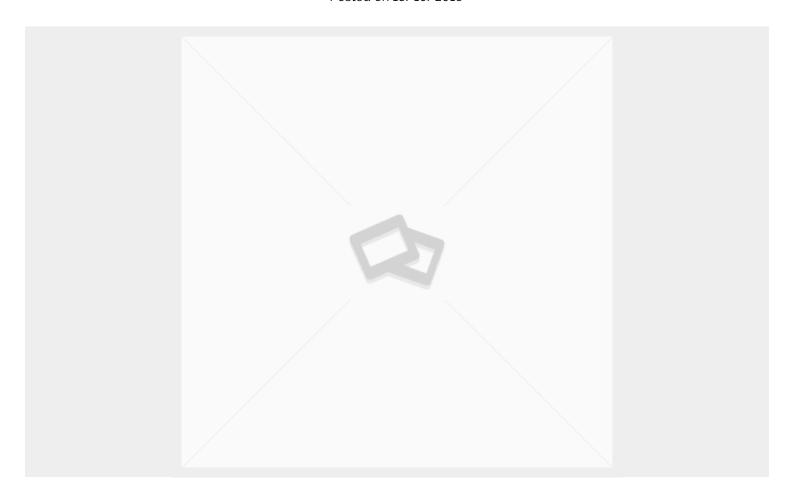
## **ALLEN & OVERY RECRUITS CMS LITIGATION PARTNER**

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## Allen & Overy's Madrid office has recruited CMS Albiñana & Suárez de Lezo litigation and arbitration partner Javier Mendieta.

Mendieta was a partner at CMS for five years.

His expertise includes defending international and domestic clients in civil, contractual and corporate disputes, as well as in real estate and construction cases.

Mendieta also has experience handling liability claims relating to investments in the financial sector and stock market, as well as having a reputation for handling unfair competition and antitrust matters, antitrust damages claims, distributorship and agency contracts, and pre-insolvency matters.

Antonio Vázquez-Guillén, co-managing partner of the firm's Madrid office, said: "The addition of Javier is in line with our current growth strategy in Spain and aims to strengthen the litigation practice and consolidate it as one of the leaders in the market."