



## Victoria Ortega Benito

Victoria Ortega Benito has been president of the Spanish Bar Council since January 2016 (she was re-elected in January 2020). She is also president of the Spanish Professional Union, First Vice-President of the European Council of Liberal Professions and Vice-President of the World Liberal Professions Organization. She is also councilor of the Council of State and member of the General Coding Commission.

Born in Palencia, she lives and practices in Cantabria for years. She holds a PhD in Law from the University of Valladolid and she is practising lawyer since 1981. She has been dean of the Bar of Cantabria (2000-2008); Vice-President of the Spanish Bar Council (2002-2008) and general secretary of this institution from February 2011 to December 2015.

As for her academic activity, she has been a full professor of Procedural Law at the University of Cantabria since 1992. She has made several publications and monographic texts on Procedural and Administrative Law.

In 2009 she received the Gran Cruz al Mérito en el Servicio de la Abogacía (Grand Cross of Merit in the Service to Law) and the Gran Cruz de Raimundo de Peñafort (Grand Cross of San Raimundo de Peñafort), the highest award given by the Ministry of Justice in Spain.