

Prof. António Menezes Cordeiro

Biographical note

ANTÓNIO MANUEL DA ROCHA E MENEZES CORDEIRO, also known as ANTÓNIO MENEZES CORDEIRO, was born in Coimbra, in 1953, the son of a career diplomat. He graduated in law (1975) and obtained his PhD (1985) from Lisbon University, and was a scholarship student at the Munich Law Faculty. He has worked in a number of roles at different universities, in Germany, France, Italy, Canada, the United States and Brazil, as well as in Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Macao and Mozambique.

Full professor of the University of Lisbon; he has held a series of academic posts at the Lisbon Law Faculty: Chairman of the Governing Board (1989-91); Chairman of the Academic Board (1999-2001); Chairman of the Assembly of Representatives (2005-2007). He has been Dean of the Legal Studies Group, Lisbon Law Faculty, since 2002, and coordinator of the Private Law Research Centre since 2014. Professor Emeritus since 2023.

He has published some 430 works, including the specialist works *Da boa fé no Direito civil* (*Good faith in civil law*, 1984, reprinted 1997, 2001, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017 and 2020), *Da responsabilidade dos administradores das sociedades comerciais* (*Liability of company directors*, 1996), *Da compensação em Direito civil e no Direito bancário* (*Set-off in civil and banking law*, 2003), *Direito europeu das sociedades* (*European company law*, 2005), *SA: Assembleia geral das sociedades anónimas* (*The General Meeting in public limited companies*, 2007), *Contratos públicos* (*Public contracts*, 2007), *Da litigância de má-fé*, 3rd ed. (*Litigation in bad faith*, 2014) and *Tratado da arbitragem* (*Treatise on Arbitration*, 2015, reprinted 2017), the collections *Leis da Banca Anotadas*, 3rd ed. (*Annotated Banking Law*, 2005) and *Leis dos Seguros Anotadas* (*Annotated Insurance Law*, 2003) and the general works *Direito do Trabalho, I – Direito europeu, dogmática geral, Direito coletivo* (*Employment Law, I - European law, general dogma, collective law*, 2018), *Direito do trabalho, II – Direito individual* (*Employment Law, II - Individual law*, 2019), *Direito bancário*, 6th ed. (*Banking Law*, 2016), *Direito comercial*, 5th ed. (*Commercial Law*, 2022), *Direito das sociedades*, volume 1, 5rd ed. (*Company Law*, 2022) and 2nd volume, 2nd ed. (2007) and *Direito dos seguros*, 2nd ed. (*Insurance Law*, 2016). Fourteen volumes have so far been published of his *Tratado de Direito civil* (*Treatise on Civil Law*), some in their 5th edition, and further volumes are forthcoming. He coordinated *Código das Sociedades Comerciais Anotado*, (*Annotated Companies Code*) 5nd ed. (2022), *Leis do Arrendamento Anotadas* (*Annotated Tenancy Laws*, 2014), and *Código Civil Comentado, I* (*Commented Civil Code, I*, 2020 and II, 2021) and is the principal author in both cases.

Member of the Board of *Revista da Ordem dos Advogados* (Bar Association Journal), from 1980 to 2016, having served as deputy editor from 1990 to 2010, assistant editor of *O Direito* (Law Journal) and editor of *Revista de Direito das Sociedades* (Company Law Journal) and *Revista de Direito Civil* (Civil Law Journal).

Practising lawyer since 1980, and legal consultant since 1985, working on some 2000 cases, focussing mainly on civil, commercial, employment, banking, securities and corporate law. He has served as arbitrator in around 215 national and international arbitrations, including 62 as chairman, in a number of countries, as detailed in the attached table.

Founder and partner of the firm António Menezes Cordeiro e Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, with offices at Av. Marechal Craveiro Lopes, nº 8-D, 1º A, in Lisbon.

He has held office in a number of corporations: Chairman of the General Meeting of Portugal Telecom, SGPS, SA, from 2006 to 2015, Chairman of General Meeting of Banco Comercial Português, SA, from 2008 to 2017 and Chairman of the General Meeting of Novabase, SA, since 2016.

Member of 21 academic, cultural and sports societies, including legal associations (10), academic societies (2), environmental associations (2), consumer rights associations (1), cultural associations (3), institutes (4), foundations (1) and a golf club (1).

Chairman of the Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, since 2017 to 2019, and full member of the Lisbon Academy of Sciences.

Attached: participation in arbitrations

Arbitrations	total	chairman	co-arbitrator	council	expert witness intern. ²	French ³	English ³	German ³
national ¹	182	58	120	4				
int/ICC	22	1	9	1	11	1	13	
int/UNCITRAL	2		1		1			
int/ <i>ad hoc</i>	16	4	2		10	2	9	1
Total	222	63	132	5	22	3	22	1

¹ Conservative estimate.

² Not including written opinions furnished to national arbitrations.

³ Working language; when not indicated, uses Portuguese.

Areas of special arbitration expertise:

- shareholders' agreements
- pre-contractual liability
- realisation of good faith and abuse of rights
- articles of association
- contractual and extra-contractual civil liability
- insolvency
- distribution contracts
- public contracts and project finance
- financing
- petroleum law

Working languages: in addition to his mother tongue, satisfactory: French, English, German, Spanish and Italian.