

OF COUNSEL

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Joined PLMJ in 2007.
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About Paula

Paula is an of counsel working in the Intellectual Property practice. With 35 years' experience, she is one of the most renowned lawyers in Portugal the areas of intellectual property and life sciences. She is also a frequent contributor to conferences, articles and books.

In recent years, Paula has focused on issues relating to medically assisted reproduction and clinical research, among others. In matters of intellectual property, her main focus is litigation, but she also drafts and analyses contracts, and advises on copyright, trademarks and design, software compliance and cybercrime.

Her extensive experience is reflected in the fact that she is a senior researcher at the Institute of Bioethics of Universidade Católica Portuguesa. Until recently, she was also a member of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies of the European Commission (EGE) and was its vice-president.

Paula is a member of the IBC - International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO, the Ethics Committee of the Champalimaud Foundation and the Council of Ethics of Centro Hospitalar de Lisboa Central. She is also a member of the Scientific Council of the International Society of Bioethics.

Specializations: Artificial intelligence and robotics, Commercial secrets and know-how, Copyright, Designs and models

Sectors: Healthcare, life sciences and pharmaceuticals

Languages: English, French, Spanish

Academic Background

- Law degree from the University of Lisbon, 1982
- Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association, 1984
- Master of Bioethics, the Complutense University Medical School, Madrid, 1994
- Visiting lecturer at the Institute of Bioethics of Universidade Católica Portuguesa
- Senior researcher at the Institute of Bioethics of Universidade Católica Portuguesa

Professional Background

- President of the National Board of Ethics for Life Sciences, 2003-2009
- Vice-President of the European Ethics Group for Sciences and New Technologies of the European Commission, 2005-2009
- Member of the European Group on Ethics in Sciences and New Technologies – European Commission, 2011-2016
- Member of the Study Unit of the Portuguese Bar Association, 2005-2008
- A number of works published in the areas of health and life sciences (latest publication "A Lei da Procriação Medicamente Assistida Anotada" (The Law on Medically Assisted Reproduction Annotated), March 2011 – as co-author)

Member of

- President of the Ethics Committee of José de Mello Healthcare
- Vice-president of the International Society of Bioethics
- Member of the Bioethics Study Centre
- Member of the Ethics Committee of the Champalimaud Foundation

Awards & Rankings

The Legal 500

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