

Ricardo Pons Mestre

Partner

Mexico City

Biography

Ricardo Pons Mestre advises clients on corporate reorganizations in Mexico. With decades of experience, he focuses his practice on antitrust and competition matters, mergers & 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 & 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.



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Languages

English
Spanish

Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Advising Cancun International Airport in a alleged 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

- Competition/Antitrust (Mexico), *Chambers Latin America*, 2010-2012, 2017-2020
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2018-2019
- Antitrust & Competition, *Latin Lawyer 250*, 2018
- Competition, *Who's Who Legal*, 2017 - 2018
- LACCA Approved: Antitrust, *Latin American Corporate Counsel Association (LACCA)*, 2017 - 2018
- Competition and Antitrust, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2017 - 2018
- Competition, *Who's Who Legal Mexico*, 2013-2014

Latest thinking and events

- Published Works
 - Mexico, Latin Lawyer Reference Antitrust 2019 *Latin Lawyer Reference Antitrust*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Antitrust, Competition and Economic Regulation Quarterly Newsletter – Spring 2018
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Antitrust, competition, and economic regulation quarterly newsletter - Winter 2018
- Hogan Lovells Events

Areas of focus

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

Merger Control

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices

Competition Compliance

Agency Investigations

Education and admissions

Education

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

Law Degree, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, 1993

Accolades

"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

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

Legal 500

- When Competitors Can Talk Among Themselves and When They Cannot: Information Exchanges as a New Frontier in Antitrust Enforcement
- Published Works
 - Cartel Regulation 2016 *Latin Lawyer Reference*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Hogan Lovells Mining Newsletter - November 2014 *Mining Newsletter*