

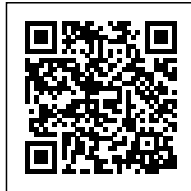
SIMMONS & SIMMONS HIRES JUAN CALVENTE

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According to press rumors confirmed to Iberian Lawyer by the law firm, Simmons & Simmons will hire **Juan Calvente** (pictured).

Until now Calvente has been for the last 26 years head of labour group at Clifford Chance, where he spent almost 30 years of experience in the labour and employment area. He will join Simmons & Simmons on October 3 and will work in the "Magic circle" law firm until September 30.

A graduate in Law and Sociology from the Complutense University of Madrid, Calvente has extensive experience in advising large companies on all types of labour-related matters, such as renegotiations of collective bargaining agreements or corporate transactions, among others.

In 1987 he joined the Cuerpo Superior de Inspectores de Trabajo y Seguridad Social and just five years later, in 1992, he was appointed head of the Inspección de Trabajo in Toledo. Two years later, the lawyer was promoted to technical advisor to the director general of the Inspección de Trabajo, a position he held until April 1996, when he joined Clifford as counsel to lead the labour practice.

Currently, Calvente is, in addition to being a lawyer, a lecturer at Centro de Estudios Garrigues, where he teaches on the Master's Degree in Employment Law. He also participates in various programmes at the Centro de Estudios Financieros and is a regular lecturer and author of several monographs and doctrinal articles in various publications specialising in labour matters. The now counsel at Simmons & Simmons also acts as a mediator for the Servicio Interconfederal de Mediación y Arbitraje (SIMA). He is a member of the European Employment Lawyers Association (EELA) and is a founding member of the Spanish Foro Español de Laboristas (Forelab).