

# Ramón y Cajal

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## experience

Pedro is Partner of Ramón y Cajal Abogados and leads the firm's Competition Practice. He is also Co-Lead Partner of the firm's Agri-food practice area.

Pedro has advised clients for more than twenty years in relation to anti-competitive practices, merger control and other aspects of competition law. He has acted on behalf of numerous companies in administrative proceedings before the competition authorities and in contentious-administrative and civil proceedings before the courts. He advises clients both before Spanish competition authorities and courts and before the European Commission and EU courts.

Pedro and his team have been pioneers in the private enforcement of competition law in Spain, having led two of the first three cases of actions for damages filed with the civil courts against cartels sanctioned by the Spanish competition authorities. Pedro also has a special interest in the regulation of unfair practices in the food & agriculture sector, an area in which he advises major clients and is a voice of authority.

Before joining Ramón y Cajal Abogados, Pedro practised as a lawyer at leading national and international law firms in the area of competition law.

Pedro is recognised as one of Spain's main specialists in competition law by various international legal directories.

## education

- Degree in Law from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid (1997).
- Certificate in Advanced European Legal Studies, College of Europe (1999).
- Master of Laws, Columbia University (2004).

## teaching

Pedro is regularly invited to participate in specialist forums relating to competition law, both in Spain and abroad. He also occasionally gives classes and seminars at the Universidad Carlos III of Madrid, the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos and the Universidad Pontificia de Comillas.

## languages

English, French and German.

## publications

Pedro has been an editor of the Columbia Journal on European Law and the Gaceta Jurídica de la Unión Europea y de la Competencia.

He has also been the author and co-author of various academic articles relating to matters of competition law, such as:

- “La aplicación del derecho de la competencia a las plataformas b2b” (“The application of competition law to b2b platforms”). In: *Gaceta Jurídica de la Unión Europea y de la Competencia*, 2001.
- “Una valoración crítica de los recientes cambios en la aplicación de la normativa de competencia española al sector de las tarjetas de pago” (“A critical assessment of the recent changes in the application of Spanish competition law to the payment cards sector”). In: *Papeles de Economía Española*, 2006.
- “Leniency Regimes – Jurisdictional comparisons”. In: *The European Lawyer Reference*, 2010.
- “Cuestiones jurídicas de actualidad en la aplicación privada del derecho de la competencia en España: prescripción y responsabilidad solidaria” (“Current legal issues in the private enforcement of competition law in Spain: limitation periods and joint and several liability”). In: *Derecho de la empresa y de los mercados financieros: Ramón y Cajal Abogados. 30 años*, Aranzadi, 2016.
- “La aplicación de la normativa en materia de defensa de la competencia en los mercados energéticos” (“The application of competition law in energy markets”). In: *Tratado de derecho de la competencia*, Bosch, 2017.

## associations

- Member of the Madrid Bar Association (*Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid*).
- Member of the Spanish Competition Association (*Asociación Española para la Defensa de la Competencia*).