

MANAGING ASSOCIATE

Raquel Freitas

Joined PLMJ in 2019.
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About Raquel

Raquel is a managing associate in the public law practice and has more than 25 years' experience as a lawyer. She focuses on administrative law, especially environmental law, public contracts, concessions and public works contracts.

Raquel advises Portuguese and international clients from various industries and sectors, in particular, paper pulp, packaging production, healthcare, the chemical industry and mass catering. She has also been very active in the analysis of environmental issues in the energy sector.

She has completed a postgraduate courses in European studies at Institut des Hautes Etudes Européennes - Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, the new Public Procurement Code at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Porto), and public regulation and competition at the Faculty of Law of the University. She has also taken a number of other specialisation courses.

Since 2011, Raquel has been a lecturer at the Faculty of Food and Nutrition Sciences of the University of Porto, on the degree and master's courses in public procurement. She also lectures a seminar entitled Introduction to Environmental Law at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Porto).

Before joining PLMJ, Raquel was a lawyer in the public law practice of the law firm Cuatrecasas.

Specialisations: Administrative and constitutional litigation, Energy and natural resources, Planning, PPPs,

infrastructures and projects, Public procurement and administrative contracts, The environment

Sectors: Energy and natural resources

Languages: English

Academic Background

- Law degree from Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Porto, 1993.
- Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association
- Postgraduate course in European Studies at the Institut des Hautes Études Européenne - Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, 1994
- Postgraduate course in 'The New Public Procurement Code' at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Porto, 2009
- Specialisation course in public procurement and the evaluation of proposals in tender processes at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra (CEDIPRE), 2009
- Postgraduate course in public regulation and competition at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra (CEDIPRE), 2010
- Specialisation course on the municipal business sector at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra (CEDIPRE), 2010
- Short course on concessions and public-private partnerships at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Porto, 2011
- Specialisation course in environmental law, spatial planning and urban development at the Centre for Spatial Planning and Urban Development Law, 2016

Professional Background

- Managing associate at PLMJ since 2019
- Senior associate at the law firm Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira (Porto), 2019
- Trainer of Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Porto, in the area of public law on the subject introduction to environmental law, since 2017
- Trainer of Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Porto, in the area of public law on the subjects of public procurement and protective measures in administrative litigation between 2008 and 2016
- Trainer at the Faculty of Food and Nutrition Sciences of the University of Porto, on the degree and master's courses in public procurement, since 2011.
- Legal adviser at Civibril – Sistemas de Construção, S.A., 2005

Awards & Rankings

The Legal 500

2021 - Raquel Freitas | Projects and Project Finance

Best Lawyers

2021 - Raquel Freitas | Recommended Lawyers

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Chambers Europe

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