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### Corporate and M&A

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Mar Fernández is a principal associate in the Corporate/Commercial Law Department of Garrigues, where she practices in the areas of commercial contracts, corporate law, structural modifications, M&A, corporate governance and securities market law. She offers expert advice to both small and large companies in a range of sectors, including listed companies, on contractual matters, corporate sale and purchase transactions and mergers, and has extensive experience in providing ongoing advice to managing bodies, performing board secretary services and attending shareholders' meetings. She also specializes in market abuse and corporate governance matters. She holds a Degree in Law and Business Administration (with final-year academic excellence award) from Universidad de Navarra. Master of Laws in International Transactions from Universidad Antonio de Nebrija in collaboration with Fordham School of Law (New York) and Centro de Estudios Garrigues. Author of several publications.

### Experience

Mar Fernández is a principal associate in the Corporate/Commercial Law Department of Garrigues. She joined the firm in 2010.

She specializes in several branches of corporate/commercial law, in particular:

- Commercial contracts. Mar has experience in preparing, negotiating and drafting various types of commercial contracts (service agreements, incentives, contracts for lease of goods, business lease agreements, contracts with customers or suppliers, CEO contracts, etc.).
- Corporate Law. In this area she provides ongoing advice to managing bodies on compliance with their legal obligations, and on matters relating to board secretary services, formation of companies and attendance at shareholding meetings.
- Structural modifications and M&A. Mar regularly participates in domestic and international mergers and corporate sale and purchase transactions (shares or assets and liabilities), following the creation of the corresponding investment vehicle, in a range of sectors, in both competitive and bilateral processes. She

also organizes and conducts due diligence reviews.

- Securities market law and market abuse. She specializes in securities market law, particularly in relation to periodic reporting requirements for issuers (including reporting on significant holdings, treasury shares, financial statements, other material information), internal codes of conduct and market abuse aspects (obligations relating to inside information, notifications to the CNMV, etc.).
- Corporate governance. She has experience in corporate governance matters, such as the design and drafting of good corporate governance rules (bylaws, board regulations, shareholders' meeting regulations), their periodic review and adaptation to existing good governance requirements and/or recommendations from time to time, and the preparation of the reports and other documentation required or recommended in this area (Annual Corporate Governance Report, Annual Report on Directors' Compensation, observance of recommendations, etc.).

## Academic background

- Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Transactions, Universidad Antonio de Nebrija in collaboration with Fordham School of Law (New York) and Centro de Estudios Garrigues.
- Degree in Law and Business Administration (recipient of final-year academic excellence award), Universidad de Navarra.

## Teaching activity

Since 2016 she has taught classes in Corporate Law on the Master's Degree for Access to the Legal Profession at Universidad Pública de Navarra.

## Memberships

Member of the Pamplona Bar Association.

## Publications

- "Para qué sirve una política de sostenibilidad en 5 claves" (What is a ESG policy for in 5 key points) in DN Management (2023)
- "Secretaría del consejo de administración y asesoramiento legal corporativo" (Board Secretary Services and Corporate Law Advice) in "El gobierno de la función legal en las organizaciones. Operaciones legales, innovación y digitalización". Thomson Reuters (2021).
- "Normas COVID societarias para 2021 en tiempos de juntas" (2021 Corporate COVID Rules for Shareholders' Meetings). Diario de Navarra (2021).
- "Reflexiones jurídico-prácticas sobre las medidas previstas en el RDL 8/2020 para las sociedades mercantiles y su transcendencia más allá del COVID-19" (Practical Legal Considerations Regarding the Measures Applicable to Trading Companies Envisaged in Royal Decree-Law 8/2020, and Their Implications Beyond COVID-19) in "COVID 19: Conflictos jurídicos actuales y otros desafíos". Wolters Kluwer España (2020).
- "La eficacia del protocolo familiar" (The Effectiveness of the Family Protocol). Diario de Navarra (2018).