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António Penelas is a Partner of PRIME Advogados since 2025.

He collaborates with VdA Legal Partners since 2015. He has been actively involved in several transactions in Angola, with a particular focus on the oil industry services, energy, mining and shipping.

He has an extensive experience in civil, commercial, criminal and administrative litigation (including tax matters).

Assistance to several clients in corporate, commercial and labour matters.



* International Partner corresponds to the position of partner at the law firm of the specified jurisdiction, which is part of the VdA Legal Partners network.

Academic background

Law degree, Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Agostinho Neto, 1999/2000.

Other professional background

Previously, he was a partner at ASP Advogados in Angola from 2020 to 2025 and was the main partner at the law firm António Penelas & Associados from 2004 to January 2020.

He was Legal Coordinator of the negotiation team for the dispute De Beers vs Endiama in 2005.

He also was Head of the Negotiation and Contracts Department at ENDIAMA – Empresa Nacional de Diamantes de Angola, from 2004 to 2012.

As well, he was Head of the Litigation Department at Endiama – Empresa Nacional de Diamantes de Angola, E.p., from 2012 to 2018.

He also was Human Resources Director at Endiama – Empresa Nacional de Diamantes de Angola, E.P. from 2015 to 2018.

António also participated in several negotiations of mining contracts with international companies.

He represented several private investors (nationals and internationals) before the Angolan Private Investment Agency (ANIP – Agência Nacional para o Investimento Privado).

Member of

Admitted to the Angolan Bar Association.

Member of the Angolan Bar Association Luanda Provincial Council (Conselho Provincial de Luanda da Ordem dos Advogados de Angola), from 2009 to 2012.

Member of the Angolan Bar Association National Council (Conselho nacional da Ordem dos Advogados de Angola), from 2012 to 2017.

Deputy Director of the OAA Study and Training Centre from 2015 to 2017.

Coordinator of the Ethics and Deontology Committee of the OAA, since 2018.

Languages

Portuguese, English.