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Miguel Marques dos Santos joined VdA in 2017. He is Partner and Head of Practice of Real Estate & Planning, Miguel has been working in Real Estate, Urban Planning and Tourism, providing legal advice to both national and foreign investors and developers, and was involved in some of the major real estate transactions in Portugal in recent years.

Miguel focuses his practice on: purchase, sale and lease of real property; overall follow-up of real estate projects (commercial, housing and tourist projects); architect, engineering, project management and construction supervision services agreements; works contracts (new construction and building rehabilitation); horizontal property; urban, tourist and commercial licensing; real estate and urban planning due diligences.



Awards & Recognitions

Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers - Construction Law - 2022

Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers - Real Estate Law - 2018

Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers - Real Estate Law - 2015

Academic background

Law Degree, Catholic University of Lisbon School of Law.

Teaching chairs

Lecturer on the Postgraduation Course in Real Estate Law, at the Law School of Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa (2010 and 2011).

Lecturer on the Postgraduation Course in Real Estate Law, at Centro de Investigação de Direito Privado, da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Lisboa (2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024).

Other professional background

Partner and Head of the Real Estate and Urban Planning Practice Group at Garrigues Portugal between 2005 and October 2016.

Founding partner of Leónidas, Matos & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados (2001-2005).

Founding partner of Roquette, Vaz Pinto & Marques dos Santos, Sociedade de Advogados (1996-2000).

Published works

Authored and co-authored several books and articles for specialty magazines:

- Co-authored “Arrendamento Urbano - 50 Respostas Essenciais”, book published by Vida Imobiliária, 2014
- Co-authored “The Property Handbook” in partnership with CBRE, 2013 to 2019 editions
- “Doing Business 2010 - Comparing Regulation in 183 Economies”, Contributor, co-published by the World Bank”
- Doing Business 2009 - Comparing Regulation in 181 Economies” Contributor, co-published by the World Bank
- Co-authored “ENERGIA 2007”, book published by Affinitas, 2007
- Co-authored “Direito & Imobiliário 50 Respostas Essenciais”, book published by SIL - Vida Imobiliária, 2006

Member of

Portuguese Bar Association.

Member of Ad Urbem – Association for the Development of the Planning and Construction Law.

Languages

Portuguese, English, Spanish.