

# Santiago Garrido de las Heras

Partner  
Madrid

## Biography

Santiago is the Head of the Regulatory and Environment practice in our Madrid office. He is a recognized expert in Energy, Environmental and Climate Change law, advising clients in the Energy, Natural Resources and other regulated sectors. Santiago is known for being a great problem-solver. He sees the connections between regulatory policies and business realities and has helped clients resolve challenging requirements with minimal corporate impact and find business opportunities when new regulatory obligations are imposed.

As part of his practice, Santiago also defends clients in court or administrative procedures, challenges legislation, and handles claims in civil, criminal, and administrative courts.

Santiago is recognized as a leading individual by the most prestigious international legal directories including Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, Acritas Stars and Best Lawyers, among others.

## Representative experience

Representing several multinational companies on administrative, civil and criminal proceedings related to liabilities regarding environmental damage.



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## Languages

English  
Spanish

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## Practices

Administrative and Public Law  
Energy Regulatory  
Environment and Natural Resources  
Government Contracts

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## Industries

Energy and Natural Resources  
Life Sciences and Health Care

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Advising public and private entities in the field of waste.

Representation of various industrial companies in administrative and judicial procedures regarding energy, water supply, water disposal, waste treatment, air emissions, etc.

Representing a business association in challenging legislation regarding renewable energies.

Advising companies and business associations regarding climate change and emissions trading.

Defending a mining and metals company in a claim for pollution damages.

Challenging of acts and regulations regarding energy sector before the Spanish courts and the EU Court of Justice.

Ongoing advice to several promoters of renewable energy plants.

## Awards and rankings

- Projects and Energy, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Industry Focus: Healthcare and Life Sciences, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Acritas Star for Environment, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2018-2020
- Energy & Natural Resources (Spain), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Environment, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2017-2019
- Public Law, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Ranked in Energy & Natural Resources, *Chambers Europe*, 2016-2019
- Band 1 in Environment, *Chambers Europe*, 2014-2019
- Ranked in Public Law, *Chambers Europe*, 2018-2019

## Areas of focus

Environment and Climate Change  
Legislation and Policy

Environmental Litigation

Mining and Resources: Mining

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas  
(LNG)

Water

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Law Degree, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Master in Environmental Management and Policies, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Master in International Business Law, Instituto de Empresa (IE)

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Madrid

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## Accolades

"A fantastic lawyer and a specialist in the area".

*Chambers Europe 2019*

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Clients note his "creativity and tenacity in bringing solutions to the

- Recommended Lawyer in Environmental Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2012-2020
- Recommended Lawyer in Water Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2017
- Recommended Lawyer in Natural Resources Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2012-2020
- Recommended Lawyer in Administrative Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2012-2020
- Recommended Lawyer in Energy Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2019-2020
- Recommended Lawyer in Environmental Law, *Expert Guides*, 2019

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - A Comparative Guide: Impact of COVID-19 on the Infrastructure and Energy Sector
- News
  - Spain takes new steps to facilitate the availability of a wide range of PPE
- News
  - Spain intervenes in the price of face masks and other essential products within the COVID-19 context
- News
  - Spain issues order to facilitate access to personal protective equipment
- News
  - Spain responds to COVID-19 with new reporting obligations, supply chain controls
- News
  - Impact of Spanish government's COVID-19 measures on life sciences companies operating in Spain

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*Chambers Europe 2019*

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Recommended for his "ability to propose real solutions and his practical and commercial vision".

*Chambers Europe 2019*

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"He provides really pragmatic, imaginative solutions".

*Chambers Europe 2018*

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"He is the most practical of all those I work with on energy and environmental matters. He creates imaginative and pragmatic solutions and a great dialogue with public administrations to see what's the best way of tackling the issues".

*Chambers Europe 2018*

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