



Jose-Antonio de la Calle

Professional Background

Jose-Antonio de la Calle Peral de Vergara is the Managing Partner of the Firm. With nearly 20 years of experience in advising companies, trade associations and Government agencies active in a wide range of industries, his practice covers the full scope of EU trade and antitrust/competition law advice, with a particular focus on regulated sectors.

Jose-Antonio joined the U.S. law firm Baker & McKenzie in 1998. After completing the Firm's foreign associate programme at the London office in 2002 and a secondment at Cable & Wireless' Legal Department for Continental Europe in 2004, he became the Partner responsible for the creation and development of Baker & McKenzie's EU and Competition Practice in Madrid, which soon became one of the most prestigious in Spain.

A passionate advocate for antitrust policy, he is currently Director of the Cartel Workshop at Villanueva University College's Postgraduate Course on Advanced Competition Law. Jose-Antonio founded DelaCalle Abogados SLP in January 2013.

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José Antonio de la Calle of DelaCalle Abogados SLP left Baker & McKenzie to set up his own firm in January 2013. Sources describe him as solid and business-minded. He is also very didactic and explains problems and possible solutions in a pragmatic way (Chambers Europe, 2014)



Awards and Honours

Jose-Antonio is recognised as one of Spain's leading antitrust lawyers in, among others, the following legal directories: Euromoney's *Guide to the World's Leading Competition and Antitrust Lawyers*, *Global Competition Review*, *Chambers Europe*, *The Legal 500* and *PLC Which Lawyer*.

A recipient of the "Iberian Lawyer 40 Under Forty" Award, which rewards the professional excellence of the best lawyers under 40 years practising in Spain and Portugal, Euromoney includes him in its annual ranking of leading antitrust and competition specialists worldwide.

Publications

Jose-Antonio is the author of the EU and Spanish Merger Control chapter of Francis Lefebvre's *Memento de Sociedades Mercantiles* (the leading reference book on Spanish Corporate Law). He has also co-authored the Spanish chapters of Oxford University Press' *Global Leniency Manual*, Getting The Deal Through's *Private Antitrust Litigation*, and Tottel's *Telecommunication Laws in Europe*.

Jose-Antonio is a frequent contributor to Law Journals published in Spain and abroad, and has spoken widely on competition law.

Education

Jose-Antonio graduated *Magna Cum Laude* in Law from Madrid Complutense University, and specialized in EU Law at San Pablo CEU University, Madrid. He holds a Master's Degree in European Business Law with *Grande Distinction* from the Free University of Brussels and has also completed the US Law International Program at the University of California, Berkeley and Davis, graduating with the highest grade of his class.

Languages

Spanish (native), English, French and Swedish.