

Ignacio Díez-Picazo

Managing Partner

Ignacio Díez-Picazo has a wide experience in complex civil and commercial litigation as well as in domestic and international arbitration. He also profits from a wide experience in pre-contentious negotiation. He is a renowned arbitrator and has also developed an intense practice issuing legal opinions on private and procedural law matters.

He has advised and acted on behalf of some of the Spanish leading corporations in the finance, energy, construction and civil engineering, media and retail sectors.

He is Chair Professor of Procedural Law at the Complutense University of Madrid; former Legal Counsellor of the Spanish Constitutional Court; Member of the Fifth Section on Procedural Law of the General Commission of Codification of the Ministry of Justice; Member of the Procedural Section at the Spanish Royal Academy of Legislation and Jurisprudence, the International Association of Procedural Law, the Iberoamerican Institute of Procedural Law, the *Club Español del Arbitraje* (CEA) and the Academic Counsel of FIDE (Foundation for the Investigation of Law and Businesses).

He has authored and co-authored numerous publications on Procedural Law, such as *Civil Procedural Law Course* and *Commentary on the Spanish Civil Procedural Rules*. He is also member of the editorial boards of various prestigious periodical legal publications.

He presided the Special Section of the General Commission of Codification of the Ministry of Justice for the reform of the Spanish Criminal Procedural Rules that drafted the Bill to reform the fast-track criminal proceedings as well as the pre-trial imprisonment. He was also Member of the Special Section that drafted the Bill of the new Spanish Arbitration Act. He has also been a Member of the Special Sections in charge of transposing the EU Directive on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions of the Member States and of the European Union, and the EU Directive on the protection of trade secrets against their unlawful acquisition, use and disclosure.



Professional experience:

Herbert Smith. Madrid. Litigation and Arbitration Partner (2009-2011)

Linklaters. Madrid. Director of Litigation and Arbitration (2003-2008)

Legal counsellor. Legal reports and opinions. Arbitrator (1996-2003)

Legal counsellor of the Spanish Constitutional Court (1992-1993). Permanent Member of the body of legal counsellors of the Spanish Constitutional Court (currently on leave)

Chair Professor of Procedural Law at the University Complutense of Madrid (since 2002), at the University San Pablo CEU (1996-2002) and the University of Extremadura (1995-1996). Professor of Procedural Law at the University Complutense of Madrid (1991-1995) and at the University of Extremadura (1990-1991)

Education:

LL.B by the University Complutense of Madrid (1986)

Ph.D in Law (*summa cum laude*) at the University of Bolonia Faculty of Law (1989)

Languages: English and Italian

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