

Callol sets up new Spanish boutique

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Pedro Callol and his competition team have left Roca Junyent to establish a new antitrust boutique in Madrid.

Pedro Callol

Callol, 43, has worked in the Washington, DC office of Arnold & Porter and in the Madrid office of Allen & Overy, heading the firm's Spanish antitrust practice between 2002 and 2008.

His new firm, Callol Law, will focus on competition and regulatory matters, particularly in the TMT, consumer goods and industrial sectors.

Callol is currently counsel to companies that are under investigation or appearing before court in the paper recycling, paper production, movie exhibition, industrial bearings and car distribution industries to name a few. He also advised Real Madrid on the antitrust investigation regarding football rights.

Callol says he is confident that his latest venture will prove a success.

"We believe we have reached maturity as lawyers – if maturity in this profession can ever be reached," he says. "This does not mean that we don't have anything to learn, but we are confident in the legal training we have received; we have a strong track record of working as an independent team and we have the ability and training to cover a great variety of matters."

Two senior associates – Jorge Manzarbeitia and Manuel Cañadas – and one junior associate – Santiago Roca – have joined him in the move, and Callol is in the process of hiring two trainees. Manzarbeitia worked with Callol at Allen & Overy, Cañadas completed his training at the former Howrey, while Roca has trained with the European Commission.