## **NEW COUNTRY HEAD AT SIMMONS & SIMMONS SPAIN**

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Simmons & Simmons has confirmed Eduardo Peñacoba (pictured left) as the new county head for its Spanish office. The partner, who was already directing the Labour practice, relieves Andrés Mochales of the position.

Peñacoba joined the firm as partner in 2013 and since then has been in charge of the Labour practice. He previously practiced as a Labour lawyer in other international firms, working in the offices of Barcelona, Chicago and Palo Alto.

The newly appointed country head declared after his appointment: "Together with the rest of the partners in the Madrid office, I face this new stage with great enthusiasm and commitment. I will not miss the opportunity to consolidate the Simmons project in Spain and I will seek growth through a commitment to talent and innovation in line with the Simmons & Simmons strategy. I especially appreciate the example and good work of Andrés Mochales and his management at the head of the office."

For his part, Andrés Mochales leaves the post after 15 years directing the firm in Spain, although he will remain linked to the firm: "I am proud to have seen Simmons & Simmons grow in our country. It is time to give way to a person with such a good vision of the future as Eduardo Peñacoba. I am sure that under him the firm will continue to be successful, and clients will be able to continue to count on Simmons as before."

Along with this change in the direction of the office, there is another at the practice level: Santiago Hurtado (pictured right), currently responsible for Restructuring and Insolvency, has also been appointed national head of the Litigation and Arbitration practice, replacing Andrés Mochales. Hurtado, a State lawyer on leave of absence, joined as a partner in 2020 after almost ten years in the private sector, after having held the positions of head of the Ministry of the Presidency and technical secretary general of the Ministry of Justice.