

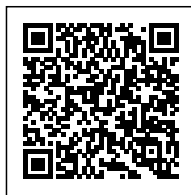
WFW APPOINTS NEW PARTNER FOR THE LITIGATION AREA

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Watson Farley & Williams (WFW) has appointed **Víctor Mercedes** (pictured) as the new partner in charge of the litigation practice.

He previously worked at Baker McKenzie, where he was managing partner of the litigation, economic criminal, arbitration and insolvency practice in Barcelona. He also spent six years as a state lawyer, during which time he represented the state administration in more than 2,000 legal proceedings.

Víctor Mercedes studied law at the Univesitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona and currently advises on civil, commercial, bankruptcy and insolvency litigation, national and international arbitration, economic criminal law and regulatory compliance.

He also has years of experience in investment disputes, especially in Spain and Latin America and has advised and represented companies and executives in economic criminal matters in multi-jurisdictional matters and in highly complex proceedings.

Through this incorporation, WFW seeks to continue developing its strategic plan for the spanish office, which involves growth not only in the already consolidated areas, but also in the launch of new ones.