

Carla Gonçalves Borges

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Carla Gonçalves Borges joined VdA in 2013. She is the Head Partner of the Litigation & Arbitration practice.

Carla focuses her practice in civil and commercial litigation and arbitration, both national and international, often acting as arbitrator before judicial courts and arbitral tribunals under the aegis of various arbitration centres such as the CAC (*Centro de Arbitragem Comercial*), the ICC and the ICSID.

She has extensive experience in handling judicial and arbitration cases, representing clients from a wide range of industries, including banking, funds and financial services, energy, construction, infrastructure, PPPs, industry, trade and distribution, telecommunications and emerging technologies, health, sports, tourism and leisure.



Awards & Recognitions

“Commercial Arbitration Lawyer of the Year”, Women In Business Law 2023

Academic background

Law degree, Nova University of Lisbon Law School.

6th M.A. and Ph.D. Programme, Nova University of Lisbon Law School.

Post-graduate qualification in Company Law, Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon Law School - attendance at module on Company Law.

Post-graduate qualification in Company Criminal Law, Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon Law School - attendance at module on Company Criminal Law.

Post-graduate qualification in Legal Studies, Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon Law School - attendance at

classes on Civil Procedure Law.

Admitted to the preparation of a Ph.D. thesis on the 6th M.A. and Ph.D. Programme, Nova University of Lisbon Law School.

Post-graduate qualification in Arbitration, Nova University of Lisbon Law School.

Post-graduate Course in Sports Law, Portuguese Catholic University Lisbon School of Law.

Teaching chairs

Lecturer in the University Extension Course on Arbitration at Nova University of Lisbon Law School.

Speaker and participant in several conferences, seminars and round tables on topics relating to arbitration.

Other professional background

Associate, Linklaters Lisbon, in the Litigation & Arbitration practice (from 2005 to April 2013).

Trainee Solicitor, Linklaters Lisbon (2003 - 2005).

European Summer Exchange Programme, Linklaters London and Lisbon (2002).

Published works

Participates as speaker in conferences and seminars on arbitration matters and has published several articles, mainly in the subject of arbitration, but also concerning civil procedure law, civil law and company law, such as:

- "Tutela Cautelar no TAD: periculum in mora na revisão da lei", in Meirim, José Manuel (ed.), Direito do Desporto, Lisboa, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, 2017
- "Dispute Boards - A Viable ADR Practice in Portugal", in Young Arbitration Review, Edition 16, Janeiro 2015
- "State Court Assistance Moving Forward in Portugal?", Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 2013
- "A Extensão da Convenção de Arbitragem a Não Signatários", co-author, in VI Congresso do Centro de Arbitragem da Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Portuguesa, Coimbra, Almedina, 2013
- "World Class Actions - A Guide to Group and Representative Actions around the Globe", co-author of the chapter relating to Portugal, in Karlsgodt, Paul G. (ed.), UK, Oxford University Press, 2012
- "O Sistema de Reconhecimento de Decisões Arbitrais entre Portugal e Angola: consequências da inaplicabilidade da Convenção de Nova Iorque", in Revista de Arbitragem e Mediação, Ano 8, vol. 28, janeiro/março, São Paulo, Editora Revista dos Tribunais, 2011
- "Constituição do Tribunal Arbitral em Arbitragens Multipartes", co-author, in "III Congresso do Centro de Arbitragem da Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Portuguesa, Coimbra, Almedina, e in Revista de Arbitragem e Mediação, Ano 7, vol. 25, abril/junho, São Paulo, Editora Revista dos Tribunais, 2010

- "O Sistema de Reconhecimento de Decisões Arbitrais entre Portugal e Angola: consequências da inaplicabilidade da Convenção de Nova Iorque", in Themis, Revista da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisboa, Ano IX, N.º 16, 2009
- "Exclusão e Limitação da Responsabilidade em Contratos de Adesão", in Sub Judice, N.º 39, Coimbra, Almedina, março 2008
- "Pluralidade de Partes e Intervenção de Terceiros na Arbitragem", in Themis, Revista da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisboa, Ano VII, N.º 13, 2006
- "European Corporate Law", co-author of the chapter relating to Portugal, in Hulle, Karel van (ed.), Germany, Nomos, 2006

Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

Member of the Portuguese Arbitration Association.

Member of the Executive Commission of Concórdia – Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Centre.

Member of the Board of the Portuguese Chapter of Club Español del Arbitraje (CEA).

Languages

English, French, Spanish.