

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Male | Date of birth 07/05/1956 | Nationality Portuguese

POSITION

Lawyer – Public Law

WORK EXPERIENCE

2005–2023

Senior Partner, Head of the Public Law Department

Cuatrecasas, Lisbon

- His practice in recent years includes, in particular, advising central and local public bodies, and natural persons, on tendering procedures for the granting of public works concessions (motorways, public transport, water supply and waste treatment); electricity production from alternative forms of energy; the management and operation of port terminals; upstream and downstream abstraction, purification and distribution of water and solid waste; tourism projects in Portugal; and the restructuring of automotive groups.

1992–2005t

Senior Partner

Luiz Gomes & Associados, Lisbon

1987–1992

Partner,

Luiz Gomes & Associados, Lisbon

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2008

Course on “The New Extra-contractual Civil Liability for the State and Other Public Entities”,

University of Lisbon Law School

2003

Course on “New Administrative Litigation”

University of Lisbon Law School

1980

Law degree

University of Lisbon Law School

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Portuguese

Foreign language(s)

| | UNDERSTANDING | | SPEAKING | | WRITING |
|---------|---------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Listening | Reading | Spoken interaction | Spoken production | |
| English | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 |
| Spanish | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 |
| French | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 |
| Italian | B2 | B2 | B1 | B1 | B1 |

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Conferences

2010-2015 – Lecturer on Interdisciplinary Legal Practice in Public Law at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

2015 – Speaker at the “1st Lisbon Conference in Energy Law”.

1998 – Lecturer at summer courses organised by Complutense University of Madrid on the liberalisation of the European Union telecommunications market;

2013 / 2014 - Co-Organiser of a post-graduate course in “Energy Administrative Law”, at the 'Instituto de Ciências Jurídico-Políticas' of the Faculty of Law of Lisbon and keynote speaker at that course on the organisation of the National Electricity System (SEN), and Transposition of the Third Energy Package in Portugal

2007 – Speaker at a seminar on the “New Public Procurement Code”, organised by BLS (Business and Legal Seminars);

2020 -Speaker at a seminar on the “COVID influence in the rebalance of public contracts” organized by APMEP, Associação Portuguesa de Mercados Públicos”.

2021 – Speaker at a seminar on the amendments to the Public Contracts Code made by Law n. 30/2021, organized by APMEP – Associação Portuguesa de Mercados Públicos”.

2022 – Speaker at the annual Congress of Asap – Associação das Sociedades de Advogados Portuguesas” about the relevance of international policies in a law firm.

2023 – Coordinator on a conference organized by ASAP about the retention of young talent by law firms.

Honours and awards

Recommended by several directories, including Chambers Europe, for his work in Public Law and recommended for Administrative Law, Environmental Law and Public Law by Best Lawyers 2019.

Memberships

Member of the Portuguese Bar Association since 1982.

Other references

Vice-Chairman, ADVOC Europe, International Network of Independent Law Firms (2008–2015).

Auditor of a national defence course, National Defence Institute (2004–2005).

Member of the Government Commission (XI Constitutional Government - 1989) / Commission that drew up the law on quarries, enacted by Decree Law 89/90 of 16 March.

Member of the Government Commission (XI Constitutional Government of Portugal – 1987) / Commission responsible for the set up and install the Sines heavy industrial zone.

Advisor, Office of the Secretary of State for the Budget (1983-1985).

Assistant, Office of the Secretary of State for the Budget (1981-1983).

EU Energy Law Experience / Legal Assistance since 2006:

i) in the transposal of the EU directions regarding the liberation of the Gas Market (2006);

ii) to the government on the Electrical Sector (rulemaking/drafting);

iii) to relevant players in the electrical and gas sector.

Member of “APA- Associação Portuguesa de Arbitragem”.

Arbitrator registered in the list of CAAD – Centro de Arbitragem (public contracts)

Vice-Chairman, “APMEP, Associação Portuguesa de Mercados Públicos” (2021 until now);

Member of the GM of “ASAP – Associação das Sociedades de Advogados Portuguesas) (2020-2023)

Chairman of the Audit Counsel of (“Associação das Sociedades de Advogados Portuguesas”) (2023 until now)

Vise Chairman of “Conselho Superior da Ordem dos Advogados”) (2023 until now).