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## Summary

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Félix Plaza is a partner at Garrigues, where he practises in the areas of Sports Law and Tax Law.

He leads Garrigues' Sports and Entertainment Law department (Garrigues Sports & Entertainment), advising leading leagues, clubs, federations and institutions operating in this sector at both national and international levels, primarily in football. He also has extensive experience advising on the organisation and staging of major sporting events.

He earned a Law degree from Universidad San Pablo CEU (Madrid) and a Master's in Taxation from Centro de Estudios Financieros. He is a member of the Madrid Bar Association, a member of the Spanish Entrepreneurs Association's (CEOE) Sport Committee and an arbitrator at the TAS/CAS. He is recognised by international legal directories such as Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, Best Lawyers and Who's Who Legal.

He is the President of Centro de Estudios Garrigues Business & Law School.

## Professional Profile

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### 1. Experience

Félix Plaza is a partner at Garrigues Law Firm, where he has developed his professional career after working at Arthur Andersen.

He is an expert in Sports Law and leads Garrigues' Sports and Entertainment Law department (Garrigues Sports & Entertainment), specialising in advising individuals and entities operating in this sector. He is also an expert in Tax Law.

In the sports field, he regularly advises Spain's main professional leagues, a number of football clubs, federations and various national and international institutions.

Félix has in-depth knowledge of all regulations relating to the transfer of football players, a field in which he advises on a regular basis and on which he has written a number of books and articles.

He regularly takes part in investment and financing transactions involving football clubs, advising investment funds, financial institutions, sports sponsors and top-level athletes.

He also advises clubs and players on sponsorship agreements, audiovisual rights agreements and image rights.

He has extensive experience advising on the planning and staging of major sporting events.

He is recognised by international legal directories such as Chambers & Partners, The Legal 500, Best Lawyers and Who's Who Legal as a leading lawyer in the field of Sports Law.

He is an arbitrator of the TAS/CAS.

He is the President of Centro de Estudios Garrigues, a legal and business practice school, which he directed from 2017 to 2019.

He is a member of the CEOE's (Spanish Entrepreneurs Association) Sport Committee.

He is Director of the Executive Programme "Inmersión en la Gestión Deportiva (SBA)" and Director of the "MBA in Sports, Business & Law" at Centro de Estudios Garrigues. He also lectures on the Executive Master in International Taxation at Centro de Estudios Garrigues—where he delivers a specific module on the international taxation of artists and sportspersons.

He is a frequent speaker at seminars and conferences.

He is a member of the Madrid Bar Association.

## **2. Education**

- Law degree from Centro Universitario San Pablo CEU (Universidad Complutense de Madrid).
- Master's in taxation from Centro de Estudios Financieros.

## **3. Publications**

- International Transfer of Football Players. Aranzadi La Ley, 26 de diciembre de 2025.
- Fiscalidad del deporte profesional: análisis del régimen actual y propuestas de mejora. Fundación Impuestos y Competitividad, 26 November 2025.
- ¿Cómo se crea la cultura? (co-author). Almazara, 1 July 2025.
- Co-author of “El Derecho a la verdad: perspectivas y regulación”, published by Tirant Lo Blanch, 2021.
- Co-author of “Derecho del deporte: radiografía de sus aspectos más cruciales”, published by Nueva Economía Social, 2018.
- Co-author of the monograph “Un nuevo marco jurídico para el deporte”, published by Thomson Reuters Aranzadi, 2017.
- Co-author of the chapter on Collaboration Agreements in “Fiscalidad del mecenazgo”, published by Fundación Impuestos y Competitividad, 2017.
- Co-author of the chapter “Régimen fiscal de otras formas de mecenazgo distintas de las donaciones y aportaciones” in “Nuevo tratado de fundaciones”, published by Thomson Reuters, 2016.
- Co-author of the book “Régimen fiscal del deporte”, published by Thomson Reuters, 2013.
- Coordinator and author of “Fiscalidad internacional de los deportistas”, published in a bilingual edition by Thomson Aranzadi, 2010.
- Coordinator and author of the book “Tax Guide on Sportsperson Taxation in Certain Relevant Jurisdictions”, published by Thompson Aranzadi, 2008.
- Co-author of the book “Derecho del deporte en España 1975–2005”, published by la Consejería de Turismo, Comercio y Deporte de la Junta de Andalucía, 2005.
- Author of the Introduction and the chapter “Derecho: de la obligación de conocerlo al derecho a entenderlo”. Tirant lo Blanch, May 2024.

He has written numerous articles and contributed to various publications and is a member of the Editorial Board of the Aranzadi Journal of Sports and Entertainment Law.