

SPANISH LAWYER SALOMÉ CISNAL DE UGARTE APPOINTED NEW K&S BRUSSELS PARTNER

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US law firm King & Spalding has hired Spanish Competition Law expert Salomé Cisnal de Ugarte,

from Hogan Lovells, to launch Competition practice in Brussels



Between 2018-2020, Cisnal de Ugarte (pictured) was the managing partner of Hogan Lovells Brussels office. She most recently worked as a Hogan Lovells Antitrust and Competition practice partner. She has also worked for other US law firms in Brussels, such as Crowell & Moring, Mayer Brown, and UK Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. She now joins Brussels King & Spalding office as a partner.

Salomé focuses on providing strategic and Legal advice to companies and investors in complex Competition matters, with particular emphasis on merger control (M&A, Joint Ventures and Private Equity transactions) and global investigations (cartels, vertical agreements, sector inquiries). She also advises on State aid and assists in court or arbitration proceedings. Her experience includes work for European, US and Asian clients and covers a number of sectors, such as hi-tech, energy, life sciences, financial services, and automotive. She focuses on the Competition issues relating to the digital and sustainable economy. Salomé is admitted to practice in Belgium and Spain, and she is recognised by the main international directories as a leader in Competition Law.

She was also, for 22 years, an EU Competition Law associate professor at IE Law School. She speaks five languages and also holds a Master's degree from Harvard Law School, a PhD in Law from the European University Institute in Florence and was a Fulbright scholar.

Other roles include:

- Elected director, Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) Board of Directors;
- Member of Harvard in Tech and Harvard Entrepreneurs;
- Aspen España fellow;
- Past appointed director for Europe, HAA Board of Directors;
- Past president of the Harvard Club of Belgium;
- Past vice-chair of AmCham EU Board of Directors;
- Past vice-chair of AmCham EU Competition Committee.

Daniel Crosby, King & Spalding office managing partner in Brussels, said: "Salomé represents another significant expansion for our Brussels team and demonstrates King & Spalding's commitment to growing the office in those areas of law that are vital for our clients."