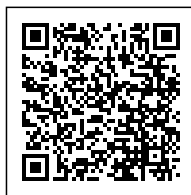


URÍA HAS THREE OF TOP 10 M&A LAWYERS IN SPAIN, NEW RANKING SHOWS

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A new ranking of leading M&A lawyers in Spain includes three Uría Menéndez partners in the top ten.

The ranking – compiled by TTR (Transactional Track Record) and published in *Expansión* – placed Uría managing partner Luis de Carlos Bertrán as the number one M&A lawyer in Spain having advised on transactions totaling almost €15 billion in 2014.

Baker & McKenzie partner Enrique Carretero was ranked second having advised on deals totaling €12.5 billion, while Linklaters' José Giménez was ranked third (€11.9 billion).

Uría's Jaime de San Román (€10.9 billion) was placed fourth, Garrigues' Luis Manuel Viñuales (€10.8 billion) was in fifth position, while Javier Fernández Cuenca of Pérez-Llorca (€10.6 billion) was

ranked sixth.

Uría partner Víctor Viana (€9.9 billion) was in seventh position, DLA Piper's Juan Picón (€9.1 billion) was eighth, Jaime Velázquez of Clifford Chance (€8.8 billion) was ranked ninth and Pérez-Llorca's Julio Lujambio (€8.7 billion) was in tenth place.

An additional TTR ranking of M&A lawyers by number of deals placed U&Law's Pablo Casado Bueno and Gonzalo María De Ulloa Lapetra in first and second place with 18 and 17 deals respectively.

Clifford Chance's Javier Amantegui (13 deals) was placed third, Ignacio Gómez-Sancha of DLA Piper (12 deals) was ranked fourth, while Clifford Chance's Carlos Portocarrero de las Heras (11 deals) was in fifth position.