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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law European University Institute, Fiesole (IT) - Title: ‘Innovation and Insolvency: the treatment of Intellectual Property Licenses in restructuring procedures’. Supervisor: Prof. Mathias Siems.	2021 – 2025
LLM in Comparative, European and International Laws European University Institute, Fiesole (IT) - Awarded as part of the PhD program (<i>ungraded and unranked master</i>).	2021 – 2022
LLM in European Union law Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona (ES) - Award: <i>with Honours, 1st of the promotion</i> (with ‘Títol extraordinari’).	2020 – 2021
LLM in Intellectual Property Law The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh (UK) - Award: <i>with Distinction, top 10% of the class (unranked master)</i> .	2019 - 2020
Degree in Law Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona (ES) Award: <i>with Honours, 3rd of the promotion</i> (with ‘Títol extraordinari’).	2015 - 2019

ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Post-doctoral position

Fulbright-Schuman scholar Fordham Law School, New York City (US) - Research project: ‘Toward a Sustainable Cycle of Innovation: Reforming the EU Bankruptcy Framework through US experience’. - Appointment commencing January 2026.	2025-2026
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Visiting positions

Autonomous University of Barcelona Barcelona, Spain	06/2024 – 07/2024
China-EU School of Law, China University of Political Science and Law Beijing, China	03/2024 – 04/2024
Columbia Law School New York City, USA	08/2023 – 12/2023
Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition Munich, Germany	06/2023 – 07/2023

Research cooperation and collaboration

Research Associate in the Working Party 10 ‘Quality and effectiveness of insolvency systems’ Conference on European Restructuring and Insolvency Law	Since 2023
Member of the Board of the Younger Academics Network of Insolvency Law INSOL Europe	Since 2023
Editor of the Spanish Journal of International Law <i>Revista Española de Derecho Internacional</i> , Madrid, (ES)	Since 2019
Coordinator of the Finance, Innovation and Business Regulation Working Group European University Institute	2022 – 2025
Member of the Scientific Committee for the First Youth Meeting of the UAM Legal Journal Autonomous University of Madrid, Madrid, (ES)	2024
Internship Researcher at the European Studies Institute Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, (ES)	2020 – 2021
Managing Editor of the Journal of the European Studies Institute Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, (ES)	2020 – 2021
Student Editor of the Journal ‘SCRIPTed’ The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, (UK)	2019 – 2021
Assistant at the course module European Union for Third-Country National Students, Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Module Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, (ES)	2020 – 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tutoring

Guest tutor

Guest teaching collaborator at the law degree course ‘Instruments per l’estudi’
Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, Fall term course. 2018 – 2021

Coordinator

Training Coordinator at the Law Faculty Debating Club
Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, annual dedication. 2017 – 2018
- Designed and coordinated the annual training programme, including curriculum structure and session planning.

Tutor

Debating and Oral skills Trainer at the Law Faculty Debating Club
Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, annual dedication. 2016 – 2018
- Delivered practical training in informal logic, argument structure, fallacy detection, and persuasive oral reasoning through workshops and seminars.

Teaching collaborator

Certified teaching activities exceeding 100 hours in total – 8 workshops
Autonomous University of Barcelona 2017 – 2019
- Collaborated in the design and delivery of workshops, including legal education, parliamentary simulation, and academic debate. Activities involved lecturing, practical simulations, and guided seminars in legal reasoning and debate techniques.

RESEARCH FUNDING AND AWARDS

Research awards and prizes

Best presentation award (£200) 2025

International INSOL ERA Annual Workshop, 21st May, Barcelona, Spain

- Paper presentation 'The endogenous hurdles in the treatment of executory contracts in European insolvency procedures'.

Awarded the 'Carlos V European Award' Research and Mobility Grant for European Studies (€2,500) 2025

European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation

- For the project 'The future of European competitiveness: the challenges of EU innovation from an insolvency perspective'. [declined].

First Prize (€1,000) at the 5th PhD Workshop on European and International Insolvency Law 2023

Stichting Bob Wessels Insolvency Law Collection at Leiden University, April 19th-20th, Leiden, the Netherlands.

- Paper presentation 'Mirroring the American Bankruptcy code? The European insolvency harmonization project and the treatment of IP licenses in restructuring procedures'.

Research funding

Fulbright Schuman post-doctoral scholar (monthly grant, insurance and travel expenses) 2025 – 2026

Awarded on a competitive basis and co-funded by the US Department of State and the EU Commission.

PhD fellowship at the European University Institute (monthly grant, insurance and travel expenses) 2021 – 2025

Contratos predoctorales del Programa 'Salvador de Madariaga' en el Instituto Universitario Europeo de los subprogramas de Formación y de Movilidad incluidos en el Programa Estatal de Promoción del Talento y su Empleabilidad'

Awarded on a competitive basis and funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities.

Scholarship for visiting PhD research stay at China-EU School of Law (monthly grant, tuition fees and travel expenses) 2024

Awarded on a competitive basis and funded by the China University of Political Science and Law.

Scholarship for the US Exchange Program at Columbia University (tuition fees exemption and living costs) 2023

Awarded on a competitive basis and funded by the European University Institute.

Scholarship for LLM Studies at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (tuition fees) 2020 – 2021

Premio extraordinario de final de grado

Awarded on a competitive basis and sponsored by the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

- LLM in European Union law at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Scholarship to pursue LLM Studies Abroad (unlimited tuition fees, monthly grant, insurance and travel expenses) 2019 – 2020

Beca de la Fundación Ramón Areces para Estudios de Postgrado. XXXIII Convocatoria para Ampliación de Estudios en el Extranjero en Ciencias Sociales

Awarded on a competitive basis and funded by the Fundación Ramón Areces.

- LL.M in Intellectual Property law at the University of Edinburgh.

Research Fellowship at the Private International Law Department at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (paid position)

2018 – 2019

Beca de colaboración de estudiantes con departamentos universitarios curso 2018-2019

Awarded on a competitive basis and funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

Gabriel-Pizarro, Guillem, ‘The Impact of Characterization on the Treatment of Intellectual Property Licenses in European Cross-border Insolvencies’ (Publication in Spanish, 2024) 24 *Spanish Yearbook of Private International Law*, Iprolex, 157–196.

Gabriel-Pizarro, Guillem, ‘Mirroring the American Bankruptcy Code? IP Licences in the European Insolvency Harmonisation Project’ (December 2023) 73 (2) *GRUR International*, Oxford University Press, 128–138.

Gabriel Pizarro, Guillem, ‘International jurisdiction in labor matters when the employee has not rendered any effective service’ [*Competencia judicial internacional en materia laboral cuando el trabajador no ha realizado ninguna prestación efectiva*] (Publication in Spanish, March 2021) 90 *La Ley Unión Europea*, Wolters Kluwer, 79-101.

Reports

Research Associate in Tirado Martí, Ignacio, ‘Transposition of the EU Preventive Restructuring Directive 2019/1023’ (Report, CERIL, 2024, 144 pages).

- Contributed to preparing and conducting the survey, analysing the data, and drafting the report.

Book reviews

Gabriel-Pizarro, Guillem, ‘A transversal approach to international licensing: tracing a maturing field’ (forthcoming, 2025-26) *Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice*, 1-5.

Blogposts

Gabriel-Pizarro, Guillem, ‘How should intellectual property licences be treated in insolvency? Some critical reflections on the Commission Proposal 2022/0408/COD’ (IPKat, May, 2023), available at: <<https://ipkitten.blogspot.com/2023/05/guest-post-how-should-intellectual.html>>.

Gabriel Pizarro, Guillem, ‘Updating the software patentability debate: beyond the subject-matter issue’ (The digital constitutionalist, symposia, May 2022), available at: <<https://digi-con.org/updating-the-software-patentability-debate-beyond-the-subject-matter-issue/>>.

SELECTED PANELS AND CONFERENCES

IP licenses in insolvency and the unavoidable path to further harmonisation after the EPU’s implementation’

19-20/06/2025

Intellectual Property Europe Conference, WIPO-WTO, Geneva, (CH)

The endogenous hurdles in the treatment of executory contracts in European insolvency procedures through the case of intellectual property licences (sponsored participation)

22-23/05/2025

INSOL Academic Colloquium Annual Workshop, Barcelona, (ES)

Navigating the Maze: Intellectual Property Licenses in Insolvency - A Comparative Perspective' (sponsored participation) 02/04/2024
Law School, Sichuan University, Chengdu, (CN)

Intellectual Property Licenses in Cross-border insolvencies: challenges and opportunities 15/11/2023
Visiting Scholar Forum at Columbia Law School, New York City, (US)

Mirroring the American Bankruptcy Code? IP Licences in the European Insolvency Harmonisation Project (sponsored participation) 19-20/04/2023
5th PhD Workshop on European and International Insolvency Law, patronised by the Stichting Bob Wessels Insolvency Law Collection at Leiden University, Leiden, (NL)

LANGUAGES

Catalan	Spanish	English	Italian	German
Native speaker	Native speaker	Professional (C2)	Independent user (B2)	Basic user (A2)

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Research Associate at Conference on European Restructuring and Insolvency Law Since 2023

Member of the Finance, Innovation and Business Regulation Working Group Since 2021
European University Institute

Member of Younger Academics Network of Insolvency Law (YANIL) of INSOL Europe Since 2021

Affiliated member of the Spanish Association of International Law and International Relations Professors (AEPDIRI) Since 2019

Certificate 'Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Higher Education' 2025
European University Institute (26 hours)