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Ana Festas Henriques rejoined VdA in 2023. She is Managing Associate at the Social Economy & Human Rights area of practice where she has been actively involved in several transactions, namely regarding human rights and technology, and Pro Bono Manager.



Academic background

Law degree, Catholic University of Portugal, Faculty of Law. Erasmus, Navarra University, Faculty of Law.

Master's in civil and business law (dissertation on "social networks and the right to privacy"), Catholic University of Portugal, Faculty of Law. Exchange Semester, LLM in International Business Law, IE Law School

Digital Transformation Executive Program, Catholic Lisbon School of Business & Economics.

Leitner Summer Human Rights Course, Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, Fordham University.

Initial Pedagogical Training Course for Trainees, B-Training Consulting.

IT Law Summer Course, IBC Legal Conferences, Downing College.

Teaching chairs

Trainer on digital rights and principles, Portuguese National Public Administration Institute.

Teaching fellow "Volunteer Law" module, Catholic University of Portugal, Faculty of Law (2009-2010).

Other professional background

Before rejoining the firm she worked as an advisor to the Portuguese Secretary of State for Digitalisation and Administrative Modernization and the Portuguese Secretary of State for Digital Transition (2020-2023).

She was a Senior Associate/Associate at the Information, Communication & Technology area at VdA (2017-2020), having done a secondment in one of the biggest telecommunications companies in the world and having co-developed

a social digital & education entrepreneurship project to help kids understand the dangers of the internet.

She was an Associate at the Technology, Media and Telecommunications & Intellectual Property at CCA LAW (2012-2017) having co-founded the “Startinnovation Team”. The team supported Startups and SMEs on technology issues and won the prize “Business Development Innovation” by The Legal Week Innovation Awards, 2017.

Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

Languages

English, Spanish.