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FOCUS AREAS

Data, Privacy, and
Cybersecurity

HIGHLIGHTS

Focus on Artificial Intelligence
Roberto advises leading AI providers on compliance with the EU AI Act and has represented AI companies in regulatory investigations by data protection authorities.

Expertise in EU Data Regulations
Roberto has guided a designated gatekeeper through complex compliance matters under the EU Digital Markets Act and the EU Digital Services Act.

Regulatory Defense Success
Roberto has successfully defended companies in high-stakes proceedings before data protection authorities, including securing the closure of an investigation into a platform with over 100 million users—without any penalty, despite an initial notice of intent to fine.

EXPERIENCE

Roberto Yunquera Sehwani is an associate in the Brussels office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where his practice focuses on privacy, data protection, and EU data regulations.

Roberto advises companies on complying with data regulatory requirements, including the EU Artificial Intelligence Act (AI Act), the Digital Markets Act (DMA), and the EU Digital Services Act (DSA). He has experience designing innovative compliance solutions concerning the training of generative AI models, or for compliance with data collection and sharing, transparency, and consent requirements. He also provides strategic guidance on upcoming legislative initiatives in the EU.

Roberto regularly advises companies of all sizes on the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and e-privacy and cybersecurity laws. His experience includes advising and defending companies in investigations by EU data protection authorities (e.g., advising on strategy, drafting submissions to regulators), responding in the event of a data breach or security incident, and assisting in litigation across the EU.

He has designed GDPR compliance projects for companies covering:

- Implementing strategies for international data transfers;
- Drafting and negotiating data processing agreements and other contractual arrangements;
- Drafting internal data handling policies and privacy policies;
- Developing processes to comply with individuals' rights;
- Conducting data protection impact assessments; and
- Implementing privacy-by-design and privacy-by-default features.

Roberto advises on cutting-edge regulatory and privacy issues in the tech, AI, financial, payments and open banking, social media, advertising (AdTech), life sciences, and pharmaceuticals sectors, among others.

Prior to joining the firm, Roberto completed a traineeship at the Council of the European Union's Legal Service, where he focused on constitutional affairs, Brexit, electoral law, e-privacy, and e-evidence. He also assisted in litigation matters before the EU Court of Justice.

Roberto is a native Spanish speaker and is fluent in English and French.

CREDENTIALS

Education
- LL.M., European Legal Studies, College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium), 2018
  Mention Excellent; Scholar at La Caixa Foundation; Recipient, "Mayer Brown Award for Best Thesis on the Impact of EU Law on Business"
- LL.B. and B.A., Political Science, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 2017
  Excellence Award by the Community of Madrid, 2017

Honors
- Recognized as a key lawyer in the 2023 edition of *The Legal 500 Europe*, Privacy & Data Protection, where sources note Roberto is "very responsive" and "goes above and beyond"

Admissions
- Bar Association of Madrid
- Brussels Bar E-List

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Contributor, "Accountability to Data Subjects and Regulators," *The Guide to Data as a Critical Asset*, *Global Data Review*, 2022
- Co-author, "EU Parliament and Council Take Next Steps to Advance Major New Rules for Digital Platforms," *The WSGR Data Advisor*, February 25, 2022