

## Ricardo Pons Mestre

Partner

Mexico City

### Biography

With decades of experience, Ricardo Pons Mestre focuses his practice on antitrust and competition matters, mergers and acquisitions, corporate law, and mining.

In the antitrust and competition arena, Ricardo focuses on merger control, cartel investigations, and abuse of dominance cases, as well as preventive consultation and training programs for clients. Ricardo is also actively involved in mergers and acquisitions, representing both Mexican and international clients.

Ricardo joined Barrera, Siqueiros y Torres Landa (now Hogan Lovells) in 1993. *Chambers*, *Who's Who Legal*, and *Legal 500* all rank Ricardo as a top lawyer.

### Representative experience

Advising 21st Century Fox in a worldwide merger with Disney in Mexico. The matter was filed before COFECE and IFT.

Advised Amcor in Mexico regarding world-wide acquisition of Bemis in relation to local merger control proceedings.

Advising Bayer AG in remedy compliance with respect its acquisition of Monsanto.

Advising Cancun International Airport in an alleged abuse of dominance as to taxi entry into the airport.

Advising Repsol, S.A. in the acquisition of equity in Bardahl.



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### Languages

English  
Spanish

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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition  
Our legal work in Latin America

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### Areas of focus

Antitrust and Competition Litigation  
Merger Control  
Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices  
Competition Compliance  
Agency Investigations  
Sports

Advising Owens Illinois in acquisition of glass container business from Vitro.

Representing GE in the Mexico filing on the sale of its transportation unit to Wabtec.

## Awards and rankings

- Competition/Antitrust, *Chambers Latin America*, 2017-2024
- Antitrust & Competition, *Latin Lawyer 250*, 2017-2019, 2021-2023
- Corporate and M&A, *Latin Lawyer 250*, 2023
- Competition and Antitrust, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2017-2023
- Corporate and M&A, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2023
- Antitrust and Competition, *Latin Lawyer National*, 2020
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2020

## Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises VALOREO on transaction with Razor
- Press releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Mondelēz International in landmark transaction with Grupo Bimbo
- Insights and Analysis
  - Hogan Lovells contributes to the GCR Foreign Direct Investment Regulation Guide
- Awards & rankings
  - Hogan Lovells Antitrust and Competition Lawyers Recognized as 2022 Thought Leaders and Future Leaders

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.M., London School of Economics and Political Science, 1997

Law Degree, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, 1993

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### Accolades

"Recommended specialist Ricardo Pons, and the highly regarded Omar Guerrero, co-lead the nine-strong team."

*Legal 500*

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"Ricardo Arturo Pons Mestre is highly praised by clients, who describe him as 'an extraordinary lawyer who knows antitrust inside and out'. They go on to highlight 'his ability to give simple and direct explanations.'"

*Chambers and Partners*

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