

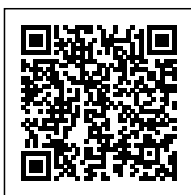
# EUGENIO RIBÓN, NEW DEAN OF THE MADRID BAR ASSOCIATION

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The Madrid Bar Association has elected **Eugenio Ribón** (pictured) as its highest representative for the next five years. The new dean received nearly 3,700 votes, 30% more than his immediate competitor, **Juan Gonzalo Ospina**, and twice as many as the third candidate.

With this election, Ribón becomes the successor of **José María Alonso** and will be the dean of the largest bar association in Europe, with around 75,000 members.

One of the commitments assumed by the new dean is the plan cuota 0. This is a virtual wallet where the payment of the collegiate fee will be charged and, through it, the members will be able to access services such as training courses or use of the Espacio Abogacía.

In relation to the payment of fees, the candidacy led by Ribón and **Isabel Wilkens** is committed to completely abolish the ICAM access fee for lawyers who join the ICAM within six months of passing the bar exam.

In addition, if the parents of the newly admitted lawyers have already been members of ICAM, the young person will be exempt from paying the fee.

Another initiative for recent graduates is that Compromiso Abogacía will reduce the price of training courses by 80%, offering them a 300 euro voucher for this and a 150 euro voucher for the use of Espacio Abogacía.

Also, in the case of refusal of suspensions due to maternity, paternity or illness of the lawyer, ICAM Lawyers' Defence will appear in court and will take whatever action is necessary to protect the lawyer.

"I would like to express my gratitude to all the members who have placed their trust in us with their vote, and who have opted for a solvent, responsibly managed, useful and innovative Bar Association at the service of the legal profession and society. And for an inclusive list that represents all sectors of the Madrid Bar", said the new dean.