

WINNERS OF IBERIAN LAWYER 2020 FORTY UNDER 40 AWARDS ANNOUNCED

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The winners of the Iberian Lawyer 2020 Forty under 40 awards were announced at the ceremony gala held this evening at the Intercontinental hotel in Lisbon

The award ceremony gathered numerous representatives of prestigious law firms of Spain and Portugal to recognise the most promising young lawyers and teams in the Iberian market. The awards recognise the achievements of the top 40 lawyers and teams under 40 years of age.

On this year's edition, Aldo Scaringella, managing director of Iberian Legal Group and founder of LC Publishing Group, said: "We want the Forty under 40 Awards to continue to be a remarkable date on the calendar of lawyers in Spain and Portugal and, with this objective, we will continue to be committed to consolidating the position of these Awards as the highest recognition for young people within the legal sector in the Iberian Peninsula. These young people are the ones who will lead the legal profession in the future and deserve to be recognised for their work and dedication in their respective practices."

To see photos from the event click [here](#).

The **winners** are as follows:

Lawyer of the Year M&A

Javier Gómez - Pérez-Llorca

Partner since 2018, his main areas of expertise are public and private M&A. He is among the leaders of one of the teams that dominate the market and that is constantly involved in large, cross-border deals.

Team of the Year M&A

PLMJ

With more than three-quarters of its lawyers under 40, the team is consistently involved in the largest, most high-profile and most complex M&A transactions in Portugal and Portuguese-speaking countries.

Lawyer of the Year Capital Markets

Juan María Lamo – Linklaters

With a wide experience in all types of Capital Markets transactions, the professional is a recognised expert in the legal sector. A market source says: "His main skills concern securitisation transactions."

Team of the Year Capital Markets

VdA

With more than 80 per cent of its lawyers under 40, including two partners, the team acted as legal advisor on the first issuance of senior non-preferred debt in Portuguese Capital Markets, a milestone in the country's sector.

Lawyer of the Year Banking & Finance

Carlos Pérez Dávila - Pérez-Llorca

Partner of the firm, Carlos has been active in the Finance sector, having advised the most important clients of the financial and non-financial market.

Team of the Year Banking & Finance

Allen & Overy

With more than 80 per cent of its lawyers under 40, the team has acted for both lenders and borrowers on key transactions in Spain, having recently advised major banks and funds.

Lawyer of the Year Private Equity

José Costa Pinto - Costa Pinto Advogados

Founding partner of the firm, José is an experienced Corporate and Commercial lawyer with strong business acumen. He was president of ANJAP, the larger independent association of young Portuguese lawyers.

Team of the Year Private Equity

Pérez-Llorca

The team is made up of talented lawyers involved in the Private Equity largest transactions in Spain. Their clients include public and private companies from all industries, Spanish and international Private Equity funds, infrastructure funds and professional investors.

Lawyer of the Year Litigation

José Carlos Velasco Sánchez – Fuster-Fabra Abogados

Partner of the firm, José Carlos leads the Civil and Criminal Litigation Law department. He has always had fluid and continuous contact with the clients, with participation in the strategy.

Team of the Year Litigation

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With three-quarters of its lawyers under 40, the team has a remarkable experience in Litigation cases with outstanding success. They defend the interests of clients of different profiles.

Lawyer of the Year Arbitration

Fernando Bedoya - Pérez-Llorca

An active member of the Spanish Arbitration Club, Fernando has taken part in numerous commercial and investment arbitrations both as a lawyer and an arbitrator, for the most prestigious Spanish and international arbitration institutions.

Team of the Year Arbitration

VdA

Seventy per cent of the team is composed of lawyers under 40. During the research period, they were involved in both national and international arbitrations, demonstrating a 360° knowledge of the practice.

Lawyer of the Year Energy

Joana Alves de Abreu - Morais Leitão

Joana has participated in several relevant transactions in the Energy sector. She was also a guest lecturer at Nova University Law School to discuss renewable energy in Portugal and to teach a class on climate change and energy.

Team of the Year Energy

VdA

With 65 per cent of its lawyers under 40, the team has participated in the most relevant transactions in the Energy sector, including Project Finance that also involved the African market and the innovative green bonds.

Lawyer of the Year Infrastructure & Construction

Mafalda Ferreira - DLA Piper ABBC

Head of Public Law and Projects Team, Mafalda advised on one of the most important deals of the sector, related to the sale of a controlling stake of the largest motorway operator in Portugal.

Team of the Year Infrastructure & Construction

Pinsent Masons

With many already renowned young lawyers, the team is constantly growing, advising the most important clients on the most strategical national and international deals in the Infrastructure sector.

Lawyer of the Year Insolvency & Restructuring

Ricardo Silva Pereira Ricardo – Linklaters

Ricardo has assisted many important clients such as companies, Insolvency practitioners and creditors in distressed situations, in relevant deals of the sector.

Team of the Year Insolvency & Restructuring

Allen & Overy

With more than 80 per cent of its lawyers under 40, the team has distinguished itself by playing an important role in the most complex transactions affecting the future of the companies and in the Covid-19 situation.

Lawyer of the Year Real Estate

Renata Silva Alves - Abreu Advogados

Associated partner of the team, during the research period Renata has worked on many relevant acquisitions in the Real Estate sector, as the one of a plot of land for the construction and development of an important tourism project.

Team of the Year Real Estate

Uría Menéndez - Proença de Carvalho

With three-quarters of its lawyers under 40, including two out of three partners, the team has accomplished one of the Real Estate “deals of the year”. It involved prime retail assets located both in Portugal and Spain, in one single transaction.

Lawyer of the Year EU & Competition

Luís do Nascimento Ferreira - Morais Leitão

Co-chair of the firm's EU and Competition team, Luís is also a member of the firm's social responsibility committee, coordinating the firm's environmental and ecological footprint policies.

Team of the Year EU & Competition

SRS Advogados

They have one of the largest teams in this sector in Portugal. They are highly skilled and experienced in assisting different types of matters, including the most demanding ones.

Lawyer of the Year Labour

Miguel Pastur - Bird & Bird

Head of the Employment team in Spain, in only nine years he has built a department which now counts with nine lawyers and ranks among the biggest Employment teams of all international law firms in Madrid.

Team of the Year Labour

VdA

More than 80 per cent of the lawyers in its team is under 40. During the research period, they advised some of the most important brands and companies in the sport and oil & gas sectors on Employment matters.

Lawyer of the Year IP & TMT

João Leitão Figueiredo - CMS Rui Pena & Arnaut

João excels technically and has an exceptional leadership capacity. He has built strong relations with clients due to his constant dedication and availability.

Team of the Year IP & TMT

CCA Law Firm

The team is globally recognised for its expertise in IP and TMT matters. During the research period, they have regularly advised the most important companies of the tech, telecommunication and fashion sectors.

Lawyer of the Year Life Sciences & Pharma

Eliana Bernardo – PLMJ

Praised by clients for her in-depth knowledge, fast responses and business acumen, Eliana has 15 years' experience in legal practice. Furthermore, she is the co-author of many informative notes on

the Covid-19 crisis.

Team of the Year Life Sciences & Pharma

SRS Advogados

The team has a deep knowledge of the dynamics of the Pharmaceutical sector. They have a good regulatory background and a solid experience in dealing with IP rights, trademarks and patents.

Lawyer of the Year Tax

Isaque Ramos – PLMJ

Partner since 2019, Isaque focuses on Tax advice and project management in Portugal and Africa. He has acted for both Portuguese, foreign private and public sector clients.

Team of the Year Tax

EY Abogados

It is one of the biggest and most important teams of the sector and more than 80 per cent of its lawyers are under 40. Currently, they are involved in the digital transformation of the International Tax department and are dealing with some of the major clients.

Lawyer of the Year White-Collar Crime

Joaquín Jiménez Rubio - Ayuela Jiménez

The professional is one of the founding partners of the firm. He leads the White-Collar Crime and Criminal Compliance area and has represented national and international stock-market clients in proceedings before the Spanish Courts in some notorious cases.

Team of the Year White-Collar Crime

Morais Leitão

With almost 90 per cent of its lawyers under 40, the team is one of the excellences of the firm. They constantly deal with delicate and extremely important cases as, among others, corruption, tax evasion and money laundering both in Portugal and abroad.

Lawyer of the Year Startup

David Salgado Areias - Areias Advogados

David is the managing partner of one of the most specialised firms in the sector. He is internationally recognised also for having participated as a speaker, coordinator and moderator in some of the most important events for young lawyers worldwide.

Team of the Year Startup

ECIJA

Thanks to the merger with Bustillo Abogados in 2019, the team has gathered some of the best young Startup lawyers, who strengthened the firm's name in the sector's market.

Lawyer of the Year Public Law

Marco Real Martins - BAS – Sociedade de Advogados, SP, RL

Partner of the firm, Marco has led his team in many relevant deals in the research period related to Public Law matters. In addition, he is a member of the APMEP Management Committee (Portuguese Public Procurement Association).

Team of the Year Public Law

SRS Advogados

With more than 70 per cent of its lawyers under 40, among other Public Law-related activities, the team has distinguished itself for having worked on one of the most relevant restricted procedures to be launched in Portugal in the railway sector in the last couple of years.

Lawyer of the Year Insurance

Margarida Torres Gama - Morais Leitão

Co-head of the team, Margarida has coordinated an increasing number of important national and international deals in the Insurance industry. She has worked in different areas, including the innovative field of insurtech.

Team of the Year Insurance

PLMJ

The team is appreciated by clients for its wide experience in the sector. Among their activities, they advise Portuguese and international Insurance and Reinsurance companies on the most strategic matters.

Lawyer of the Year Fintech

Alonso Hurtado – ECIJA

Partner of the firm, Alonso has a deep and wide experience in all type of matters related to IT Law. He has also played an active role in the elaboration process of numerous regulations related to the sector.

Team of the Year Fintech

Pinsent Masons

The firm has developed new technologies and has assisted a number of startup firms. They regularly advise on Fintech matters working with Fintech specialist teams at an international level, with extensive knowledge in the field and the necessary skills.

Best Practice White-Collar Crime

Ospina Abogados

The team is entirely formed by lawyers under 40. They have worked in important national and international cases with high media coverage. Those cases involved companies of food & beverage and transport sectors.