

Press release

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ECIJA awarded for third year in a row in Expansión Awards as the Best IP / IT / Data Protection law firm and the most innovative project in the Spanish market.

The Firm has come first in two of the twelve categories of this II Edition of the Expansión Awards, being chosen as the best Firm in Spain for Intellectual Property, Information Technology and Data Protection, and also awarded for its "Anticitera" software tool, as the most innovative project of the year.

Last Thursday June 7th, Expansión celebrated the **III Edition of the Legal Expansion Awards for Excellence in Business Law**, in collaboration with Banco Santander, IE Business School, Lefebvre-El Derecho and Signium.

As a result of the vote of the 46 members of the jury (managing partners of the main law firms in Spain and General Counsels of the main IBEX35 companies), ECIJA was the winner in the following categories:

- **Best IT / IP / Data Protection Law Firm in the Spanish Market.** The Firm obtained this recognition by being chosen over the rest of the finalist law firms: Baker & McKenzie, Bird & Bird, Cuatrecasas, Elzaburu, Garrigues, Gómez Acebo, Pons IP and Uría Menéndez. The jury responsible for voting took into account not only the volume of operations carried out by ECIJA during the year, but also its importance and specific weight in the sector, the quality of its team work, as well as the complexity of the matters dealt with and the defense of clients' interests not only in national territory, but also before international organizations.
- **Most Innovative Project.** ECIJA won the award for the **Most Innovative project in Spain** for the development of its technological solution "**Anticitera**", through which ECIJA has radically changed its work processes, moving from traditional documentary production to computer programming of "scripts and add-ons". The initiative allows lawyers to work on programmable documents that propose intelligent content, reduce human error and optimize the quality of deliverables and response times, in search of legal excellence. The finalist law firms in this category were Baker McKenzie, BDO Abogados, EY Abogados, KPMG Abogados, PwC Abogados, RCD, Reclamador and Roca Junyent.

In the words of **Hugo Écija**, founder and CEO of ECIJA, "these Awards are especially important for us, we greatly value that our own colleagues recognize us as the best law firm in the said categories. The level of the legal sector in our country is very high, it is an honor for us to receive these awards. We have one of the largest teams in Spain in these practice areas, and this is undoubtedly the recognition of the excellent work of all the professionals that compose it and that every day are an example of effort and dedication in their work". In the words of **Alejandro Touriño**, Head of IT Firm promoter of "Anticitera", "winning these Awards is a challenge that every year is more difficult because of the great level of our colleagues. I only have words of thanks for the ECIJA team, the Jury, and certainly for our clients, thanks to them we are here today."



Hugo Écija, founder and CEO of ECIJA, and Alejandro Touriño, Managing Partner of the Firm, receiving the award for the Most Innovative Project in the Spanish Market, with José Ángel Sandín, CEO of Lefebvre – El Derecho.



Leticia Domínguez and Alonso Hurtado, partners of the Firm, receiving the award for the Best IP, IT & Data Protection Law Firm in Spain with Aurelio Fernández, head of publications of Unidat Editorial Group.



Partners of the Firm: Juan Salmerón, Jesús Yáñez, Alonso Hurtado, Cristina Llop, Javier López, Hugo Écija, Leticia Domínguez, Gabriel Nadal, Daniel López, Emilio Prieto, Alejandro Touriño.

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