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Pedro Cassiano Santos joined VdA in 1989. Partner and Head of Practice of the Banking & Finance, Pedro is in charge of transactions within the financial sector.

He is regularly involved in the provision of legal advice in banking and capital markets' regulatory matters as well as in the structuring of several financing transactions, such as the issue and placement (both national and international) of debt, hybrid and equity instruments, and the issue and placement of warrants and both cash and synthetic financial products.

He has also been actively working in securitization transactions and other types of asset-backed transactions, together with the preparation of structured finance transactions, matters in respect of which he is a regular speaker in conferences and a guest teacher of many Masters and Post Graduate courses organized by distinct Institutes and Universities.



Awards & Recognitions

"Outstanding Contribution", Chambers and Partners Portugal Awards 2019

Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers - Finance Law - 2017

Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers - Capital Markets Law - 2016

Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers - 2015

International Law Office (ILO), Clients Choice Awards - Banking - 2011, 2013, 2014

Academic background

Law Degree, University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law.

Post-graduation in European Legal Studies, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium.

Teaching chairs

Guest Professor/Lecturer at the Catholic University of Lisbon (Asset Backed Securities lecture on the LLM and Post-Graduate programmes 2008/2011) and at the Institute for Banking Management (Instituto Superior de Gestão Bancária) (Banking Supervision lecture 2010/2011).

Published works

Author of various publications on matters within his fields of expertise, namely:

- "Securitization in Portugal", Asset Finance International - Março 2000
- "The Portuguese Securitisation market", Global Securitisation Review - 2003/2004
- "2003 a landmark year for Portuguese securitization", IFLR - The 2004 Guide to Structured Finance - 2004
- "Public Sector Securitisation in Europe", Global Trade and Finance Series - Securitisation of Derivatives and Alternative Asset classes Yearbook 2005
- "Sovereign Securitisation in Europe", International Banking and Finance Law Series, Innovation in Securitisation Yearbook 2006
- "Reform heralds new era for mortgage bonds", IFLR Structured - 2006
- "The Portuguese CMBS Markets - Mortgage-Covered Bonds: a brave new tool", Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securitisation Developments in the European Market - 2006
- "The impact of Basel II, Portugal Structured Finance", IFLR Supplement
- "Financial Regulation, International Briefings", IFLR - Outubro 2007
- "Portuguese Capital Markets - Overview and future prospects", Legal Week - 2010
- "Portugal", The Banking Regulation Review, Law Business Research - 2011 to 2014

And co -author of various publications on matters within his fields of expertise, namely:

- O Mercado Português da Titularização de Créditos: Diversificação e Maturidade", Instituto dos Valores Mobiliários - Direito dos Valores Mobiliários, Separata do Volume VI - 2006
- International Acquisition Finance - Portugal, European Lawyer (Hendrik Haag) - 2008

Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association and admitted as specialist in financial law.

Admitted to the Timor-Leste Law Society (Conselho de Gestão e Disciplina da Advocacia de Timor-Leste).

Languages

English, French, Spanish.