EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND HIRES RAFAEL GIL NIEVAS

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Eversheds Sutherland has hired **Rafael Gil Nievas** - deputy head of the International Arbitration Department of the General Attorney's Office, Department of Justice of the Kingdom of Spain - to strengthen the Litigation and Arbitration department of the firm's Spanish office.

"Gil Nievas' extensive and recognised track record, as well as his highly specialised and comprehensive knowledge of the highly complex world of international arbitration will enable Eversheds Sutherland to form one of the most solid teams in international and investment arbitration in Spain. His arrival at our firm will provide us with new support in various areas and, above all, will further strengthen our arbitration practice, where we expect to see a significant amount of activity in the near future", said Eversheds Sutherland's managing partner in Spain **Jacobo Martínez.**

The profile

He has more than 20 years of legal professional experience. He has the Madrid and NY Bar certifications and is graduated with honors by Columbia Law School (Harlan Fiske Stone academic honors) and by Universidad Complutense de Madrid and he is also a diplomat by Harvard Law School in Negotiation, Mediation and Controversies Resolution. Before joining the Spain's Arbitration team, Rafael has been in private practice for years where he has also represented corporations in

many commercial and investment disputes. He has lived in different countries where he has been chief legal officer of a multinational and legal director in one of the largest electricity companies in the world. He has also been Counselor of Justice in the EU where he participated in the negotiation of the Lisbon Treaty, investment treaties or many regulations such as the Rome I, Rome II and Company Law and Financial Regulations. Rafael was appointed chair of the EU Civil Law Committee and of the special group created by the Council of the EU to assess the legal respects of the Financial and Economic crisis. He has participated in many international negotiations being Spain's representative in the Hague Conference of International Law. Currently he is a Spain's delegate for the ICSID and Energy Charter Treaty modernization efforts. Rafael is serving and has served as director in the Board of several corporations.

Picture: from left to right: Antonio Bravo, partner in Eversheds Sutherland's Litigation and Arbitration practice, Rafael Gil Nievas and Jacobo Martínez, managing partner of the firm in Spain.