

Rafael Bazán

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Formación

Licenciado en Derecho por la Universidad Complutense de Madrid (1993)
Colegio de Abogados de Madrid (Diploma en Derecho de la Empresa) (1995)
Universidad de Navarra, IESE (Programa de Desarrollo Directivo, PDD) (2006)

Áreas de práctica

Bancario & Financiero

Idiomas

Inglés y español



Rafael Bazán, socio del departamento Bancario & Financiero de Aroz & Rueda desde 2017, se incorporó al despacho tras cuatro años como socio del departamento bancario y financiero de Baker McKenzie (2013-2017).

Anteriormente trabajó doce años en los departamentos bancario y financiero de Alonso Ureba, Bauzá y Asociados y Ramón y Cajal Abogados (de los cuales nueve años como socio), tras seis años como miembro de las asesorías jurídicas internas de HSBC Bank Plc. sucursal en España y Citibank España, S.A, habiendo además ostentado el cargo de vicesecretario no consejero de Iberpay, sociedad gestora del Sistema Nacional de Compensación Electrónica (SNCE).



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Rafael cuenta con una dilatada experiencia en todo tipo de operaciones nacionales e internacionales en el ámbito de financiaciones corporativas, financiación de adquisiciones, activos y reestructuración de compañías en crisis, tanto desde el lado de los bancos como de las compañías afectadas, y en todo tipo de sectores, con especialización en los sectores inmobiliario, financiero e industrial. Asimismo, en los últimos cinco años ha asesorado, tanto a bancos vendedores como a inversores, en las operaciones de compraventa de créditos (NPLs) y activos más relevantes del mercado, contando además con gran experiencia en temas regulatorios relacionados con autoridades supervisoras.

SELECCIÓN DE RECOMENDACIONES:

Chambers Europe Guide 2021, "Highly Recommended Individual" in Banking & Finance (Tier 3). Rafael Bazán earns considerable praise among interviewees for his experience on both the buy and sell sides of NPL transactions. He also advises on refinancing and financing transactions that often fall within the mid-market range. Clients highlight "his dedication and skill in negotiating with the counterparty." "He is extremely responsive and knowledgeable," notes another source.

Chambers Europe Guide 2020, "Highly Recommended Individual" in Banking & Finance (Tier 2). Rafael Bazán (Tier 2) of Aroz & Rueda is recognized for advising a range of high-profile banks on the sale and acquisition of portfolios, including distressed portfolios. He further assists clients with the financing of takeover bids.

The EMEA Legal 500 2020, "Highly Recommended Individual" in Banking & Finance. Araoz & Rueda advises on a range of finance matters, debt restructuring, leasing, and the acquisition and sale of distressed debt. The firm is also active in litigation against credit institutions, investment services companies and collective investment schemes. **Rafael Bazán** leads the practice and has particular expertise in transactions involving the acquisition and sale of NPLs and asset portfolios, representing sellers and buyers in major NPL transactions.

Testimonials:

"Proximity and flexibility"

"Very nice and easygoing people"

"Availability with senior partners involved"

IFLR 1000 2020, "Highly Recommended Individual" in Banking & Finance. The partner **Rafael Bazán** receives strong recommendations: "The firm's strengths are efficiency, agility and commitment". "The firm has deep knowledge of the needs of the customer. The partners are at front line, flexible and facilitators".

Chambers Europe Guide 2019, "Highly Recommended Individual" in Banking & Finance (Tier 2). **Rafael Bazán** (Tier 2) of Araoz & Rueda draws praise for his "very business-oriented" approach in mandates which include debt refinancing operations, NPL deals and acquisition finance. He is adept at advising both borrowing and lending parties. Clients report: "He goes right to the bottom of the matter, he's always available and ready to help: it's a pleasure to work with him."

The IFLR 1000 2019, "Highly Recommended Individual" in Banking & Finance. "Focused on closing deals while ensuring customer's interest as much as possible." "Araoz & Rueda provides high-quality service and delivers on time." "**Rafael Bazán** and **Ainhoa Veiga** are great professionals on whom you can trust without any doubt".

The EMEA Legal 500 2019, "Highly Recommended Individual" in Banking & Finance. Araoz & Rueda offers the 'direct engagement senior lawyers', with **Rafael Bazán** the name to note for banking and finance. Notable instructions include advising renewable energy companies Alten and Grupo Ortiz on the refinancing of two photovoltaic projects, and assisting Norwegian debt management company Axactor with the acquisition of two NPL portfolios from Bankinter.

Chambers Europe Guide 2018, "Highly Recommended Individual" in Banking & Finance (Tier 2). Clients highlight **Rafael Bazán** for his "negotiation skills and excellent knowledge of Spanish regulations." Interviewees further note that in complex situations "he knows how to manage everyone's interests." A recent addition to the team at Araoz & Rueda, he has standout experience on the sell side of distressed loan portfolio transactions. He also assists with corporate finance, acquisition finance and asset finance transactions.

The EMEA Legal 500 2018, "Recommended Individual" in Banking & Finance. Araoz & Rueda's team was strengthened by the arrival of **Rafael Bazán** from Baker McKenzie. Highlights included assisting Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank with the Spanish aspects of Sidorme Hotels' senior facility agreement in the sum of € 504m.

Chambers Europe Guide 2017, "Highly Recommended Individual" in Banking & Finance (Tier 2). **Rafael Bazán** of Araoz & Rueda has experience of high-profile loan portfolio transactions for key Spanish banking entities including the FROB, Catalunya Banc and Bankia. He also has broader expertise in refinancing, acquisition and asset finance. Clients say: "He is clearly business-oriented and client-focused," adding: "He is very precise and can advise on a wide scope of financial matters."