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Sofia Ribeiro Branco joined VdA in 1999. Co-Head Partner of the Investigations & White Collar Practice. Sofia is a very experienced litigation and arbitration lawyer, representing clients in corporate, criminal and misdemeanour litigation cases.

Sofia also designs effective compliance programmes and leads business conduct investigations, assisting clients in regulatory and private enforcement litigation.



### Academic background

Law Degree, Catholic University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law.

Masters degree in Corporate Law, University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law (dissertation on shareholders' right to information).

Post-graduation in misdemeanour/administrative offenses applicable by Regulatory Authorities, University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law.

Specialized Course I in Compliance and Criminal Law.

### Published works

Author or co-author of several articles, in national and international publications, namely:

- "The representation of minority shareholders in the Board of Directors", O Direito, 2004
- "Shareholders' right to information", Livraria Almedina, 2008
- "The new Arbitration Law", 2013, co-author
- New Package of Criminal Legislation 2013, 2013
- Iberian Lawyer Review: Special Focus: White Collar Crime, 2014
- "The Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Review - Portugal", Law Business Research, Edition 4, 2015
- "Businesses must introduce new data privacy rules", Iberian Lawyer, 2016
- "Greater scrutiny of companies means external lawyers' role is crucial", Iberian Lawyer, 2016

- “Delegation of powers within corporations: a way to mitigate criminal liability for corruption offences”, Newsletter of the International Bar Association Legal Practice Division, Volume 9, Number 1, September 2016
- “The Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Review - Portugal”, Law Business Research, Edition 5, 2016
- “Corporate crimes and related-infractions”, Direito das Sociedades em Revista, IV Congresso, Livraria Almedina, 2016

Participates in numerous conferences, seminars and round tables, in her areas of expertise.

## Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

Admitted to the Timor-Leste Bar Association (Conselho de Gestão e Disciplina).

Vice-president of the Portuguese Criminal Forum ("Fórum Penal").

Member of the European Criminal Bar Association.

Member of the International Bar Association.

## Languages

English, French.