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Areas & Industries

Capital Markets, Corporate and M&A, Private Equity

Professional Experience

Diana Ribeiro Duarte is a partner at the corporate department where she co-heads the Private Equity team and is one of the team members providing Sustainability: ESG and Human Rights related services. She leads regulatory and strategic advice on the implementation of the European regulation on disclosure of information related to sustainability in the financial sector and the Taxonomy Regulation to asset managers, developing their policies and supporting their strategy and adaptation to times of constant change.

Her legal practice has focused increasingly on advising PE investors and M&A strategic players, from traditional buyout players (including “take privates”) and infrastructure funds, to pension funds, family offices, and other alternative asset managers, in private transactions (investments and exits), joint ventures and minority acquisitions. Diana has also substantial experience in structuring and negotiating cross-border transactions as well as the acquisition and divestiture of corporate divisions.

On the fund formation front, she addresses a full spectrum of legal and business challenges that arise throughout the life cycle of a fund (incorporation, liquidation, mergers). In her experience, she has already set up and approved an ESG venture capital fund under Article 8 of the European regulation on disclosure of information relating to sustainability in the financial sector.

She advises clients ranging from first-time fund sponsors to large institutional asset managers across a variety of asset classes and investment areas, including buyout funds, infrastructure, power, and energy funds, secondary funds, and venture capital funds.

Education

Law Degree (University of Lisbon School of Law, 2005). Postgraduate Studies in Commercial Law (Católica Lisbon School of Law, 2008).

Memberships

Portuguese Bar Association (admitted in 2008).

Languages

Portuguese and English.

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Diana has made use of her high profile as a lawyer to advocate for women's career advancement on an equal footing.

Winner in 2021 of the IFLR "Europe Rising Star of the Year", of the "Women in Business Law Awards Europe - Corporate Rising Star", by the Euromoney group and of the "Lawyer of the Year - Private Equity" by the "Iberian Lawyer - Forty under 40 Award".

Awards

Europe Rising Star of the Year 2021 - IFLR.

Rising Star - Women in Business Law Awards 2021 Europe, in the category of Corporate.