

IBERIAN LAWYER HELD INSPIRALAW 2021 GALA NIGHT

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Iberian Lawyer held last night its InspiraLaw Diversity & Inclusion gala night 2021, which counted on outstanding participation from the Legal market of Spain and Portugal



The 50 women from the Spanish and Portuguese Legal market that were recognised on our April issue were publicly awarded during the [gala night](#) that was held at the recently opened Four Seasons luxury hotel next to Madrid's Puerta del Sol.

Once again this year, Iberian Lawyer wished to recognise the important work carried out by the top women lawyers in the Iberian Peninsula, both in law firms and in-house. The list presents, in this 2021 edition, 50 women from Spain and Portugal whose work promotes the role of women in the Legal sector and in our society in general. For this list, Iberian Lawyer took into account their recognised specialisation in their respective practice areas, their academic work and their active membership of associations and organisations that work to promote equality and diversity in the Legal sector. In addition, their careers in decision-making positions within the firms or companies and the

assessment made of them by other colleagues as inspiring women have also been valued. Some of them are already veterans, and others appear for the first time in this ranking, which only aims to contribute to the great daily work that all these and many other women in the Legal sector carry out.

The day started with the round table titled: "Gender Gap, has anything changed?", moderated by Iberian Lawyer chief editor Desiré Vidal, that counted on the participation of Clara Cerdán Molina, general counsel and secretary of the Board of Directors at Grupo FerroAtlántica (Ferroglobe), Rita Gouveia, CMS Portugal partner, Teresa Méndez Flórez, Allen & Overy counsel, Rita Samoreno Gomes, PLMJ partner and member of the Board of Directors, Leonor Sampaio Santos, general counsel at José de Mello Capital and Sagrario Fernández, general counsel at Grupo DIA. The participants debated for an hour about several interesting topics around this matter; gender and education, quotas: quid juris, the causes of unequal career advancements or women leadership in the Legal sector.

The awards ceremony started around 8 pm, with Aldo Scaringella, LC Publishing Group and Michael Heron, Iberian Lawyer Portugal editor as presenters. After this, a fantastic dinner was served by the Four Seasons.

"Life always starts from women. InspiraLAW is the event for the re-birth of our Legal community, starting from women again. As always throughout human history. That's why I'm really honoured and particularly pleased to be here with you tonight. Thanks to all the women for what they do professionally and personally," declared Aldo Scaringella, owner and director of Iberian Legal Group and LC Publishing Group.

Thirteen prestigious law firms from Spain and Portugal supported the 2021 InspiraLAW gala: Abreu Advogados, Allen & Overy, Ambar Partners, CMS, Dentons, Garrigues, Miranda & Associados, Morais Leitão, Pérez-Llorca, Pinsent Masons, PLMJ, VdA Vieira de Almeida and Watson Farley & Williams. Católica | Faculdade de Direito (Escola de Lisboa) and Universidad Pontificia Comillas were supporters as well.

You can find the list of the 2021 InspiraLAW women [here](#).