

MANAGING PARTNER

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About Luís Miguel

Luís has been PLMJ's managing partner since 2015 and he has over 35 years' experience as a lawyer in the Portuguese market and internationally. He is an expert in European and competition law, and in telecoms and IT law.

He has been a member of the Management Board of Forum for Competitiveness since 2018 and a member of the Management Board of Clube de Lisboa since 2017.

He was President of the Court of Arbitration for Sport between 2015 and 2019.

Luís was Secretary of State in the 15th and 16th Constitutional Governments (2002 - 2005) and a member of the Portuguese parliament and vice-president of the its European Affairs Commission (2005-2009).

Luís has been a guest lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra and at Universidade Lusíada, and he has lectured the seminar on electronic communications law at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Porto since 2006.

He was also the Director General of Competition and Prices, a member of the Legal Service of the European Commission and a legal secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

Languages: English, French

Academic Background

- Law degree from the University of Coimbra, 1980
- Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association, 1982
- Master's in Advanced European and International Studies, European Institute for Advanced International Studies, University of Nice, 1985
- Diploma in European Studies in Law from the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra, 1991
- Visiting lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra (European Public Administration, Master's in Public Administration, since 2008)
- Visiting lecturer at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Oporto (seminar "Communications Law", since 2006)

Professional Background

- Partner at PLMJ since 1999
- Member of the European Commission's Legal Service 1996-1989
- Legal Secretary (Référéndaire) to the President of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities, 1989-1994
- Director general of competition and prices, Ministry of Economy, Portugal, 1994-1996
- Member of the Economic and Social Council, Portugal, 1994-1996
- Member of the OECD's Committee on Competition Law and Policy, 1994-1996
- President of the Permanent Commission of the Best Trade Practices Code 1997-2002 and 2009-2011
- Secretary of State, Ministry for Social Security and Labour, 2002-2004
- Ministry for Economic Activities and Labour (2004-2005), Portuguese Government
- Member of the Portuguese Parliament and vice-president of the European Affairs Committee, 2005-2009
- Member of the Arbitral College as Presiding Arbiter for mandatory arbitration and necessary arbitration under the Labour Code since 2009
- On of the list of arbitrators of the Arbitration Centre of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and of the Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Porto Commercial Association.
- Member of the Editorial Review Board of Oxford Competition Law
- President of the Portuguese Court of Arbitration for Sport since June 2015
- President of the Portuguese Circle of Competition Law Lawyers since March 2015

Member of

- Member of the Coimbra Association of European Studies
- Member of the Portuguese European Law Association (APDE)

Awards & Rankings

Chambers Europe

2020 - Luís Miguel Pais Antunes | Telecommunications, Media and Technology

"He has experience in telecoms and IT mandates."

2019 - Luís Miguel Pais Antunes, Band 3 | Telecommunications, Media and Technology

"He acts on a variety of TMT mandates and he is particularly recognised for his experience in the telecoms field."

2018 - Luís Miguel Pais Antunes, Band 3 | Telecommunications, Media and Technology

"He is experienced in technology and telecommunications issues."

2017 - Luís Miguel Pais Antunes, Band 2 | Telecommunications, Media and Technology

"He is very experienced - a good coordinator with a long track record in competition work."

Best Lawyers

2019 - Luís Miguel Pais Antunes | Recognised lawyer

2018 - Luís Miguel Pais Antunes | Media Law

2018 - Luís Miguel Pais Antunes |

2017 - Luís Miguel Pais Antunes | Media Law

2017 - Luís Miguel Pais Antunes | Other Recommended Lawyer

2016 - Luís Miguel Pais Antunes | Other Recommended Lawyer