

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

Practices

Antitrust and Competition
Latin America Regional Practice

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

- Antitrust and Competition, *Latin Lawyer National*, 2020
- Competition/Antitrust, *Chambers Latin America*, 2017-2023
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*
- Antitrust & Competition, *Latin Lawyer 250*, 2017-2019,2021
- Competition and Antitrust, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2017-2022

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Mondelēz International in landmark transaction with Grupo Bimbo
- Analysis
 - Hogan Lovells contributes to the GCR Foreign Direct Investment Regulation Guide
- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells Antitrust and Competition Lawyers Recognized as 2022 Thought Leaders and Future Leaders
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Mexico | Cofece released a communication that exempts Competition Law due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Published Works
 - Mexico, Latin Lawyer Reference Antitrust 2019 *Latin Lawyer Reference Antitrust*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Antitrust, Competition and Economic Regulation Quarterly Newsletter – Spring 2018

Education and admissions

Education

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

Law Degree, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, 1993
