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Emilio Martínez has been the Executive Director for 10 years, and he has spent 20 years working in Cuatrecasas. He is married with three children.

Q. What are the major issues you face as a legal administrator in your country?

A. To encourage and manage innovation within the firm. Also to improve our competitiveness.

Q. Where do you see legal administration headed in your country?

A. In Spain, at present, only the very largest firms have legal administrators. Perhaps in the future medium sized firms will also create this position. In the future, partners from old-fashioned firms will take a less active role in management.

Finish this sentence: By participating in PLMW, I am able to keep abreast of the latest development and news in my profession.

Q. What initiatives have you taken or do you plan to take to promote the awareness of legal administration (one of the goals of PLMW)?

A. I have always felt that the best way to promote legal administration is to create the best managed law firm in Spain, thereby leading by example.

Q. Why is legal administration important to people in your country?

A. Because legal administration will help to improve the service offered by law firms.

Finish this sentence: A career in legal administration has given me the opportunity to develop my knowledge in many areas and to create a model firm in our sector.

Q. How do lawyers in your country view the legal management profession?

A. This depends on the firm. In modern firms like ours the lawyers appreciate the support we offer them as this facilitates the services they give their clients

Q. What types of programs would you like to see implemented in your country to advance this profession?

A. I would like to see in a standard law degree a short course devoted to explaining the role of legal administration in modern law firms. Also, it could be a good idea to create a Master in Legal Administration.

Q. How has legal administration evolved since you entered the field?

A. Since I began, law firms have moved away from partners managing all areas to hiring professionals to run the specific departments.

Q. What does PLMW mean to you?

A. PLMW offers me a global perspective of my profession and is one of the ways I can monitor innovation in our sector.

Q. What advice would you give to someone who wants to increase awareness in legal administration?

A. I would tell them by improving the efficiency of the law firm, they can gain people's respect. This is fundamental in demonstrating the value of legal administration.

Q. In what ways can legal administrators increase the awareness of the legal profession among students?

A. For example collaborating with colleagues to offer presentations/classes related to our work.

Finish this sentence: When it comes to legal administration, I would be happy if in the future, the people in charge of non-legal areas were given the same status as partners.

Q. What advice would you give to someone in your country interested in entering the legal administration profession?

A. To acquire specific training on a course in the USA or UK.