# **GARRIGUES**



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#### Tax

María Soledad Soláns de las Rivas is a principal associate in the Tax Law practice area.

She has extensive experience in the provision of tax advisory services to businesses, providing advice on an ongoing basis in the areas of general direct taxation (corporate income tax, the personal taxation of shareholders, etc.) and indirect taxation (VAT, transfer and stamp tax), as well as in relation to tax proceedings and business reorganizations. Mention should be made in particular, in addition to her work for commercial enterprises, of her special connection with the world of co-operatives and not-for-profit entities.

She belongs to the Firm's international line and has ample experience at an international level, advising both Spanish clients in their international expansion processes and foreign clients with interests in Spain.

## **Experience**

Since joining the Firm in 2003, she has had the chance to participate in a wide range of engagements such as:

- Design and execution of restructuring operations.
- M&A and due diligence processes.
- Tax audits.
- Appeals through the administrative channel and judicial review proceedings, acting as legal counsel. In particular, in the field of local taxation for not-for-profit entities.
- Advising and supporting Spanish entities in the area of taxation in their international expansion processes.
- Advising foreign clients with interests in Spain on the Spanish tax system.
- Advising on tax matters affecting family businesses and the implications thereof for individuals in relation to inheritance and gift tax.

She has participated as a speaker in different forums and discussion events related to corporate taxation (on transfer pricing, flexible compensation, foreign assignments, among others).

In addition to English and Basque, she is fluent in French, which has enabled her to participate in numerous engagements for French-speaking clients or Spanish clients with interests in France.

## **Academic background**

- Degree in Law, Universidad del País Vasco.
- Courses on International Taxation run by the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD).
- Post-graduate Anglo-American Law Program run by the Garrigues chair at Universidad de Navarra.
- English for Business Law course organized by Universidad de Deusto Faculty of Law.
- Accounting and Taxation course at Instituto Empresarial de Contabilidad y Economía.

## **Teaching activity**

María Soledad Soláns has participated as a speaker in various conferences on direct and indirect taxation, such as those organized by ADEGI (entrepreneurs association of Gipuzkoa).

She has also given courses in private entities on personal income tax.

## **Memberships**

Gipuzkoa Bar Association.

## **Publications**

Contributor to the Garrigues regional taxation blog.

Articles published in the press.