Catarina Carvalho Cunha

Managing Associate Litigation & Arbitration

(+351) 21 311 3488

acc@vda.pt

Catarina Carvalho Cunha joined VdA in 2015. She is a Managing Associate with the Litigation & Arbitration practice.

Catarina's work is focused in assisting and representing clients on civil litigation and international and national commercial arbitration matters as well as corporate restructuring & insolvency. Her work includes advising clients with disputes in Portugal as well as the Portuguese-speaking jurisdictions Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe and East Timor. Catarina's work also extends to the OHADA jurisdictions such as Equatorial Guinea, Cong, RDC and the Cameroons.

Catarina has advised several clients in sectors such as Oil&Gas, shipping, aviation, hotel management and telecommunications, amongst others.

Academic background

Law degree, Portuguese Catholic University (Lisbon), Faculty of Law.

Attended a post-graduation on Energy Law, Portuguese Catholic University (Lisbon), Faculty of Law.

Other professional background

Before joining the firm she worked at Miranda as both an Associate and Senior Associate where she widened her litigation and arbitration practice in the Portuguese speaking jurisdictions Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe, East Timor and Equatorial Guinea.

Before this she worked at AAA-Advogados and PLMJ as an Associate attorney.

Published works

Author or co-author of various articles namely:

- "Portugal's restructuring and insolvency Paradox", co-author, Restructuring & Insolvency Guide 2023, IFLR, 2023
- "A Look at the Future: the Growth of Telecoms Arbitrations in Africa", co-author, The Guide to Telecoms Arbitrations, GAR, 2022
- "Restructuring & Insolvency 2021" (Chapter on Portugal), co-author, International Comparative Legal Guides, 2021
- "Corporate Insolvency and Restructuring Report 2020: Covid-19 Special Focus: Portugal", co-author, IFLR, 2020
- "Cultural Considerations in Advocacy: Portuguese-Speaking Africa", co-author, Global Arbitration Review, 2019
- "Antitrust Litigation 2019" (Chapter on Portugal), co-author, Chambers, 2019
- "The Guide to Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards", (Chapter on Portugal), co-author, Global Arbitration Review, 2019
- "Foreword on dispute resolution in Portugal", co-author, Legal Business, 2018
- "Commercial Arbitration" (Chapter on Portugal), co-author, Global Arbitration Review, 2017 & 2018
- "Enforcement of Arbitral Awards" (Chapter on Portugal), co-author, Global Arbitration Review, 2017
- "Getting the Deal Through - Arbitration" (Chapter on Portugal Mozambique), co-author, 2013, 2014 & 2015
- "Getting the Deal Through - Arbitration", (Chapter on Portugal), co-author, 2013 & 2014
- "Arbitration in Africa: A Practitioner's Guide", (Chapter on Sao Tome & Principe), co-author, Bosman, 2013
- "Mozambique – World Arbitrator Reporter", Juris, 2015

Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

Languages

English, French.