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Ricardo Filipe Costa joined VdA in 2013. He was an associate and senior associate at the Competition & EU area of practice until 2016, where he was actively involved in several transactions in various sectors, most notably in energy, telecoms, multimedia, finance, cosmetics, sports, technological and food. He advised several clients in merger control, antitrust, State aid and trade restrictive practices both before national and European authorities and courts.

He returns to VdA in 2020 as a Principal Consultant at the Competition & EU area.



## Academic background

Law Degree, University of Coimbra, School of Law.

Post-graduate Diploma in Competition and Regulatory Law, University of Lisbon, School of Law.

Multidisciplinary Specialization Course 'The Lisbon Treaty: the re-establishment of the European Union', University of Lisbon, School of Law.

Summer Course in European Union Law, King's College London.

LL.M. (Master of Laws) in Competition Law, King's College London.

Summer Course in European Intellectual Property Law, ERA – Academy of European Law.

Intensive Course in Competition Economics: Abuse of Dominance, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics.

## Other professional background

Before joining VdA, he was a case-handler at the Antitrust Department of the Portuguese Competition Authority (2016-2020).

He was also a Visiting ECN Official at the European Commission, DG Competition, Unit B1 (Antitrust: Energy and Environment) (2019).

He was a 'Blue Book' trainee at the European Commission, DG Internal Market, Unit E4 (Free Movement of Professionals) (2012-2013).

He started his career as a trainee lawyer and associate at Marques Mendes & Associados law firm (2006-2011).

## Published works

Author of '*The Murphy judgment and the underlying Internal Market imperative*' (Almedina, 2014), English and Portuguese versions.

Co-author of chapters on Competition Law in Portugal for leading international publications, notably:

- *Global Legal Insights – Cartels*, 4th Edition, *Portugal chapter*, 2016
- *The Dominance and Monopolies Review*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, *Portugal chapter*, 2016
- *Cambridge University Press Merger Control Worldwide*, 2th Edition, *Portugal chapter*, 2012
- *International Bar Association (IBA) Antitrust Committee Newsletter*, Volume 23, No 1 e 2, and Volume 24, No 2, *Portugal chapter*, 2010-2011

Author and co-author of various articles in specialized journals, notably *European Competition Law Review*, *Practical Law Company Competition Multijurisdictional* and *Global Competition Review*.

## Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

## Languages

English, French.