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Mafalda Ferreira practices in the area of public law, projects and energy.

Mafalda advises clients on public-private partnerships, public procurement, projects, administrative and regulatory law, project finance and litigation.

Mafalda possesses an extensive track record in investments, acquisitions, disposals in the water /wastewater, energy and transport sectors.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- German
- Portuguese
- Spanish

- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure

- Energy and Natural Resources

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Portuguese Spanish

- Advising an American alternative investment firm in the privatization process launched by the Portuguese State for the sale of up to 100% of the assets related to the insurance business of Caixa Geral de Depósitos (a Portuguese public bank)
- Advising an American global investment firm on the preparation and submission of a bid to acquire a majority and controlling interest in Ascendi Group, S.G.P.S., S.A., a leading player in Portugal active in roadway infrastructure concessions and the O&M business worldwide (Ascendi has 16 roadway concessionaires, 11 of which are located in Portugal, and it provides O&M services and toll-collection services to its concessions as well as third parties)
- Advising a Japanese trading company in transaction in the natural gas sector (buyer's side; Galp Gás & Power, SGPS, S.A. as seller)
- Advising an American alternative investment firm regarding the acquisition of a credit within the financing of two distressed motorway projects in Portugal, including advising on two arbitration proceedings involving approximately €1.4 billion and €460 million respectively between the public assets' concessionaires and the Portuguese State
- Advice to a Japanese trading company in the acquisition of the shares representing 100% of the share capital of a company active in the management, operation and maintenance of water and wastewater facilities in Portugal and in Brazil, directly or through its

subsidiaries (cessionaires and municipal public- private partnership companies)

- Advice to a leading independent fund management company on the preparation and submission of a bid to acquire 100% of the shares in Norscut - Concessionária de Auto-Estradas, S.A., which operates the public A24 motorway in Portugal
- Advising an UK pension fund regarding a €162 million investment in several wind assets located in Portugal, with a gross installed capacity of approximately 500 MW

CREDENTIALS

Prior Experience

- 2019 – present, Partner at DLA Piper ABBC (previously ABBC)
- 2013 – 2019, Managing Associate at Iberian law firm, based in Lisbon
- 2010 – 2012, Senior Associate at Iberian law firm based in Brazil
- 2009 – 2010, Seconded at London based law firm
- 2008 – 2009, Junior Associate at Iberian law firm based in Lisbon
- 2004 – 2008, Trainee and Junior Associate at Lisbon based law firm

Recognitions

- Recognised as one of the 50 most inspirational women in the Iberian legal market by *Iberian Lawyer*
- Lawyer of the Year 2020 under 40, in Infrastructure and Construction, by *Iberian Lawyer*
- Recognised in Project Finance and Development practice as well as Public Law, by *Best Lawyers* since 2015
- Recognised as Band 4 in Projects and Public Law by *Chambers and Partners*
- Recognised as Star Associate in Projects by *Chambers Europe*, Portugal, 2019
- Recognised as Associate to watch in Administrative Law by *Chambers Europe*, Portugal, 2018
- Recognised as Foreign expert for Brazil, in Projects by *Chambers Global*, Portugal, 2018
- Distinguished as Next Generation Partner by *Legal 500* in Projects & Project Finance and in Public Law
- Recommended by *Legal 500* in Energy
- Distinguished by *Best Lawyers* in Portugal as Leading Lawyer for Public Law and Project Finance, 2018

Education

- Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Portugal, Course on analysis and assessment of bids within the context of public procurement procedures governed by the Portuguese Public Contracts Code (legal and business perspectives), 2008
- Faculty of Law (Lisbon School). Catholic University of Portugal, Course on project finance, 2006
- Public Law Academy, European Public Law Organization (EPLO), Intensive International Master of Laws (LL.M.) in European Public Law, 2005
- Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Law Degree, Cum Laude, 2004
- Faculty of Law. University of Hannover / Germany, European and International Law. Programme ELPIS I (European Legal Practice Integrated Studies), 2003

Memberships

- Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association
- Admitted to the Brazilian Bar Association (São Paulo section)
- Public Contracts in Legal Globalization Group (Paris)
- European Public Law Organization (Athens)

INSIGHTS

Events

Mafalda Ferreira is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars.