

## ECIJA and “Jiménez de Parga Firm” merge

**Pablo Jiménez de Parga will be ECIJA’s new Executive VicePresident.**

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After more than 50 years of trajectory since its foundation, by Professor Manuel Jiménez de Parga, the Jiménez de Parga Office has agreed **to merge with ECIJA**, with the main objective of positioning the firm among the five leading national law firms. The operation, already approved by both firms, will be effective on **July 1**.

ECIJA, after receiving **this year’s Award for Best European Firm in Technology by The Lawyer**, makes a qualitative leap with this operation in its consolidation strategy among the most important law firms in the Spanish market. Both firms have been collaborating over the last few years in common projects and clients, sharing corporate cultures and synergies leading their partners **taking a further step**, merging fully their practice areas and teams.

This merger between two leading firms in their respective practice areas consolidates the offer of multidisciplinary services offered by ECIJA, mainly strengthening its **business areas, labour, financial-regulatory, civil and economic criminal procedure, as well as real state and environment**.

This operation will consolidate the firm with over 400 lawyers and 77 partners, with presence in 11 jurisdictions. After the effective incorporation of all the professionals of Jiménez de Parga, ECIJA office in Madrid will have more than 150 professionals.

The merger also involves the incorporation of **Pablo Jiménez de Parga** to ECIJA’s executive management team, as **Executive VicePresident**, forming part of ECIJA’s International Board and the Management Board.

Along with Pablo Jiménez de Parga, **four other professionals join ECIJA as partners**: Fernando Vizcaíno de Sas, José María Abella, Magdalena Bertram and Víctor Moralo. All of them referring professionals in their areas, with a wide experience in national and international firms

### **In words of ECIJA’s President, Hugo Écija**

Why a merger with a firm like Jiménez de Parga?

"Jiménez de Parga is one of the best law firms in Spain specialized in commercial, criminal and labour matters, so it is a great satisfaction and responsibility that Pablo, Fernando and the entire Jiménez de Parga team decided to join ECIJA."

### **What does Jiménez de Parga Firm provide to ECIJA?**

"We welcome a great team that will surely help us to expand our range of legal services. Pablo as ECIJA’s VicePresident, will provide us his experience and knowledge, helping ECIJA to become the reference firm in the Ibero-American market".



## **And the future...?**

"We want to be the leading Spanish firm in Ibero-America and, for this, we are investing and working intensively. During 2019, we will announce the opening of three new countries, through the incorporation of the best firms in their jurisdiction.

"In 2010, we opened our first international office and we want to celebrate it in 2020 with offices in 15 different countries. It is a pleasure for us to have Pablo Jiménez de Parga as ECIJA's VicePresident and as a member of our International Management Board. We want to be the first Spanish firm with its own offices in all the main markets of Latin America and we have a strong commitment in order to achieve it.

## **In words of ECIJA's new Executive VicePresident, Pablo Jiménez de Parga**

### **Why this merge?**

"After more than 20 years directing Jiménez de Parga Firm, I thought it was the perfect moment to take one step forward in the national and international market, but I also believed it was important to maintain the values and identity that my father, the founder, passed on everyone in the firm, respecting the law practice.

From the beginning of our conversations, Hugo transmitted on me an illusion that was constantly growing when we get closer into details of the operation's synergies. At the end there were no doubts: we had a great opportunity and we had to take advantage of it".

### **What does the incorporation of Jiménez de Parga professionals will mean to ECIJA?**

"The national and international expansion of ECIJA in recent years is truly formidable. We really wanted to join and contribute to this project that is nowadays a reality. All of these with the main objective of delivering to all our clients, professional services that answer to a wider variety of needs, in the end improving our service range and with better answers for the demands of our customers.

