

PARTNER

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About Mariana

Mariana is a partner in the Dispute Resolution practice, focusing on arbitration. She has over 20 years' experience in more than 40 Portuguese and international arbitration cases as a lawyer and as an arbitrator. These cases have been conducted under a wide variety of arbitration regulations (ICC, LCIA, CAC/CCIP, among others) and have had their seats in many locations around the world including Paris, Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Luanda, Maputo, Brussels and Lisbon.

She is on the lists of arbitrators of Portuguese and international institutions and has regularly been appointed as an arbitrator.

Since 2018, Mariana has been the director of the NOVA School of Law where she is a professor and coordinates the master's in court and arbitration law.

She is the author of extensive academic work of reference in the areas of arbitration law, civil procedural law and alternative dispute resolution.

Mariana is a member of the Portuguese Arbitration Association and of the ICC Portugal Arbitration Committee. She is also Vice President of the Board of the Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Specialisations: International arbitration

Languages: English

Academic Background

- Law degree from the University of Lisbon, 1997.
- Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association, 1997
- PhD in law specialising in civil procedural law from the Faculty of Law of Universidade Nova de Lisboa, 2003
- Professor at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- Dean, among others, of the subjects of arbitration, alternative dispute resolution and civil procedural law
- Director of the Laboratory of Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2007
- Coordinator of the master's in court and arbitration law, since 2015
- Director of the Faculty of Law of Universidade Nova de Lisboa, since 2018

Professional Background

- Partner at PLMJ since 2018
- Director (non-executive) of Martifer SGPS, 2018
- Adviser to the Minister of Justice, 2002
- Consultant from the Office of Legislative Policy and Planning of the Ministry of Justice, 2002-2004
- Director of the Office of Auditing and Modernisation of the Ministry of Justice, 2004-2005
- Consultant at the law firm Soares Machado & Associates, 2006-2010
- Consultant at the law firm SRS - Sociedade Rebelo de Sousa Advogados, 2010-2016
- Director (non-executive) on the Board of Directors of the Francisco Manuel dos Santos Foundation, 2014-2018

Member of

- ICC Arbitration Committee
- ICC Portugal Arbitration Committee
- Vice President of the Board of the Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 2012-2017
- Member of the following rosters of arbitrators:
 - Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 - Institute of Commercial Arbitration of the Porto Commercial Association
 - Concordia - Centre for Conciliation and Mediation of Disputes, and Arbitration

- Centre for Mediation and Arbitration of the Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce (Brazil)
- CREL - Centre for Out-of-court Dispute Resolution (Angola)

Awards & Rankings

Who's Who Legal

2021 - Mariana França Gouveia, Global Leader & Iberia National Leader | Arbitration

2020 - Mariana França Gouveia, Global Leader | Arbitration

2019 - Mariana França Gouveia, Future Leader | Arbitration

2018 - Mariana França Gouveia, Future Leader | Arbitration

2017 - Mariana França Gouveia, Future Leader | Arbitration

Best Lawyers

2021 - Mariana França Gouveia | Recommended Lawyers

2020 - Mariana França Gouveia | Recommended Lawyers

Leaders League

2021 - Mariana França Gouveia | Arbitration

2020 - Mariana França Gouveia | Arbitration