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Javier Fernández-Samaniego offers unparalleled authority over information technology matters. His practice is further complemented by additional strength in dispute resolution, data protection and fintech matters. *"His 360 degrees approach to legal and regulatory matters allows him to provide work adapted to the clients' business needs and the political agenda,"* according to sources.

Chambers Europe, 2022, Spain. TMT: Information Technology - Star Individual and Data Protection - Tier 1.

Recognised by sources as "an incredible mediator," Javier Fernández-Samaniego advises on competition and antitrust litigation, as well as international arbitration arising from contractual disputes. Interviewees comment: "He is a lawyer with an enormous capacity to understand the client's needs. In addition, he has the ability to analyse complex issues to which he provides solutions due to his deep knowledge in commercial law and arbitration."

Chambers Global 2022. Dispute Resolution – Spain (Recognised Practitioner), Most in Demand Arbitrators – Spain

Javier Fernández-Samaniego is the Managing Director of SAMANIEGO Law, an alternative iberoamerican law firm specializing in dispute resolution and technology law.

Javier has 25 years of experience in international commercial law acquired in leading International Commercial law firms. His practice focuses mainly on prevention and resolution of commercial international conflicts (international litigation, arbitration, and ADR) and he is particularly focused in IT sector dealing with all kinds of issues relating Major Tech & Privacy projects (new cloud and big data business models, outsourcing transaction, data protection review programs, etc.).

Javier has vast experience assisting European clients in their expansion in Latin America and US clients in their European expansion. He is Admitted in Spain and is Foreign Legal Consultant (certified by The Florida Bar).

Javier is appointee of the Kingdom of Spain as Conciliator at the Panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators of ICSID The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes of the World Bank (end of term - February 2026). He is an arbitrator at the information and communication technologies department of the Chamber of Commerce of Madrid. He is also a CEDR accredited mediator and has advised on several alternative dispute resolution cases for clients. He is member of CPR Panel of Distinguished Neutrals and its European Advisory Board.

Career

2017 - Launch of **Samaniego Law**

2005-2016 - Founding and managing partner of the Spanish office of **Bird & Bird** and head of its Commercial, Dispute Resolution and Information Technology teams.

2000-2005 - Head of the IT and Communications at **Linklaters**.

1996-2000 - Head of Technology and Data Protection team at Spanish firm **Cuatrecasas**.

1995-1996 - In-house lawyer at the **CDTI** (Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology), European Space Agency representative in Spain.

Other relevant information

Javier lectures and writes extensively on technology law and ADR, as well on innovation in the legal sector. He is Senior Fellow at Florida International University developing its Latin Atlantic Tech Law Collaborative. He also keeps a blog Metamorphosis on the legal issues related to innovation and disruptive technology at FIDE Foundation. Javier is fluent in Spanish, English, French and Italian.

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