

FIRM	HEAD(S) OF COMPETITION	SIZE	WHO'S WHO NOMINEES	CLIENTS
ELITE				
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Francisco Cantos	2 partners 2 senior associates 6 associates	Francisco Cantos Álvaro Iza	Amadeus, Ferrovial, Gas Natural Fenosa, Indra, Repsol, Sacyr, Mediapro, Balearia, Osborne, Airbus, Grupo Bimbo, General Motors, Sony Pictures Entertainment
Garrigues Abogados y Asesores Tributarios	Marcos Araujo	5 partners 1 counsel 2 senior associates 4 associates	Marcos Araujo Susana Cabrera Zaragoza Konstantin Jörgens	Cisco Systems, Santander, Inditex, Ebro Foods, Prosegur, Orona, FCC, Calidad Pascual, Repsol, Amadeus, Abertis Telecom, Cementos Portland
Martinez Lage, Allendesalazar & Brokelmann	Santiago Martínez Lage	3 partners 1 of counsel 5 associates	Rafael Allendesalazar Santiago Martínez Lage Helmut Brokelmann	Cobega, Coca-Cola Spain, Disa, France Telecom España, Grupo Riberebro, Ifema, Olympus, Praxair, Prisa TV, Record Go, Region of Galicia, Tompla, Wella
Uría Menéndez	Jaime Folguera	5 partners 2 counsel 3 senior associate 8 associates	Jaime Folguera Alfonso Gutiérrez Antonio Guerra	Santander, Danone, Roca, Pfizer, Munich Re, Cemex, Ferroatlántica, Jazztel, Gamesa, SNCF, Telefónica

agreements in this sector. The firm represented Mapfre in its successful appeal against the authority's decision to impose its highest ever fine against six insurance companies.

The firm successfully defended the Spanish electricity industry against the authority's illegal use of a dawn raid and advised Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria in acquisition of two leading insurance companies.

Boutique **MARTÍNEZ LAGE, ALLENDESALAZAR & BROKELMANN** is home to one of Spain's oldest competition practices. Between 2008 and 2011, the firm became the Spanish arm of Howrey under the name of Howrey Martínez Lage, but it became independent again after the US firm's collapse. The three named partners – Santiago Martínez Lage, Rafael Allendesalazar and Helmut Brokelmann – are supported by five associates and regulatory specialist and academic Juan José Montero as of counsel. In the last year associate Roberto Vallina left the firm for Roca Junyent, Antonio Vázquez joined the firm as junior associate and Alfonso Rincón was promoted to senior associate.

Practice head Martínez is now less active in cases and devotes more time to advice and arbitration but the firm still boasts an impressive caseload. It represented Orange in its acquisition of Jazztel, which was subjected to a Phase II investigation at DG Comp before it was cleared with commitments. The firm is representing Tompla before the EU General Court in its appeal against the commission's decision in the envelopes cartel case, the firm is also defending the company against damages actions before the Spanish commercial courts.

Cartel work has been a feature of the firm's year and it is defending a number of clients in investigations at the domestic

level including, but not limited to, clients in the automotive, petrol and christmas sweets industries. The firm is also representing incumbent railway operator RENFE in an investigation against it and Deutsche Bahn.

The competition team at **URÍA MENÉNDEZ** is Spain's largest, as well one of its best. Practice head Jaime Folguera is nominated to *Who's Who Legal: Competition*, along with partners Antonio Guerra and Alfonso Gutiérrez. Patricia Vidal was made partner this year. The Spanish team works closely with the firm's Brussels office, led by competition expert Edurne Navarro, while Barcelona-based partner Juan Antonio Pérez also takes on some competition work. Daniel Sarmiento joined the team this year as a consultant.

Despite the difficulties that face the Spanish economy, the firm boasts an active merger docket. It advised outdoor advertising company JCDecaux during merger control proceedings before the authority over the company's acquisition of Cemusa. The deal was cleared without undertakings after a second phase investigation. The firm went on to represent the same company in the merger control proceedings in Portugal. The firm also represents Ferroatlántica in its acquisition of Globe Speciality Metal. The multi-jurisdictional deal required filings in several EU member states as well as the US, South Africa and Argentina.

Away from the merger front, Uría Menéndez represents Toyota and Nissan over alleged restrictions to its distribution network and the exchange of commercially sensitive information. The firm also represents Pfizer in the investigation conducted by the Spanish Competition Authority on the pricing policy and parallel trade of pharmaceutical products.