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Ignacio is a lawyer specialised in IP. He started his professional career in 1993 as a lawyer specialised in IP litigation in Spain. He later joined EUIPO in 1997 as a member of the opposition division.

In 2000, he was assigned as Legal Clerk of the task force Intellectual Property within the cabinet of the President of the European Union General Court in Luxembourg. After this assignment, he returned to EUIPO to become Head of the Litigation Sector.

Over the last years, Ignacio has held several managerial positions at EUIPO as Deputy Director in the Human Resources Area and in the General-Institutional Affairs & External Relations Department. In 2013 he has played a major role in the integration of the Republic of Croatia in the EU Trade Marks and Community Design Systems.

Since March 2014 until February 2019 he was assigned to Bangkok (Thailand) as Minister Counsellor-Project Leader managing the technical cooperation programme of the European Union on IP with all the ten ASEAN countries (ECAP III, ARISE+ and IPKey South East Asia).

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