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Administrative and Constitutional Law

Xavier Ruiz de Loizaga Solé is a partner in the Administrative Law practice area since 2023. He has extensive experience in this practice area, in which he mainly specializes in public procurement and concessions, providing advice to private companies in a broad range of industries and businesses, as well as to public sector entities. He also leads and advises clients on projects linked to regulated sectors such as transportation and water, on legal transactions involving assets with public sector entities or the environment. Furthermore, he advises companies on all manner of penalty proceedings and handles the legal management of multiple judicial review proceedings relating to myriad areas of administrative law. Recipient of the Special Degree Award in Law and member of the Administrative Law Section of the Culture Committee of the Barcelona Bar Association, he regularly participates in conferences and seminars on public procurement matters and has published numerous articles on the topic.

Experience

Xavier Ruiz de Loizaga Solé joined Garrigues in 2005 and has been a partner in the Administrative Law practice area since 2023. He has extensive experience in this practice area, in which he mainly specializes in public procurement and concessions, providing advice to private companies in a broad range of industries and businesses, as well as to public sector entities.

Specifically, in the public procurement area he provides ongoing advice to clients, preparing special procurement-related appeals against tender documents, exclusions and awards of contracts tendered by public sector entities, drafting special administrative terms of reference for contracting authorities and participating in contractual modification procedures, contractual interpretation, economic and financial rebalancing, contract assignments, subcontracts or contractual terminations, among others. He also prepares legal opinions, memos and reports on matters related to public sector contract regulations, taking into consideration the various rulings by the courts and the administrative bodies and tribunals specialized in public procurement as well as consultative panels on public procurement.

In addition, he also leads and advises clients on projects linked to regulated sectors such as transportation and water, on legal transactions involving assets with public sector entities (i.e. concessions, leases, surface rights, etc.) or the environment. Furthermore, he advises companies on all manner of penalty proceedings and

handles the legal management of multiple judicial review proceedings (lawsuits) relating to myriad areas of administrative law. He regularly participates in project finance of public infrastructures.

He is fluent in Spanish, Catalan and English.

He is a member of the Barcelona Bar Association and of the Administrative Law Section of its Culture Committee.

Academic background

Xavier Ruiz de Loizaga Solé's academic background is as follows:

- Special Degree Award in Law, Universitat de Lleida (2000-2004).
- Recipient of a scholarship from the Education Ministry in order to participate in public law research projects at the Faculty of Law of Universitat de Lleida (2004).
- Postgraduate course on the Criminal Justice System, Universitat de Lleida (2007).
- Postgraduate course forming part of the Master's Degree in Economics and Regulation of Public Services, Universitat de Barcelona and Fundació Carolina (2007).

Teaching activity

Xavier Ruiz de Loizaga Solé has participated as a lecturer and speaker in numerous master's degree programs, courses and seminars:

- Post-graduate course on local economy management. Preparatory steps of construction contracts and public works concessions. Modification and review of the project. Case studies. Economic and financial balance of the concession in relation to the economic study. Operational risk. Organized by the Colegio de Secretarios, Interventores y Tesoreros de la Administración Local of Lleida in conjunction with Universitat de Lleida.
- Conference on current administrative law issues. Internal procurement instructions of contracting authorities that are not the public authorities and of other public sector entities. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona y Associació Catalana de Municipis. 2022.
- Master's Degree in Public Law. Infrastructure financing projects. Organized by Universitat de Barcelona. 2020, 2021 and 2022.
- Master's Degree in Legal Profession. Administrative litigation module (administrative contracts and judicial review proceedings), organized by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. 2015 to 2019.
- Conference on the new Public Sector Contracts Law (implications for companies), in the session regarding "Rules on appeals, particular reference to the special procurement-related appeal", organized by the Zaragoza Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services. 2018.
- Seminar on legal updates and local law in the session on "the application of contract regulations in contracts relating to alienable property in the public domain", organized by Xarxa Local de Municipis de Girona. 2017.
- Conference on public procurement directives: direct effect and other current topics. Decree Law 3/2016, of May 31, 2016, on urgent public procurement-related measures, organized by Associació Catalana de

Municipis. 2016.

- Course on Public Sector Contracts Law, specializing in award procedures, organized by the Administrative Law Section of Barcelona Bar Association. 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- Economic legal update seminar. Session on public contracts and public services, organized by Xarxa de Municipis de la Diputació de Girona. 2014.
- Course on new challenges in public procurement, organized by Associació Catalana de Municipis, Barcelona. 2014.
- Legal update course. Focus on public procurement, organized by Diputació de Lleida in 2011.
- Administrative Law II course on the Law Degree at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (as a substitute). 2010.
- Administrative Law course on the Tax and Accountancy Degree of the Faculty of Economics at Universitat de Barcelona (as a substitute). 2009 and 2010.

Memberships

Xavier Ruiz de Loizaga Solé is a member of the Barcelona Bar Association and of the Administrative Law Section of its Culture Committee.

Distinctions

Xavier Ruiz de Loizaga Solé was awarded with the Special Degree Award in Law by Universitat de Lleida (2000-2004).

Publications

Xavier Ruiz de Loizaga Solé has authored the following articles:

- “La nueva Ley de Contratos del Sector Público como fin a la inseguridad jurídica. Principales novedades” (The New Public Sector Contracts Law as the End of Legal Uncertainty. New Developments). Nivell (no. 86). 2018.
- “El régimen de confidencialidad de las ofertas en la contratación del sector público” (Rules on Confidentiality of Bids in Public Procurement). Anuario de Derecho Administrativo directed by the professor Miguel Ángel Recuerda Girela. THOMSSON REUTERS CIVITAS. 2017.
- “El nuevo marco de la contratación pública” (The New Public Procurement Framework). Website of Colegio de Ambientólogos de Catalunya. 2016.
- “Nueva Ley de Contratos del Sector Público” (The New Public Sector Contracts Law). Dossier Empresarial. November 2007.