

Mr. José Maldonado Ramos

Director

Born in 1952

Spanish national

Graduated in Law from Universidad Complutense de Madrid, winning the extraordinary first Graduation Prize.

Professional Background:

In 1978 he passed State Exams and joined Spanish State Counsel Corps (*Cuerpo de Abogados del Estado*).

He was appointed Technical General Secretary to the Ministry of Territorial Administration, becoming Undersecretary to the same Department in 1982.

He has been Board Secretary and Director of Legal Services for Empresa Nacional para el Desarrollo de la Industria Alimentaria, S.A. (Endiasa); Astilleros Españoles, S.A.; and Iberia Líneas Aéreas de España, S.A.

He has also been Board Secretary for various companies, including: Astilleros y Talleres del Noroeste, S.A. (Astano); Aplicaciones Técnicas Industriales, S.A. (Ateinsa); Oleaginosas Españolas, S.A. (Oesa); Camping Gas, S.A. and Aviación y Comercio, S.A. (Aviaco); he has rendered services as Legal Counsel for Banco Exterior, S.A.; Legal Counsel for Banco Internacional de Comercio, S.A. and Banco Central Hispanoamericano S.A., as well as Director and Secretary of Sindibank, S.B.

He was appointed director and Secretary General of Argentaria in April 1997 and Director and Secretary General of Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. on 28 January 2000. Took early retirement as Bank executive in December 2009, continuing as member of the Board of Directors.