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About Antonio

Antonio Bañón is a legal director in the Madrid office, leading the energy and regulatory areas.

He has advised both private companies and public sector entities on general matters regarding public law and environmental regulations, as well as regulatory aspects on specific sectors, such as energy, telecommunications and transport.

Antonio has garnered extensive experience advising on the regulatory aspects of numerous transactions involving companies from the energy sector, particularly in relation to renewables, including green hydrogen and biogas. He is a recognized specialist on the regulatory particularities of the energy sector, having provided legal advice to top-tier operators.

Furthermore, throughout his career, he has participated in various P3 projects and, in general, on consultations in relation to the regulatory framework of public procurement. He has extensive experience at both national and international level in a wide range of areas: advice on the configuration of the administrative procurement file, evaluation and configuration of the best contract structure, drafting of specifications, preparation of bids, etc.

He has advised clients on numerous sanctioning procedures before the Spanish energy authorities, as well as leading their representation in court.

Antonio is a professor of administrative law in the master's degree in access to the legal profession at the *Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia* (Spain) and also in the master's degree in high specialization in regulated sectors at the *Escuela de Práctica Jurídica of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid* (Spain).

He is also the author of numerous publications in the field of energy and P3 projects.

He has been recognized as Best Lawyer of the Year in Energy Law on the 2024 Forty under 40 awards of Iberian Lawyer.

Experience

- Advising a leading business group in the leisure sector on matters of public procurement regulations; on public aid and granting agreements; on administrative sanctioning procedures involving different administrative titles, including concessions; and on the drafting of claims requesting the economic and financial rebalancing of awarded contracts with different municipal public administrations (2019 – 2022).
- Advising a leading business group in the consumer sector on public procurement, through the drafting of different administrative appeals; on different sanctioning procedures involving health regulations; and on the application of national and regional waste management regulations (2017 – 2022).
- Advising a public entity on public procurement and general public law regulations (2021).
- Advising an important business group in the energy sector on the financing of its brownfield photovoltaic project with a total power of 19MW (2021).
- Advising a leading business group in the telecommunications sector on the regulatory aspects of the acquisition of another company holder of different administrative concessions for the private use of the radioelectric spectrum and the implications considering the current regulation on foreign direct investments (2021).
- Advising an important business group in the energy sector on the financing of its brownfield photovoltaic project with a total power of 17.5MW (2021).
- Advising a leading business group in the energy sector on the acquisition of a portfolio of photovoltaic and wind power installations in the region of Castilla-La Mancha with a total power of 66MW (2021).
- Advising a public sector company dedicated to waste management services on the identification and implementation of different PPP for the potential application of European funds from the Next Generation EU programme (2021).
- Advising on public procurement regulations for a public sector company through the drafting of various public tenders ruling contracts, as well as advising as legal counsel against administrative appeals submitted by bidders within a public tender (2020).
- Advising a leading business group in the energy sector on the acquisition of a portfolio of photovoltaic and wind power installations in the regions of Andalusia and Aragón with a total power of 65MW (2020).
- Advising an important business group in the energy sector on the sale of a portfolio of photovoltaic, wind power and hydroelectric projects amounting to a total power of 185MW (2019).
- Advising a regional government on the drafting of the law on the planning and implementation of radiocommunication infrastructures (2018).
- Representing in a court proceeding initiated by an important business group in the pharmaceutical sector concerning payment claims issued before the relevant regional public health authorities (2017 – 2020).
- Advising on best public procurement practices regarding the structuring and awarding of PPP in LATAM (2017 – 2019).
- Advising a Spanish regional government on the drafting of a technical legal memo on the different financing alternatives for the costs resulting from the O&M of the regional highway network (2017).
- Advising on an administrative proceeding for the reimbursement of a public aid granted to a company for the development of its olive oil production business (2016).
- Representing in a court proceeding regarding an administrative infraction involving the export of Cultural Interest Goods and the relevant administrative authorisation (2015 – 2017).

- Representing in a court proceeding before the Spanish National High Court regarding a sanctioning procedure initiated by the National Competition regulator (CNMC) against an important telecommunications group (2015 – 2016).

Credentials

Education

- Universidad Pontificia de Comillas, Degree in Business Administration and Management, E3 Program, 2010
- Universidad Pontificia de Comillas, Law Degree, E3 Program, 2009

Admissions

- Madrid, 2013

Memberships & Affiliations

- Member of the Madrid Bar Association (*Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid*) since 2013

Expertise

Services

- Corporate

Industries

- Energy & Natural Resources
- Infrastructure

Publications

- Author, "El contrato menor: régimen actual y perspectivas de futuro. ¿Evolución o involución?" *Derecho Administrativo 2021*, Editorial Tirant lo Blanch, 5 July 2021.
- Author, "A Vueltas con la concreción de las medidas de self cleaning", *Diario La Ley*, No. 9665, Sección Tribuna, Wolters Kluwer, 2 July 2020.
- Author, "Cómo encajar la OIReSCon en el puzzle de la contratación pública", *Diario La Ley*, No. 9457, Sección Tribuna, Wolters Kluwer, 16 July 2019.

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