

Marília Frias

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Marília Frias joined VdA in 2015. She is a Managing Associate integrated in the Information, Communication & Technology practice and she is a member of the Aviation, Space and Defense industry group.

She has a wide experience in advising clients in various jurisdictions, particularly Portugal and Angola, with special focus in Aviation sector. She has wide experience on aviation matters as she has been advising several aviation players (flag carriers, maintenance entities, airport managers, aviation schools, ground handlers, UAS operators and other general aviation companies) on several aviation regulatory and contractual matters.

Marília has also a wide experience in the ICT sector, particularly on telecommunications and on technology.



Academic background

Law degree from University of Coimbra, Faculty of Law.

Erasmus Program at "*Université de Poitiers*", France.

Master's degree in Corporate Law at Lisbon Catholic University Law School.

LL.M. in International Business Law at Lisbon Catholic University.

International Air Law Diploma at International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Summer course on European Information Technology Law at the Academy of European Law.

Digital Transformation in Aviation course at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

European Electronic Communications Code course at Cullen International.

Aviation Fundamentals Course at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and University of Waterloo.

Teaching chairs

Lecturer of the "Due diligence obligations specific to online platform providers" module at the I Preparation Course for the Digital Services Act (DSA), of the Institute of Legal and Political Science of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon (2023).

Lecturer of the "Regulation of Civil Assessment" module at the Masters' Degree Programs in Administration and Public Management and in Political Science, of the University of Aveiro (2022).

Lecturer in the Master's in Law & Technology at Nova School of Law (2019).

Lecturer at the Aviation Law Course of the European Law Students' Association - ELSA (2017).

Other professional background

Before joining the firm, she worked at Miranda Correia Amendoeira & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, RL, as Associate, from 2008 to 2015, and focused her practice on the energy sector (mainly oil & gas and electricity) and in the mining sector, as well as in corporate and commercial law.

Published works

Author and co-author of various articles in several legal publications, such as:

- "Air Transport guide of Lexology" 2023, 2022 and 2021 - Portugal chapter.
- "The Guide to Telecoms Arbitrations: A Look at the Future - The Growth of Telecoms Arbitrations in Africa | Global Arbitration Review" (2022).
- "Back on Air" article on the future of the aviation sector in the post-pandemic period - Fullcover magazine (2021).
- "Regulation of civil aviation: general lines" - Guarantee of Rights and Regulation: Perspectives on Administrative Law, AAFDL (2020).
- "Is the European Union's legal framework ready for AI-enabled drone deliveries? A preliminary short assessment - from the Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/947/EU to data protection", UNIO EU Law Journal (2020).
- "Passenger data - should airlines be worried?", Legal Business magazine (2019).
- "New Regulation on the rules and procedures for the operation of unmanned aircraft: Part A - Its relationship with national laws", Lexology (2019).
- "Getting the Deal Through - Aviation", Lexology (2019).

Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

Admitted to the Angolan Bar Association.

VdA's representative at The European Air Law Association (EALA).
Member of the International Aviation Womens Association (IAWA).

Languages

English, French.