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Sergio López, Partner, AGM Abogados (Spain): Sergio has extensive experience in civil and commercial litigation. Over his 20 years of professional practice, he has advised a diverse range of clients, from multinational corporations to small businesses, in various business disputes. Whether working with legal directors of large companies or individuals with little knowledge of Spanish litigation law, he strives to provide the best defense of their interests in challenging and often uncomfortable situations, where uncertainty and unease are common.

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