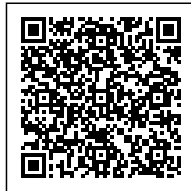


GARRIGUES APPOINTS FRANCISCO SOLER NEW PARTNER IN CHARGE OF EASTERN SPAIN OFFICES

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Garrigues has appointed Francisco Soler as new partner in charge of Valencia Community and

Murcia firm's offices replacing José Luis Martínez Navarrete, who has held the position since 2007



Francisco Soler (pictured) joined the firm in 1996. In 2005, he set up the Garrigues office in Shanghai, where he carried out his professional activity until 2011. Since then, he has been a partner in the Commercial Law Department in Valencia, where he was appointed head of the department in 2015. He specialises in M&A transactions, foreign investment, corporate law and commercial contracts. He has a degree in Law, Economics and Business Studies from the University of Valencia, a degree in Political Science from the UNED and a Master's degree in European Law from the Sorbonne University. He is currently a Law associate

lecturer at the Catholic University of Valencia.

José Luis Martínez Navarrete has a degree in Economics from the University of Valencia and a Master's degree in Taxation from ADEIT. He joined Garrigues in 1984, and since then has developed his professional career in the Tax Law Department of the Valencia office. In 1994 he was appointed a fee partner and in 2007, partner in charge of the area. During his years as head of the office, the firm has expanded strongly and consolidated its leadership. José Luis Martínez Navarrete will continue to develop his professional activity in the field of group reorganisations, mergers and acquisitions and family business, in which he is a recognised specialist. He is also a member of the Economists and Auditors Registry.