

# Ramón y Cajal

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## experience

Rafael Mateu de Ros is Founding Partner of Ramón y Cajal Abogados and specialises in commercial law, corporate governance, national and international tax law, litigation and arbitration, as well as Spanish and international art and cultural property law.

He is a Government Lawyer (*Abogado del Estado*) currently on leave, having worked for several years at the Spanish Ministry of Finance, where he held the positions of Head of the Central Resources Service, Head of the Technical Cabinet of the Undersecretary and Deputy Director-General.

He later focused on the private sector, being secretary to the board of directors and head of the legal department of various companies, such as Endiasa, Eniepsa and Hispanoil. He was also General Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Bankinter from 1986 until 2009 and currently holds the position of Independent Director of Bankinter, S.A. and Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee of Bankinter, S.A.

He is also a director and trustee of other companies and foundations and Legal Adviser to the Board of Directors of Iberdrola, S.A.

He is a full arbitrator of the Civil and Commercial Court of Arbitration (CIMA), the Court of Arbitration of Madrid (CAM) and the Court of Arbitration of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce. He has also acted as ad hoc arbitrator in various national and international arbitration proceedings.

He holds the First Class Distinguished Cross of the Order of St. San Raimundo de Peñafort (*Cruz Distinguida de Primera Clase de la Orden de San Raimundo de Peñafort*).

## Education

- Degree in Law, with Special Recognition Award, from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid.
- PhD in Law from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid.
- PhD in Law from the Universidad de Alcalá (summa cum laude).
- PMD Harvard Business School.
- Government Lawyer (*Abogado del Estado*) currently on leave.

## teaching

Professor of Art Law at the IE Law School and at other academic institutions.

## languages

English, French and Catalan.

## publications

- Author of numerous monographs and publications in various legal journals.
- Author of opinion articles, articles on law and art reviews in national newspapers, such as El País and Expansión.

## associations

- Full member of the Royal Academy of PhD of Catalonia (*Real Academia de Doctores de Cataluña*).
- Member of the Spanish Arbitration Club (*Club Español del Arbitraje*).
- Practising lawyer of the Madrid, Barcelona and Vizcaya Bar Associations.
- Co-Chairman of the Company Law and Corporate Governance Section of the Madrid Bar Association.
- Corresponding member of the Royal Academy of Case Law and Legislation (*Real Academia de Jurisprudencia y Legislación*).
- Member of the Association of Government Lawyers.
- Member of Collection Legal, PAIAM and ADA, associations of art law specialists.
- Member of the Association 9915 of Collectors of Contemporary Art (*Asociación 9915 de Coleccionistas de Arte Contemporáneo*).

## other activities

- Trustee and member of the Comisión Permanente del Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía (Standing Committee of the Reina Sofía Art Gallery).
- Director of Evo Banco (Bankinter Group) and ex-director of Bankinter and Línea Directa Aseguradora.
- Member of the Academic Council of FIDE (Foundation for Law and Business Research).
- Honorary Member and member of the Velazquez Circle of the Museo Nacional del Prado.
- Friend of The Metropolitan Museum of New York, the Museo Reina Sofía of Madrid and the Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza of Madrid.
- Member of the Governing Committee of the Hispanic Society of New York (Spanish Chapter).