

NEXT ABOGADOS INCORPORATES NEW OF COUNSEL

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Next Abogados announces the incorporation of **Elisa Alcabes Schwartz** as of counsel. The firm led by **Rafael Núñez Blázquez** seeks to consolidate and maintain its trend of growth and expansion of recent years, especially in real estate and tax practice, as well as in the commitment to new legal services related to digital law and cybersecurity.

A dual citizen of the United States and Spain, Alcabes holds a law degree from Columbia Law School and has more than 30 years of experience practicing law at Simpson Thacher, a top-tier New York law firm with offices around the world.

Alcabes' practice has focused on complex litigation and arbitration representing prominent domestic and multinational companies, specializing in commercial insurance coverage, directors' and employees' insurance, bankruptcy and mass tort liability. In addition, she is co-editor of a three-volume legal treatise on insurance coverage litigation, widely used by lawyers and judges in the United States.

After finishing her professional career at Simpson Thacher, she founded Alcabes Law, a personal law firm from which she advises on litigation, claims and transactional matters and collaborates with foreign lawyers studying the feasibility of legal actions in the United States. She created ESL for Lawyers, a coaching and consulting service for lawyers around the world who speak English as a first language.

At Next Abogados, Alcabes will be in charge of representing clients in the United States and advising in Spain in her areas of expertise such as insurance law, civil liability and corporate advice, especially multinationals.

Rafael Núñez Blázquez, managing partner of Next Abogados, welcomes her arrival to the firm: "Elisa Alcabes is an excellent lawyer with many years of professional experience in New York and will support NEXT Abogados' work with U.S. clients or Spanish clients with interests in the United States. Likewise, her professional practice in the insurance and large tort class action sector will serve as training for lawyers in Spain, with the objective of developing and perfecting our practices in the procedural area."

"As a dual U.S. and Spanish citizen, I am able to combine my skills as a native English-speaking U.S. attorney with a deep connection to Spain to offer the firm and its clients a unique perspective on cross-border matters", says Alcabes upon joining.