

Ricardo Pons Mestre

Partner

Mexico City

Biography

With decades of experience, Ricardo Pons Mestre focuses his practice on antitrust and competition matters, mergers and acquisitions, corporate law, and mining.

In the antitrust and competition arena, Ricardo focuses on merger control, cartel investigations, and abuse of dominance cases, as well as preventive consultation and training programs for clients. Ricardo is also actively involved in mergers and acquisitions, representing both Mexican and international clients.

Ricardo joined Barrera, Siqueiros y Torres Landa (now Hogan Lovells) in 1993. *Chambers*, *Who's Who Legal*, and *Legal 500* all rank Ricardo as a top lawyer.

Representative experience

Advising 21st Century Fox in a worldwide merger with Disney in Mexico. The matter was filed before COFECE and IFT.

Advised Amcor in Mexico regarding world-wide acquisition of Bemis in relation to local merger control proceedings.

Advising Bayer AG in remedy compliance with respect its acquisition of Monsanto.

Advising Cancun International Airport in an alleged



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Languages

English
Spanish

Practices

Antitrust and Competition
Latin America Regional Practice

Areas of focus

Antitrust and Competition Litigation
Merger Control
Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices
Competition Compliance

abuse of dominance as to taxi entry into the airport.

Advising Repsol, S.A. in the acquisition of equity in Bardahl.

Advising Owens Illinois in acquisition of glass container business from Vitro.

Representing GE in the Mexico filing on the sale of its transportation unit to Wabtec.

Awards and rankings

- Antitrust and Competition, *Latin Lawyer National*, 2020
- Competition/Antitrust (Mexico), *Chambers Latin America*, 2010-2012, 2017-2021
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2018-2020
- Antitrust & Competition, *Latin Lawyer 250*, 2018-2020
- Competition and Mining, *Who's Who Legal*, 2020
- Competition and Antitrust, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2017-2021

Latest thinking and events

- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells Antitrust and Competition Lawyers Recognized as 2022 Thought Leaders and Future Leaders
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Mexico | Cofece released a communication that exempts Competition Law due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Published Works
 - Mexico, Latin Lawyer Reference Antitrust 2019 *Latin Lawyer Reference Antitrust*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Antitrust, Competition and Economic Regulation

Agency Investigations

Sports

Education and admissions

Education

LL.M., London School of Economics and Political Science, 1997

Law Degree, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, 1993

Accolades

"Recommended specialist Ricardo Pons, and the highly regarded Omar Guerrero, co-lead the nine-strong team."

Legal 500

"Ricardo Arturo Pons Mestre is highly praised by clients, who describe him as 'an extraordinary lawyer who knows antitrust inside and out'. They go on to highlight 'his ability to give simple and direct explanations.'"

Chambers and Partners

Quarterly Newsletter – Spring 2018

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Antitrust, competition, and economic regulation quarterly newsletter - Winter 2018
- Hogan Lovells Events
 - When Competitors Can Talk Among Themselves and When They Cannot: Information Exchanges as a New Frontier in Antitrust Enforcement