

David Antón

Counsel
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Biography

Concentrating on regulatory and administrative law, David Antón has been advising clients in a wide scope of cases.

He has deep experience in the energy, infrastructure and natural resource sectors, environment and government regulatory, including public procurement, transport, national defence, gambling, etc. He defends the interests of clients before public authorities in the administrative stage and the contentious-administrative stage in the courts, at national, regional and local level. He is committed to find realistic and workable solutions in complex regulatory scenarios.

Starting with a deep knowledge of the relevant sector, he is aware of the complexity of regulatory frameworks and the concerns of the clients acting in the so-called regulated sectors. His approach to cases consists of a 360° analysis to reach a position that allows understanding the perspective of the clients and the point of view of counterparts in order to anticipate any impact, and find the most cost and time efficient solution. He is able to display a collection of different actions in order to share with clients the pros and cons and make a decision on the best way to proceed.

He has also advised public authorities, so he is well-positioned to understand their point of view and reconcile private targets with public interest. With a deal-making attitude, he has wide experience in the regulatory aspects of M&A transactions, working closely with other teams to reach the best solution and



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Languages

English
Spanish

Practices

Administrative and Public Law
Aviation
Energy Regulatory
Environment and Natural Resources
Food Law
Government Contracts
Health
Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects
Medical Device and Technology
Regulatory

solve or circumvent any regulatory obstacles in the path of a successful structure bearing in mind all potential risks.

Representative experience

Challenging legislation and regulations before courts, including Resolution from Ministry of Justice on submission of corporate books representing association of listed companies Emisores Españoles.

Claims for reestablishment of economic and financial balance of public contracts (road concession agreements, biogas and incineration waste facilities, public parking lots, etc.).

Legal advice and analysis of risks relating to international public procurement of energy and industrial projects, including EPC contracts, O&M contracts, and JV agreements.

Claims for damages against Spanish Government as a result of changes in regulatory framework, especially in relation to renewable energy sector.

Analysis of regulatory aspects involved in public offering proceedings of public-owned companies in the sectors of gaming and airports.

Legal defence in the context of public procurement for awarding of contracts in the railway sector, including challenges of awarding.

Administrative appeal and defense before courts of a Spanish industrial group against an unfavorable environmental impact statement for a refinery project.

Legal advice to a Swedish mining group on actions against it filed by a Spanish Administration relating to failure of tailings dam in Andalucía.

Legal defense before the courts of one of the largest companies in fertilizers sector in relation with disposal of waste in quarry.

Awards and rankings

■ Environment (Spain), Recommended, *Legal 500*

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology
Regulatory

Public Procurement

Transportation

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Manufacturing and Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Advertising and Promotion
Compliance

Auditing, Internal Reviews,
Reporting, Self-Disclosure

Clean Air

Clean Water Act

Commercial Transactions and Due
Diligence

Environmental Litigation

Food Advertising and Regulation

Food Recalls

Hospitals and Health Care Providers

Land Use and Project Development

Medical Devices

Mining and Resources

Water

Natural Resource Management

Oil and Gas: Exploration and
Production

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas
(LNG)

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and

EMEA, 2020

- Rising Star: Energy & Natural Resources, *Euromoney Legal Media Group Europe*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Korelya Capital on its investment in Wallapop
- Analysis
 - New reform of the Foreign Direct Investment regime in Spain
- News
 - Europe doubling down on foreign takeovers amid COVID-19 crisis
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells rings in the New Year with 30 promotions to partner and 47 promotions to counsel
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Spanish Natural Gas Organized Wholesale Market: Completion of Regulatory Framework *Oil and Gas Insights*
- Published Works
 - The International Comparative Legal Guide to Oil & Gas Regulation 2016 Edition (Spain Chapter) *Global Legal Group Ltd, London*

Midstream Facilities

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Permit Negotiations and Appeals

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

Nuclear Power

Power: Renewable Power

Power: Thermal Power

Power: Transmission, Storage, Sales, and Trading

Regulated Industries and Utilities

Regulatory Exclusivities, Hatch-Waxman, and Similar Statutes

Site Remediation

Waste - RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Automotive Regulatory

Rail

Education and admissions

Education

LLM in Energy, Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo, 2008

Law Degree, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 2006

Degree in Politics and Administration Science, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 2006

Memberships

Madrid bar association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Madrid
