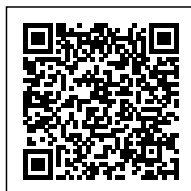


DLA TO RECRUIT FORMER A&O SPAIN MANAGING PARTNER

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DLA Piper is recruiting former Allen & Overy Spain managing partner Iñigo Gómez-Jordana, according to market sources.

Gómez-Jordana is recognised as an expert in capital markets transactions, including debt and equity, as well as corporate finance deals, particularly in the area of cross-border mergers & acquisitions.

He joined Allen & Overy in Madrid in 2001, following a period spent at Clifford Chance in London.

Earlier this year, Gómez-Jordana was replaced as Allen & Overy Spain managing partner by Andrew Clark, though Gómez-Jordana remained with the firm.

A market insider told Iberian Lawyer that Gómez-Jordana's was set to join DLA, though a DLA Piper spokeswoman declined to comment.

DLA Piper's Spain managing partner is Pilar Menor, who assumed the role last year.

Recent data published by Mergermarket showed that DLA Piper advised on Iberian M&A deals with a total value of \$12.2 billion in the first half of 2014, a six-fold increase on the same period last year. Most notable was DLA's role advising Vodafone on the €7.2 billion acquisition of Ono.

"Gómez-Jordana's portfolio of IBEX 35 clients will enable DLA to further build on this reputation for acting on higher profile deals," said one market source.