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KEY SERVICES

Antitrust
Competition Litigation

KEY SECTORS

Manufacturing and Industrials
Infrastructure

EXPERIENCE

He has been ranked by the legal directory Chambers Europe 2020 as a prominent specialist in competition law in Spain: *"Manuel Contreras has a great relationship with clients and is always available and willing to clarify everything"*.

He is included by the National Markets and Competition Commission in the list of Non-Governmental Advisors to the International Competition Network. In addition, Manuel is ranked in the latest edition of "Best Lawyers" for his work in competition law in Spain.

He previously served as a legal intern at the DG Competition of European Commission in Brussels, where he worked on several merger control investigations in the basic industry sector.

Manuel is a teacher of postgraduate students at the Carlos III University in Madrid, a frequent presenter at both business and legal conferences, and has authored several articles relevant to his practice area.

A member of the Madrid Bar, he is a case contributor for the publication specialized in competition law of Oxford University.

Manuel's experience includes advising and/or representing:

- Europac on a cartel investigation and on the ensuing antitrust appeal that resulted in the annulment by the National Court of antitrust fines worth c. 50 million euros
- Chevron on the disposal of its downstream business to Cepsa and successfully obtained conditional merger control clearance in Phase II subject to behavioral commitments and conditions
- a listed company involved in an antitrust investigation where the European Commission decided, exceptionally, to close the investigation without imposing any fines
- a confidential client on the acquisition of a competing business active in the Spanish telecom sector and successfully obtained conditional merger control clearance in Phase I subject to behavioral commitments
- a listed corporation in antitrust litigation and successfully obtained a dismissal of the claimant's request for access to confidential documents in the context of a follow-on action
- a multinational company active in rolling stock and signaling in relation to the planned merger of Siemens and Alstom which was blocked by the European Commission