

## David Antón

Counsel

Madrid

### Biography

Concentrating on regulatory and administrative law, David Antón has been advising clients in a wide scope of cases.

He has deep experience in the energy, infrastructure and natural resource sectors, environment and government regulatory, including public procurement, transport, national defence, gambling, etc. He defends the interests of clients before public authorities in the administrative stage and the contentious-administrative stage in the courts, at national, regional and local level. He is committed to find realistic and workable solutions in complex regulatory scenarios.

Starting with a deep knowledge of the relevant sector, he is aware of the complexity of regulatory frameworks and the concerns of the clients acting in the so-called regulated sectors. His approach to cases consists of a 360° analysis to reach a position that allows understanding the perspective of the clients and the point of view of counterparts in order to anticipate any impact, and find the most cost and time efficient solution. He is able to display a collection of different actions in order to share with clients the pros and cons and make a decision on the best way to proceed.

He has also advised public authorities, so he is well-positioned to understand their point of view and



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### Languages

English  
Spanish

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### Practices

Administrative and Public Law

Aviation Law

Energy Regulatory

Environment and Natural Resources

Food Law

Government Contracts

Health Law

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,  
and Projects

reconcile private targets with public interest. With a deal-making attitude, he has wide experience in the regulatory aspects of M&A transactions, working closely with other teams to reach the best solution and solve or circumvent any regulatory obstacles in the path of a successful structure bearing in mind all potential risks.

## Representative experience

Challenging legislation and regulations before courts, including Resolution from Ministry of Justice on submission of corporate books representing association of listed companies Emisores Españoles.

Claims for reestablishment of economic and financial balance of public contracts (road concession agreements, biogas and incineration waste facilities, public parking lots, etc.).

Legal advice and analysis of risks relating to international public procurement of energy and industrial projects, including EPC contracts, O&M contracts, and JV agreements.

Claims for damages against Spanish Government as a result of changes in regulatory framework, especially in relation to renewable energy sector.

Analysis of regulatory aspects involved in public offering proceedings of public-owned companies in the sectors of gaming and airports.

Legal defence in the context of public procurement for awarding of contracts in the railway sector, including challenges of awarding.

Administrative appeal and defense before courts of a Spanish industrial group against an unfavorable environmental impact statement for a refinery project.

Legal advice to a Swedish mining group on actions against it filed by a Spanish Administration relating to failure of tailings dam in Andalucía.

Medical Device and Technology  
Regulatory

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology  
Regulatory

Public Procurement

Transportation

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## Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and  
Government Services

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

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## Areas of focus

Advertising and Promotion  
Compliance

Auditing, Internal Reviews,  
Reporting, Self-Disclosure

Clean Air

Clean Water Act

Commercial Transactions and Due  
Diligence

Environmental Litigation

Food Advertising and Regulation

Food Recalls

Hospitals and Health Care Providers

Land Use and Project Development

Medical Devices

Mining and Resources: Mining

Mining and Resources: Sales and  
Trading

Water

Legal defense before the courts of one of the largest companies in fertilizers sector in relation with disposal of waste in quarry.

## Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells rings in the New Year with 30 promotions to partner and 47 promotions to counsel
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Spanish Natural Gas Organized Wholesale Market: Completion of Regulatory Framework *Oil and Gas Insights*
- Published Works
  - The International Comparative Legal Guide to Oil & Gas Regulation 2016 Edition (Spain Chapter) *Global Legal Group Ltd, London*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - The Paris International Climate Change Agreement: turning point or business as usual? *Client Notes*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - New regulation of Spanish Aircraft Registry *Client Notes*

Natural Resource Management

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and Midstream Facilities

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Permit Negotiations and Appeals

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

Power: Nuclear Power

Power: Renewable Power

Power: Thermal Power

Power: Transmission, Storage, Sales, and Trading

Regulated Industries and Utilities

Regulatory Exclusivities, Hatch-Waxman, and Similar Statutes

Site Remediation

Waste - RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Automotive Regulatory

Rail

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LLM in Energy, Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo, 2008

Degree in Law, Universidad  
Autónoma de Madrid, 2006

Degree in Politics and  
Administration Science, Universidad  
Autónoma de Madrid, 2006

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## Memberships

Madrid bar association

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

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