

**Firms** **Lawyers**

**Corporate/M&A: Spain**

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- [Clifford Chance SC](#)
- [Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira](#)
- [Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer](#)
- [Garrigues](#)
- [Uriá Menéndez](#)

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- [Linklaters](#)

**Band 3**

- [Allen & Overy LLP](#)
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- [Ashurst](#)
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- [CMS Albiñana & Suárez de Lezo](#)
- [DLA Piper](#)
- [Gómez-Aeobo & Pombo](#)
- [Latham & Watkins](#)
- [Hogan Lovells International LLP](#)
- [PEREZ-LLORCA](#)
- [Ramón y Cajal](#)
- [Roca Junyent](#)

**Band 4**

- [Bird & Bird \(Spain\) LLP](#)
- [Jones Day](#)
- [Ramón Hermosilla & Gutiérrez de la Roza](#)
- [Simmons & Simmons Mochales & Palacios](#)
- [Ventura Garcoés & López-Ibor](#)

**Band 5**

- [Alemany, Escalona & Escalante](#)
- [Broseta Abogados](#)
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- [Deloitte Abogados y Asesores Tributarios](#)
- [Fomesa Prada Fernández Abogados](#)
- [Goñi & Cajigas Abogados](#)
- [Jausas](#)
- [Landwell Abogados y Asesores Fiscales](#)
- [Maniega & Soler](#)
- [Rivero & Gustafson Abogados](#)
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Other Notable Practitioners

## Corporate/M&A: Spain

Due to the number of tables in this section, the editorial is in alphabetical order by firm name.

This year, thanks to the credit crisis, law firms have invariably seen a drop in activity levels as regards big-ticket corporate and M&A work. As a consequence, competition has increased for those smaller and mid-market deals formerly the preserve of Spain's compact, local firms. In an effort to reflect this, *Chambers* has this year absorbed the Highly Regarded subtable – previously used to identify those firms mainly [see more](#)

### Alemany, Escalona & Escalante

**THE FIRM** This mid-sized firm, of lawyers and formerly in the Highly Regarded subtable, has a mix of day-to-day corporate work and a focus on transaction follow-ups. Its work is increasing, and it prides itself on clients who have become disenchanted with other players.

**KEY INDIVIDUALS** Considered a perfectionist with enormous good will, [Molina](#) is tremendously popular with clients to "put himself in the shoes of the client and the concrete limitations of a case."

### Allen & Overy LLP

**THE FIRM** The corporate practice at the Madrid branch of this magic circle firm is most celebrated for its corporate finance strength. The firm is regularly seen handling the financial elements of M&A. It advised the banks when Gas Natural bought Unión Fenosa, and the arrangers when Enel acquired Acciona's stake in Endesa. The department also represents corporates and advised Atlantia as it acquired 20% of Itinere. Both the departments' leading lawyers are corporate finance all-rounders, strong in public M&As or private equity deals.

**KEY INDIVIDUALS** A respected figure on the Spanish legal scene, [Juan Barona](#) is also part of the group's global corporate panel. One client was so impressed with [Joaquín Gómez-Jordana](#) that they described him as "one of the best lawyers I've worked with in 12 years of worldwide M&A activities."

### Goñi & Cajigas Abogados

**THE FIRM** Clients are broadly satisfied with this relative newcomer to the market.

**Sources Say:** "Although we usually work with the biggest firms in the country, on a certain type of smaller deal you simply don't get the level of dedication you need from them. Goñi & Cajigas solves this problem with its superb teamwork, business-oriented attention to detail and ability to strategise with the best of them."

**KEY INDIVIDUALS** Partner [José Manuel Cajigas](#) receives equally warm client praise, with sources commenting particularly on his skilful negotiating, calm demeanour and deep involvement in a case, even when it comes to the very minor details.