

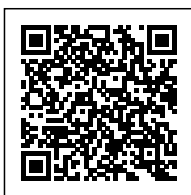
# GONZÁLEZ FRANCO HIRES JAVIER MELERO AS A NEW PARTNER

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González Franco Abogados has hired **Javier Melero** (pictured) as the firm's new partner in Barcelona.

Melero holds a degree in history and law from the University of Barcelona and has taught criminal law at the Pompeu Fabra University and also in various university master's degrees.

Previously, he developed his professional career as a partner at Cuatrecasas and until now he has run his own firm, Melero & Gené, where he has been in charge of the defence of two former presidents of the Generalitat de Catalunya, as well as the former ministers of the Interior and Interior of the Catalan Government in the so-called Procés trial.

In addition, Melero has defended the heads of KIO in Spain against the Emirate of Kuwait, senior officials of the tax agency in Catalonia and elite athletes.