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Areas & Industries

Corporate and M&A, Intellectual Property, Retail and Consumer Goods

Professional Experience

Sofia Cerqueira Serra joined Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados in 2006 and is a member of the corporate and M&A team.

Sofia has advised both national and international clients in various M&A operations, in the negotiation of international commercial contracts and also provides regular advice and assistance to clients on their ongoing commercial activities, particularly in the areas of commercial distribution contracts, software licensing and intellectual property.

Sofia is also member of the Africa Team, an internal structure that guarantees, on a permanent basis and in close cooperation with the member firms of the Morais Leitão Legal Circle, personalised day-to-day assistance to clients on matters that involve the African Portuguese speaking countries. Within this team she regularly assists clients in the areas of oil and gas. Sofia is also a member of Team Genesis, an internal team created to provide legal advice relating to innovation and entrepreneurship to start-ups and SMEs, as well as to business angels, venture capital and private equity companies that invest in such fields.

From 1998 to 2005 she practised law at Osório de Castro, Verde Pinho, Vieira Peres, Lobo Xavier e Associados – Sociedade de Advogados.

Education

Law Degree (Católica Porto School of Law, 1995). LL.M. in Common Law (Georgetown University Law Center, 1996). Summer Internship at the United Nations headquarters in New York (1996). LL.M in International Law (Georgetown University Law Center, 1997). Postgraduate Studies in Legal Economics (Católica Porto School of Law, 2001). Course on International Petroleum Transactions (Católica Lisbon School of Law, 2012). Course on International Oil & Gas Law, Contracts and Negotiation – Upstream Issues & Agreements (Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Houston, 2012).

Memberships

Portuguese Bar Association (admitted in 1999). New York Bar Association (admitted in 1998). Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (admitted in 2012).

Languages

Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.

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