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Head partner of the Investigations & White Collar practice, Sofia joined VdA in 1999 and is recognised as a leading lawyer with extensive experience in litigation, whose practice focuses on corporate, criminal and administrative litigation cases.

She designs compliance programmes and conducts internal investigations of companies, also representing clients in private enforcement proceedings, founded on civil liability requests for breach of regulatory and sectoral rules.



Academic background

Law Degree, Catholic University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law.

Masters degree in Corporate Law, University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law (dissertation on shareholders' right to information).

Post-graduation in misdemeanour/administrative offenses applicable by Regulatory Authorities, University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law.

Specialized Course I in Compliance and Criminal Law.

Published works

Author or co-author of several articles, in national and international publications, namely:

- "Corporate crimes and related-infractions", *Direito das Sociedades em Revista*, IV Congresso, Livraria Almedina, 2016
- "Businesses must introduce new data privacy rules", *Iberian Lawyer*, 2016
- "Greater scrutiny of companies means external lawyers' role is crucial", *Iberian Lawyer*, 2016
- "Delegation of powers within corporations: a way to mitigate criminal liability for corruption offences", *Newsletter of the International Bar Association Legal Practice Division*, Volume 9, Number 1, September 2016
- "The Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Review - Portugal", *Law Business Research*, Edition 5, 2016

- “Notas sobre os crimes do Código das Sociedades Comerciais e alguns afins”, Direito das Sociedades em Revista, IV Congresso, Almedina, 2016
- “The Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Review - Portugal”, Law Business Research, Edition 4, 2015
- Iberian Lawyer Review: Special Focus: White Collar Crime, 2014
- “Lei da Arbitragem Voluntária”, 2013, co-author
- New Package of Criminal Legislation 2013, 2013
- “The new Arbitration Law”, 2013, co-author
- “Shareholders’ right to information”, Livraria Almedina, 2008
- “The representation of minority shareholders in the Board of Directors”, O Direito, 2004

Participates in numerous conferences, seminars and round tables, in her areas of expertise.

Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

Admitted to the Timor-Leste Bar Association (Conselho de Gestão e Disciplina).

Member of the Portuguese Criminal Forum (“Fórum Penal”).

Member of the European Criminal Bar Association.

Member of the Portuguese Observatory for Compliance and Regulation.

Member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Languages

English, French.