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Paulo Olavo Cunha joined VdA in 2005. Corporate Advisory & Tax Group Senior Partner and head of the Corporate & Governance practice group.

Paulo is specialised in Company Law and has been responsible for major projects, transactions, and group restructuring operations. Has also been actively providing advice to members of the board of some of the major Portuguese companies in strategic and complex corporate related aspects. Also providing highly specialized legal assistance to (listed) Public Companies with dealing with its shareholders relations and disputes.

In his advisory role to large companies, he integrated Corporate Governance and Corporate Sustainability and Ethics Committees as an expert and prepared several Legal Opinions for management and supervisory bodies.

Coordinated and participated in several M&A operations since 2001.



Academic background

Law Degree by the *Faculdade de Ciências Humanas* of the Portuguese Catholic University (School of Lisbon).

Masters in Law by the Faculty of Law of the Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon.

PhD in Law by the Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon.

Teaching chairs

Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law of the Portuguese Catholic University (Lisbon), where he has taught since 1984.

Regent, in the 1st semester of this academic year (2019/20), of (i) Commercial Law, in the Law Degree at UCP

(Lisbon), and (ii) Corporate Governance, in the Master in Business Law of the same Faculty of Law (Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon).

Regent, in the 2nd semester of the present academic year (2019/20), of (i) Commercial Companies, in the Law Degree at the Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon, and (ii) Contesting Social Resolutions and (iii) Structure and Governance of Public Limited Companies, in the Masters in Business Law (Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon) and in Law and Management (Portuguese Catholic University of Porto), respectively.

Other professional background

Former partner of Ferreira Pinto, Olavo Cunha & Associados - Sociedade de Advogados (2002-2005) and of Olavo Cunha, Franqueira Dias & Associados - Sociedade de Advogados (1994-2002).

Published works

Author of a vast bibliography on Corporate Law, the latest books being:

- *Deliberações Sociais: Formação e Impugnação* (Shareholders' Resolutions: Formation and contestation), Almedina, Coimbra, 2020, (XX-400 pp);
- *Direito Empresarial para Economistas e Gestores* (Business Law for Economists and Managers), 3rd edition, Almedina, Coimbra, 2020, (XVII-527 pp);
- *Direito das Sociedades Comerciais* (Company Law), 7th edition, Almedina, Coimbra, 2019, (XXII-1353 pp.);
- *Direito Comercial e do Mercado* (Commercial and Market Law), 2nd edition, Almedina, Coimbra, 2018, (499 pages).

Author of an extensive bibliography (studies and articles) on Commercial, Insolvency, and Corporate Law.

Participant in numerous conferences, seminars and round tables, in his areas of expertise.

Member of

Member of the Portuguese Bar Association.

Member of the International Bar Association (IBA).

Editor of «*Direito das Sociedades em Revista*» (Review on Company Law).

Editor of «*Revista de Direito da Insolvência*» (Insolvency Law Review).

Member of the Scientific Committee of «*Revista de Direito Financeiro e dos Mercados de Capitais*» (Journal of Financial Law and Capital Markets).

Member of the Católica Research Center for the Future of Law / *Centro de Estudos e Investigação em Direito da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Católica Portuguesa*.

Founding member of the Portuguese Intellectual Property Law Association.

Listed arbitrator for the Arbitration Centre of the Lisbon Trade Association of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Languages

English, French, Spanish.