



Tito Arantes Fontes

Date of birth: 09/08/1957

Nationality: Portuguese

Lawyer

Professional Activity

Tito Arantes Fontes is predominantly dedicated to the areas of Litigation, Arbitration, International Arbitration, Mediation and Criminal, carrying out its activity in Lisbon.

Education

Business Management Course, “Instituto de Novas Profissões” (Lisbon), 1979

Law Degree, Universidade de Coimbra, 1982

Post-graduate Degree in Pharmaceutical and Medical Law, “Universidade de Coimbra”, 2002

Post-graduate Degree in White Collar Crime and European Law, “Universidade de Coimbra”, 2004

Professional Experience

Tito has over 40 years of experience as a lawyer.

Tito was a partner at Vasconcelos, F. Sá Carneiro, Fontes e Associados, between 1994 and 2004, and a partner at Uría Menéndez from 2004 until the end of 2022. Tito was the head of the Litigation Practice Area until the end of 2018 covering all aspects of dispute resolution in both contentious and non-contentious matters.

He represents clients in civil, criminal and commercial proceedings, at all instances including the higher courts and the Constitutional Court.

Tito has vast professional experience from more than 1000 cases in various national and international jurisdictions such as corporate litigation (including between shareholders), litigation on urban planning and real estate projects, litigation on contracts of a varied nature in multiple sectors, financial litigation (among others, regarding swaps) and inheritance litigation.

He also acts in arbitration hearings, either as an arbitrator or as a lawyer representing parties in insolvency proceedings.

Additionally Tito was a lecturer in several of the post graduate courses in arbitration at the Law Faculty of the “Universidade Nova de Lisboa” and at the Law Faculty of the “Universidade de Lisboa (Clássica)”.

Tito has published several legal articles, particularly on arbitration topics.

Tito has held conferences in Lisbon, Porto, Coimbra, Madrid, Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Mexico City, Panama City and Lima, having participated in other events in Paris, Rome and London.

Experience as Mediator

He has served as arbitrator or lawyer in numerous arbitrations before various arbitration courts, such as the ICC - International Chamber of Commerce, the “Centro de Arbitragem Comercial da Associação Comercial de Lisboa” (Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Lisbon Commercial Association), the Arbitration Centre of “Concórdia - Centro de Conciliação, Mediação de Conflitos e Arbitragem” (Conciliation Centre, Conflict Mediation and Arbitration,) as well as in multiple ad-hoc arbitrations.

Tito represents Portuguese and foreign companies before the Portuguese courts and arbitration tribunals and also actively participates in the negotiation, drafting and enforcement of complex agreements, often after years of litigation.

Tito makes part of the List of Arbitrators of the “Centro de Arbitragem Comercial da Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Portuguesa” (Commercial Arbitration Center of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and of “Concórdia – Centro de Conciliação, Mediação de Conflitos e Arbitragem” (Conciliation Centre, Conflict Mediation and Arbitration).

He acted in mediation processes involving relevant national and Iberian companies.

Membership of professional associations

- Founding member of “APA – Associação Portuguesa de Arbitragem” (Portuguese Arbitration Association)
- Founding member and President of the “Círculo de Advogados de Contencioso” (Litigation Lawyers Circle)

- Member of “ICC – International Chamber of Commerce” – Portuguese Delegation, (Centre of Conciliation and Conflict Mediation)
- Member of “Concórdia – Centro de Conciliação, Mediação de Conflitos e Arbitragem” (Centre for Conciliation, Conflict Mediation and Arbitration)
- Member of CEA - Club Español del Arbitraje (Spanish Arbitration Club)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the “Centro de Arbitragem Comercial da Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Portuguesa (ACL) (Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry) until 2022
- President of the Arbitration Centre of “Concórdia – Centro de Conciliação, Mediação de Conflitos e Arbitragem” until 2019
- Presidente of the Capítulo Português do CEA (Portuguese Chapter of the) CEA - Club Español del Arbitraje (Spanish Arbitration Club) until 2018
- President of the Supervisory Board of OPCR – Portuguese Compliance and Regulatory Observatory
- Chair of the general meeting of several Portuguese companies and the rugby and basketball federations
- President of Grupo STROMP – Sporting Club of Portugal (2018 to 2023), having previously been a member of the SCP Supervisory Board for six years (2006 - 2011)
- Member of the Supervisory Board of “Grémio Literário” (Literary Guild) and of “Cosec - Companhia de Seguros de Crédito, S.A.” (Credit Insurance Company)
- Management Board Member of “A.C.P. – Automóvel Club de Portugal” (Automobile Club of Portugal)
- Member of the Board of Directors of Fundação Medeiros e Almeida

Laguages

Portuguese, Spanish and English

Tito Arantes Fontes is a well-known litigant who has also consolidated his presence in arbitration as a lawyer and as an arbitrator. His own peers consider him "truly an excellent professional". Clients emphasize "his impressive performance in court" and add that Tito Arantes Fontes "combines strong know-how with extensive experience and excellent preparation of the matters at hand".

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