Welcome to IE Law School!

IE Law School is a vibrant community of professors, practitioners and students from all over the world, united by the conviction that law offers a privileged entry point to understand and improve our global and complex world.

In the last 35 years, IE Law School has consolidated itself as a national and international reference in training globally oriented law practitioners. This has been achieved through a combination of an extraordinarily rich and varied faculty, programs based on the case-method, active research centers that bring together scholars, practitioners and students, and sophisticated programs which count with an active involvement of top civil servants and lawyers.

The mission of IE Law School is to form excellent lawyers that can become global leaders, thanks both to their outstanding skills and to their courageous commitment to promote constantly the global common good. We promote this in many ways: by establishing strategic alliances with key stakeholders from common law and civil law jurisdictions, by introducing a clinical approach to law and by engaging with companies in developing extremely sophisticated programs.

IE Law School counts with an excellent faculty comprised of full-time professors, with relevant experience in a variety of legal and business issues, and a large body of adjunct professors, including top practitioners from major law firms and company legal departments, as well as other legal professionals. In addition, IE Law School is proud to receive amongst its faculty a select number of visiting professors from prestigious institutions around the world such as Yale, Georgetown, NYU, Northwestern, Stanford, London School of Economics or Sciences Po. All of this allows our students to learn from a diverse range of experts and obtain a better understanding of the practice of Law.

Top students are the heart of a great school. At IE Law School, we seek and manage to attract talented students from all over world, due to our global orientation, our hands-on approach to teaching, the many opportunities offered by all of our agreements with top law schools around the world, a focus on forming legal entrepreneurs, the transversal contribution of the Humanities in the curriculum and last but not least because many of our programs are taught entirely in English. We have also set up an extensive scholarship program for those talented students who lack financial means to come to IE Law School.

Without any doubt, top programs attract top students. Our programs’ hallmark is the constant search for the perfect blend between the best theory and the most innovative teaching methods, as well as a constant exposure to cutting-edge legal practice, a varied and exciting clinical program, the possibility of engaging in high-level scholar research, great exchange programs and involvement in advanced schemes such as LawWithoutWalls™. Our goal is to train full-rounded and entrepreneurial lawyers, and not merely to teach the law.

This can be seen for instance in our LLB in cooperation with the University of Law in the UK which enables students to practice law in Spain, England and Wales, or in the LLB Spanish track, oriented to prepare students for the increasingly globalized practice of law in the Spanish markets. In connection to the latter it is important to mention the new “Double
“Masters in Lawyering” which offers excellent training to fulfill the new requirements for the practice of law in Spain. Our programs have a solid reputation gained over the course of the last 35 years. Students who are willing to become legal advisers in global firms know that IE offers some of the top-ranked LLMs in the field and that leading firms directly recruit our students. All this within the wonderful city of Madrid.

Our full-time faculty is committed to producing cutting-edge research of the highest standards. Every single new addition to our growing faculty must prove a solid track-record of research, and promotions are based strongly on these investigations. Research at IE Law School has a strong outward focus. We believe in a trinity between research, training and practice, that is why many of our research centers are known for organizing seminars where top judges, civil servants and academics are invited to discuss their ideas and present joint outputs. I invite you to visit the websites of our IE Center of Excellence for European Studies, our Perez-Llorca IE Chair for Commercial Law, our Jose María Cervelló Chair, and our Negotiation and Mediation Center.

IE Law School counts with a strong Alumni community, which is spread all over the world, and that is comprised by many managing partners at top law firms such as Clifford Chance, Cuatrecasas, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Freshfields, Garrigues, Ramón Hermosilla & Gutiérrez de la Roza, PWC Abogados, among others. This proves our success in training legal experts. We are strongly committed to working together with all those that through their hard work, suggestions and constructive criticism have enabled us to get where we are, and hope they will take IE Law School Community even further. Global Alumni meetings and regional reunions are designed for this purpose.

As the new Dean of IE Law School, I have committed myself to maintain and expand the greatness of this truly unique institution by working endlessly to ensure that it remains as reference in the legal world. This is obviously beyond the capacity of a single person, but feasible thanks to a creative and committed community. I hope that you enjoy the visit to the website, and that you will visit it often to keep up to date with our work.

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Dean of IE Law School