

Press release

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## ECIJA opens in Valencia its third office in Spain.

## Following its growth strategy, ECIJA integrates Romá Bohorques law firm, with a team of two partners and ten professionals in the city of Valencia, led by Pablo Romá.

ECIJA, through the integration of Romá Bohorques Law Firm, inaugurates a new office in the city of Valencia, located at Calle Pintor Sorolla 16, being the third headquarters of the Firm in Spain, after Madrid and Barcelona, and the fifth globally.

Romá Bohorques Abogados Tributarios, which is now part of ECIJA structure, is a business law firm with a strong specialization in Tax Law, which in its eight years of existence has worked in important mergers and acquisitions, fiscal operations, cross-border transactions, which have led its managing partner, Pablo Romá, to be recognized as Leading Individual by Chambers & Partners.

As a result of this strategic move, ECIJA Valencia will be led by Pablo Romá Bohorques (founder and managing partner of Romá Bohorqués) and will have a team of 10 lawyers and 2 partners, who will advise clients highlighting it's specialization in Tax and accompanied by the leadership of the Group in Information Technologies, Media and Telecommunications, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

In the words of Hugo Ecija, founder and CEO of ECIJA "the new ECIJA headquarters in Valencia reinforce our services for our clients in the region, in addition to strengthening the firm's growth strategy. With the integration of the entire team of Romá Bohorques, we consolidate our Tax practice area headed by one of the most recognized lawyers in the Spanish market.

In the words of Pablo Romá, Managing Partner of the ECIJA Valencia "we are very proud to join this ambitious project of one of the most recognized Law Firms in the market and to promote the growth of ECIJA from the Valencian Community, offering a multidisciplinary service and excellent quality to all our client."

Following this integration, ECIJA now counts 29 partners and more than 150 professionals between its offices in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Santiago de Chile and Miami.

This movement is part of the growth strategy of the Firm, which in 2017 hired 6 new partners and 25 new professionals.

In 2017, year of the 20th anniversary of the Firm, ECIJA received, for the second consecutive year, the Expansion Award for the "Best Spanish Firm in Information Technology, Data Protection and Intellectual Property" and the "Most Innovative Project of the Year" for its "Data Forecast" IT tool. The international publication Forbes has also awarded ECIJA as the "Law Firm of the Year in Technology, Privacy and Intellectual Property". Likewise, during 2017, legal directories such as Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 have highlighted their leadership in the disciplines of Information Technology, Intellectual Property, Audiovisual Law, Compliance, Commercial and Litigation.

## About Pablo Romá

With his integration in ECIJA, Pablo will assume the direction of Valencia Office and the Tax practice area at ECIJA. Pablo has a professional experience of more than 15 years in tax advice on mergers and acquisitions, cross-border transactions, restructuring and private clients.

He began his professional career as Inspector of Taxes of the Generalitat Valenciana, and before ECIJA he worked as a lawyer in firms such as Deloitte and Broseta. Professor at different universities and business schools, he egularly lectures on taxation in several forums, highlighting the Chamber of Commerce and the Valencia Stock Exchange. He is also a regular press contributor.

In addition, Pablo is Founder of the Council Spain - Mexico and Honorary Consul of Mexico in Valencia by the Mexican Government.

He holds a degree in Law from the University of Valencia and is a member of the Valencia Bar Association, the International Fiscal Association (IFA), the Spanish Association of Financial Lawyers (AEDF) and the Spanish Association of Tax Advisers (AEDAF).

His career has also been highlighted by Chambers & Partners, who has recognized him as one of the best tax lawyers in the Spanish market.

We remain at your disposal for any issues that may arise.

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