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Joana de Simas Leite joined VdA in 2025. She is a Trainee in the Litigation & Arbitration practice.



Academic background

Law degree from the Lisbon School of the Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Master's in Forensic Law, in the field of Law and Civil Procedure, from the Lisbon School of the Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Other professional background

Before joining the firm, she completed several short-term internships: in July 2023, in the Litigation and Arbitration department at Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira & Associados; in January 2024, at Gama Glória, in an interdisciplinary practice; and in September 2024, in the Labour department at Sérvulo & Associados.

She was also Coordinator of the External Relations Department of the Academic Law Association of the Portuguese Catholic University in the 2022/23 term and Year and Masters Representative in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 terms, respectively.

Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association as a Trainee Lawyer.

Languages

English, Spanish.

