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BACKGROUND

Fernando holds a Ph.D. in Procedural Law (cum laude) at Law School in the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Extraordinary Doctorate Award), and a J.D., Law School at the same university (Extraordinary Graduate Award).

KEY SERVICES

[Commercial Litigation](#)
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KEY SECTORS

[Insurance](#)
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EXPERIENCE

Based in Madrid, Fernando draws on his impressive academic background to help clients define and implement pre-contentious and contentious strategies, especially in the fields of civil, insolvency and criminal litigation.

Fernando has worked internationally as a visiting professor and guest scholar in Germany, Italy, France and the United States.

He has particular experience in Criminal and Civil Procedural Law, including his participation in the Spanish Criminal Procedure Reform of 2002 and 2003 and his role as Head of the Department of Procedural Law at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid Law School

Fernando joined Herbert Smith Freehills bringing with him deep experience based on an academic career that spanned the below:

- 2015: Member of the Special Section of the General Commission for the Codification in charge of the implementation into Spanish Law of the EU Directive on Competition Damages Claims
- 2014-2017: Co-Reporter of the ELI-UNIDROIT Working Group on Access to Information and Evidence within the general project "From Transnational Principles to European Rules of Civil Procedure"
- February 2012: Visiting Scholar, University of Paris 1-Panthéon-Sorbonne (Course «Le Système Judiciaire et les procédures civiles et pénales en Espagne»- Judicial system, civil and criminal procedure in Spain)
- July–August 2009: Visiting Scholar, Centre for the Study of Law and Society, University of California at Berkeley
- 2009: National Accreditation as Catedrático
- 2008-2015: Head of the Department of Procedural Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid Law School
- 2002: Professor of Procedural Law (Civil and Criminal Procedure), Universidad Complutense de Madrid Law School
- November 2001–July 2002: Assistant at the General Commission for the Codification-Special Section for the Reform of Criminal Procedure (Comisión General de Codificación – Sección Especial para la reforma procesal penal). Preliminary Works to the Spanish Criminal Procedure Reform of 2002 and 2003
- January 2000: Guest Professor (Gastdozent - Lehrbeauftragter), University of Leipzig (Germany), Doctorate Program in European Law of the University Law School (Course Einführung in das spanische Privat- und Prozessrecht - Introduction to Spanish private and procedural Law)
- 1998–2002: Assistant (Ph.D.) Professor of Procedural Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid Law School

- 1996–1998: Pre-doctoral Research Fellow (Spanish Ministry of Education and Science).
Lecturing in Procedural Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid Law School