

Avantia Asesoramiento Fiscal y Legal S.L.

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What the Team is Known For

Avantia Asesoramiento is a boutique firm that advises both domestic and international private clients on succession planning, trusts and estates. The firm is particularly noted for its ability to handle cross-border work for wealthy individuals and families.

Strengths

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"I appreciate their attention to detail, knowledge of Spanish wealth and income taxes, honesty and professionalism, and ability to communicate proactive solutions to help minimise tax burdens."

Private Wealth Law respondent
High Net Worth



"What distinguishes Avantia is the professionalism, rigour, quality and pragmatism with which they carry out their work, and the easy way in which they explain it, as well as their total availability."

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"They deliver very high-quality, personalised legal and tax advisory services. There is always a member of the team available to promptly respond to our queries."

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Firm Details:

Managing Partner: Javier Estella Lana

Senior Partners: Patricia García Mediero, Gabriel Pérez de Cárdenas

Number of partners worldwide: 3

Number of professionals worldwide: 15

Languages: English, French, Spanish

Firm Overview:

Avantia Asesoramiento Fiscal y Legal is one of the leading independent Spanish firms in the provision of tax and legal services to national and international private wealth clients. Its management team has nearly 30 years of professional experience gathered in PricewaterhouseCoopers in the UK and Spain, initiating the Spanish private client practice, and Ernst & Young Abogados, with Javier Estella Lana as partner-in-charge of the Spanish high net worth private client practice and Patricia García Mediero as partner-in-charge of the provision of international private wealth services.

Its professionals have outstanding academic qualifications in Spain and abroad in the fields of taxation, legal counsel and business management (Instituto de Empresa, IESE PDG, UK Institute of Taxation, Harvard Law School), as well as extensive experience as regular speakers at leading national and international private wealth events (STEP, IIR, International Wealth Advisors Forum, ABA, Private Client Forum at Villa D'este). They are professors at prominent Spanish academic institutions and universities (Instituto de Empresa), judges and members of the panel of experts to the STEP awards, committee members of the STEP Cross-Border Estates Special Interest Group, International Wealth Advisors Forum and Private Client Forum by Legal Week, acted as independent experts on succession matters at the Committee of Legal Affairs of the European Parliament - JURI and regular contributors to specialist publications both in Spain and abroad.

Avantia Asesoramiento Fiscal y Legal is widely reputed for its consistent quality and expertise and has been ranked as leader in its field by the most prestigious independent publications and bodies, including Chambers Europe, Legal Media Group – Euromoney, Citywealth Magazine, Who's Who Legal, and Private Client Global Elite by Legal Week. It has been shortlisted by the Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners (STEP) for its International Legal Team of the Year Award, and has won the 2015 Boutique Firm of the Year STEP award.

Main Areas of Practice:

Domestic Tax & Legal Services, Private Wealth:

The firm provides tax and legal advisory and compliance services to its private wealth clients at all wealth tiers, including succession and will planning, tax audits and investigations, court appeals, as well as those relating to the submission and obtention of Spanish tax rulings and voluntary disclosure processes. It also provides tax and legal advice to family businesses, including M&A and restructuring transactions, IPOs, financing arrangements and joint personal-corporate tax advice.

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International Private Wealth:

Avantia Asesoramiento Fiscal y Legal has a unique offering of a full-time professional team involved in the provision of cross-border private wealth tax and legal services to international private wealth clients, whether Spanish nationals and family groups with investments or transactions abroad or foreign citizens investing or residing in Spain.

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Individual Editorial

Javier Estella Lana is a managing partner at Avantia and heads its private wealth law practice. Estella Lana is commended as a leading expert in Spanish private wealth law. He regularly advises foreign and domestic high net worth clients on trusts and estates planning as well as handling structuring for clients' closely held businesses.

Practice Areas

Lawyer. Provides tax, legal and strategic advisory services to domestic and international private wealth clients. Advises on national and international tax matters to high net worth individuals, family groups, artists and sportspersons, family businesses, entrepreneurs and company directors, business and wealth restructuring processes, national and international succession planning, testamentary execution, dispute resolution, cross-border planning, business ventures, remuneration planning and Spanish tax audits, CRS, exchange of information and voluntary disclosure procedures, as well as tax cases before Spanish civil and criminal courts.

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Career

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Individual Editorial

Patricia García Mediero is a private wealth law expert with experience in estate planning and administration, wealth structuring, tax residency and residential property transactions. Her work is very often cross-border in scope and she regularly advises on highly complex and high-value wealth structuring and estate planning matters.

Practice Areas

Leading partner, international private wealth practice. Advisor to Spanish and foreign citizens investing or moving to or out of Spain, cross-border estates, Spanish high end real estate structuring, complex residential property transactions, settlors and beneficiaries of trusts and foundations, Spanish tax audits and civil and criminal tax cases before Spanish courts, exchange of information and voluntary disclosure procedures. Advice on international M&A involving family-owned companies. Clients include individuals and families, executors, trustees, family offices, private banks and legal firms.

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Individual Editorial

Gabriel Pérez de Cárdenas is a specialist in contentious tax. He advises on family business taxation and also assists with M&A, restructuring and voluntary disclosure procedures. He has expertise in cross-border matters.

Practice Areas

Senior advisor in domestic and international tax matters to high net worth individuals, family businesses, artists and sportspersons, entrepreneurs and company directors, from individuals and their corporate interests through to their underlying investments. Advises on acquisition and disposal of business interests and/or passive investments, M&A, IPOs, JVs and other business ventures, real estate transactions, remuneration planning and arrangements giving rise to high complex tax issues. Specialist on CRS, Exchange of Information, tax residence planning, Voluntary Disclosure procedures and Spanish tax audits.

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