

# ASHURST HIRES PILAR LLUESMA AS COUNSEL OF FINANCIAL REGULATORY LAW

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Ashurst has hired **Pilar Llesma** (pictured), until now counsel at Uria Menéndez, to lead the firm's financial regulatory law practice. The lawyer, who will join her new organisation in december, will also hold the rank of counsel at the firm headed by **Jorge Vázquez**.

Ashurst's new counsel holds a degree in law from the University of Valencia and a diploma in Advanced European Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges. After starting her professional career at Uria Menéndez in 1995, three years later she joined Ramón y Cajal Abogados, where she remained until 2005, when she joined Linklaters. After a brief stint at another firm, he had a new period at Uria between 2011 and 2015, when he joined Inverco's legal department, before returning to the firm in 2018 as counsel.

With more than 20 years of experience, Llesma focuses her professional practice on financial and securities market law, with a strong focus on financial regulation, as well as advising on matters related to collective investment schemes.

"I am very excited about the opportunity Ashurst has given me to lead this new financial regulation team. From here, with the support of the whole firm, we will be able to provide a great service to the industry. It is, without a doubt, a privilege to be part of the Ashurst project, an organisation that is based on extraordinary work and that focuses on the client and their needs," said Llesma.