

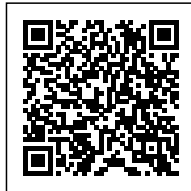
WFW APPOINTS JAVIER ESTER AS NEW PARTNER IN SPAIN

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Watson Farley & Williams has appointed **Javier Ester** (pictured) as partner of the law firm in Spain. Ester is one of eight partners that the firm has promoted worldwide. Following this appointment, he will become a partner in the corporate department in Madrid.

Ester has experience in commercial transactions, especially in m&a and private equity transactions, as well as in corporate restructuring. He has advised Spanish and international investment funds and companies on transactions in the energy sector, with a particular focus on brownfield and greenfield renewable assets, including structuring, development, project and portfolio acquisitions, project contracts - PPAs, EPCs, O&Ms, etc. - and joint ventures. He also advises on infrastructure, industrial and services projects, both in Spain and internationally.

The new WFW partner, who joined the firm in 2014, holds a Law degree from the "Universidad Complutense de Madrid" and a Master in Derecho de la Energía at the Instituto Superior de la Energía y Repsol.

Following Ester's appointment, WFW now has 11 partners in Spain.

María Pilar García Guijarro, managing partner of the Madrid office, comments that "we are very proud and grateful for Javier's appointment, which is undoubtedly a recognition of his great contribution to WFW and his excellent service to his clients. This appointment also represents a commitment to the promotion of our lawyers both nationally and internationally and is a further demonstration of the importance of Spain for the firm".

Javier Ester affirms that "I am very grateful to the firm for the trust placed in me and I face this new stage with great enthusiasm and desire to continue contributing to a great project that I have seen

grow, surrounded by the magnificent team that makes up the WFW office in Spain".