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Global areas of practice

Dispute Resolution – International Arbitration

José María Alonso has been the Managing Partner of Baker & McKenzie in Madrid since 1st July 2013. He is also the head of the Litigation and Arbitration Department in Madrid and a member of the Global Arbitration Practice Group steering committee and the European Disputes Practice Group. He has been ranked in Band 1 by Chambers Europe and Chambers Global from 2007 to 2013. Mr. Alonso joined Baker & McKenzie in 2012. Prior to this, he was head of the litigation and arbitration department of J&A Garrigues from 1982 to 2000, managing partner of that firm from June 2000 to September 2009, and coordinator of the international arbitration area and in charge of international relations from September 2009 to December 2012.

Practice focus

He is a specialist in litigation relating to the civil and commercial law aspects of contracts and agreements; corporate disputes; disputes over agreements and transactions of a financial and insurance nature; international contracts and foreign investments and insolvencies. In the area of sports law, he specializes in disputes relating to commercial image rights agreements of sportspersons; employment contracts between sportspersons and clubs; agreements for the permanent and temporary transfer of player registrations between football clubs; audiovisual rights agreements; and sponsorship agreements. As an arbitrator, he has acted in more than 150 proceedings, both in Spain and internationally.

Professional affiliations

- Chairman of the Court of Arbitration of the Madrid Bar Association (Dec. 2008-May 2013).
- Chairman of the Spanish Arbitration Club (2005-2009), currently Honorary Chairman.
- Vice President of the International Law Association (ILA).
- Honorary Professor, Universidad de San Ignacio de Loyola, Lima (Peru).
- Member of the Executive Board of the Círculo de Empresarios.
- Member of the Legal Defence Department, Professional Association of the Judiciary.
- Member of the Latinamerican Group of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

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- Member of the Commission on Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).
- Member of the CPR European Advisory Committee.
- Member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC).
- Member of the Panel of arbitrators of the Shanghai Court of Financial Arbitration (SHIAC)
- Member of the Panel of the of Alternative Dispute Resolution Services of the American Arbitration Association (ADR/AAA).
- Member of the panel of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA).
- Arbitrator for the Court of Arbitration of the Madrid Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- Arbitrator of the Civil and Commercial Court of Arbitration (CIMA).
- Arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris (ICC).
- Arbitrator of the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission (IACAC).
- Arbitrator of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA).
- Arbitrator of the Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (TAS/CAS).
- Arbitrator of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).
- Arbitrator of the Spanish Court of Arbitration.
- Arbitrator of the International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR).
- Member of Madrid Bar Association (Ilustre Colegio Abogados Madrid) since 1978.

Awards and rankings

- Recognized as a leading lawyer in Dispute Resolution and Most in Demand Arbitrators by the most prestigious legal directories. He has been ranked in band 1 by Chambers Europe and Chambers Global from 2007 to 2013.
- According to Chambers & Partners: The "exceptional" José María Alonso is "clearly part of Spain's arbitration elite", sources report. Clients declare that "it is a privilege" to have him as arbitrator in disputes; "magnificent litigator" is applauded for this "vision and experience" in the field. He also has vast experience of arbitration cases. Particularly recognized as an arbitrator in Latin America.