

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **From July 2018 – Head of Legal – Portuguese Football Federation**
- **From June 2020 – Member of the Appeals Body at UEFA**
- **From May 2023 – CAS Arbitrator**
- From August 2016 to June 2018 – Legal Advisor – Portuguese Football Federation
- From November 2011 to July 2016 – Lawyer, Public Law and Sports Law – ABBC Advogados (currently DLA Piper)
- From September 2008 to October 2011 – Trainee Lawyer, Public Law – ABBC Advogados (currently DLA Piper)

Worked since 2008, as a lawyer, in a law firm, specifically in Public Law. Since 2012 / 2013, I started working in Sports Law, in particular, with the Portuguese Football Federation which was a client of such law firm. As a Sports Law lawyer, I was in charge of many judicial actions and all of the arbitration proceedings in which the Portuguese Football Federation is the author or defendant, as well as football clubs, other Sports Federations and athletes. Specifically, I prepared all the procedural documents necessary to defend my client's interest, I assured all procedural steps before the courts and other entities with jurisdictional powers and I drafted legal opinions on the viability of lawsuits filed by or against my clients. In addition, I provided legal advice, in particular as regards litigation and interpretation of the law and regulations related to sports law. In this context, I drafted proposals for amendment or creation of new legislation and regulations

Before starting to work in the Portuguese Football Federation I was, since 2013, the Federation's lawyer in most of the judicial actions in which the Federation is a party and in all arbitral proceedings next to the Portuguese Court of Arbitration for Sport and also drafted opinions in the abovementioned terms.

From the moment I joined the Federation and I am fully dedicated to the subjects of sports law, in particular, the laws of football, and my experience in these matters has been growing.

Given that the Portuguese Football Federation is a party in almost all lawsuits filed next to the Portuguese Court of Arbitration for Sport and I am its lawyer, I became the most experienced lawyer in Portugal regarding the specific requirements of arbitration proceedings in this Court. Therefore, I teach Portuguese Court of Arbitration for Sport's related subjects in Sports Law Post-Graduations and courses in various Law Schools in Portugal.

I oversee all judicial and arbitration proceedings in which the Portuguese Football Federation is the author or defendant. Specifically, I prepare all the procedural documents necessary to defend the Federation's interest, I assure all procedural steps before the courts and other entities with jurisdictional powers, and I draft legal opinions on the viability of lawsuits filed by or against the Portuguese Football Federation. In addition, I provide legal advice to the Board of Directors, in particular as regards litigation and interpretation of the law and regulations of the Federation and other related entities (UEFA, FIFA and other Portuguese football Associations). In this context, I draft proposals for amendment or creation of new legislation and regulations.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- March 2025 - UEFA–CONMEBOL Women in Football Leadership Programme (WFLP) organised in partnership with IMD Business School
- From September 2017 to September 2018 – Football Law Programme – UEFA – Certificate of Distinction
- 2014 – Attended the Sports Law subject at the Masters in Public Law – Nova University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law, Lisbon, Portugal
- From January to July 2011 - Post Graduation in Public Procurement - Católica Global School of Law, Lisbon, Portugal
- From September 2009 to July 2013 – Masters Degree – University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law, Lisbon, Portugal
- From September 2003 to May 2008 – Law Degree – University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law, Lisbon, Portugal

PARTICIPATION IN COURSES, ASSOCIATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- CAS Arbitrator since May 2023
- UEFA Appeals Body member since June 2020
- Member of the UEFA Legal Committee between June 2019 and June 2020
- Deputy Director of the Sports Law Magazine, quarterly, edited by AAFDL Editora
- Professor in Postgraduate and Sports Law Courses at various Conferences and Law Schools in Portugal
- Lecturer in courses on Football Law organized by UEFA
- Speaker at national and international congresses on Sports Law
- Frequent speaker in courses organized by Portugal Football School / FPF Academy
- Collaboration with a sports newspaper (“A Bola”) since 2014 and since 2016 I have a weekly column called “Dire(i)to ao Desporto” (in free translation, “Right to Sport”) in that newspaper
- Author of various articles regarding Sports Law

OTHER TRAINING

- Native in Portuguese;
- Fluent in writing, reading and speaking in English;
- High level of writing, reading and conversation skills in Spanish;
- Basic knowledge in writing, reading and speaking in French.

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND INTERESTS

- Married, mother of two children;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Easy interpersonal relationship and team spirit;
- Leadership, initiative, dynamism and proactivity;
- High sense of responsibility, autonomy and critical spirit;
- Good computer skills using Microsoft Office, Microsoft Outlook, Adobe Reader and management tools used in the field of law;
- A Futsal player, having been captain of the Women's Futsal team of the Faculty of Law for two years and winner of the Best Goalkeeper Award at the University of Lisbon in 2007 and 2008.