review of all types of contracts that may concern antitrust law, such as distribution agreements, business cooperation agreements, etc.
- Litigation before the Spanish and European Courts.

Susana speaks Spanish, English and French.

Academic background

- Master of Laws (LL.M.) in European Law, College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium).
- European Business Certificate, École Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur, Paris (France).
- Law Degree (majoring in Business Law), Universidad Complutense and Universidad San Pablo CEU, including study abroad at Universidad de Konstanz (Germany), under the Erasmus program.

Teaching activity

Susana has taught classes and lectured on EU and antitrust law at several universities, institutions and forums, both in Spain and abroad, including Instituto de Empresa, Universidad Complutense, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Instituto de Estudios Bursátiles, Centro de Estudios Garrigues, the Spanish Antitrust Association and several bar associations. She has also been a particularly active member of the International Law Section of the American Bar Association, participating in numerous international conferences and seminars on topical issues.

Memberships

- Member of the Madrid Bar Association.
- Member of the Spanish Antitrust Association.
- Member of the American Bar Association. She has actively participated in the International Law Section, holding leadership positions as Senior Advisor and Co-chair of the International Antitrust Law Committee, as well as forming part of its Publications Board and serving as liaison between the American Bar Association and the Consejo General del Poder Judicial (General Council of the Spanish Legal Profession).

Distinctions

- **Chambers & Partners** - Competition/European Law: Susana is recognized as a Band 1 professional and has been ranked the directory for 17 years. In feedback from the latest edition of the ranking, clients state that “She has a good balance between legal knowledge and technical abilities; in addition to that, she understands the client's needs.”
- **Legal 500** - recognized as a Leading Individual in EU and Competition: "with over 20 years of experience, Susana Cabrera has a proven track record in handling cartel and abuse of dominant position investigations, as well as complex merger control proceedings.”
- **Who’s Who Legal** - recognized as a Thought Leader in Competition: “Susana Cabrera Zaragoza stands out in the market thanks to her impressive track record on mergers, abuse of dominance and cartel investigations”.
- **Global Competition Review** - Competition: recognized as an elite lawyer, along with the rest of the team, in the latest editions of the ranking.
- **Best Lawyers** - recognized in the area of Competition / Antitrust Law.

Other recent awards/recognition:

- Recognized as a leading antitrust lawyer in the list of the worldwide Top 100 Women in Antitrust, by Global Competition Review.
- W@Competition. Featured in the Five-Star Women Competition Professionals Survey (Iberia).

Publications

Susana has authored several articles in journals and specialist media, including:

Co-author with Ferrer, E. of “Aspectos procedimentales y prácticos en relación con las fusiones y adquisiciones de empresas sometidas al control de concentraciones” (Procedural and practical aspects of mergers and acquisitions of companies subject to merger controls) in “Manual de Fusiones y adquisiciones de empresas”, published by La Ley-Wolters Kluwer.

Co-author with Escudero, A. of “La aplicación del artículo 3 de la Ley de Defensa de la Competencia ¿La reactivación del ilícito?” (Application of article 3 of the Antitrust Law. Revival of the offense?), in Anuario de la Competencia, no. 1.

Co-author with Ortiz Blanco, L. and Sopeña V. of “Las normas de competencia comunitarias en el transporte” (Rules on Community competence in the area of transport) in BENEYTO PEREZ, J.M., Tratado de Derecho de la Competencia.