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PROFILE

At **SÉRVULO** since 2008, Francisca Mendes da Costa is a partner in the firm's Public Law department. In 2020, she completed the Accounting and Finance Program – Executive Education at Católica Lisbon School of Business & Economics. She holds a refresher graduate qualification in Water Law from the Institute of Political Legal Sciences (ICJP - Instituto de Ciências Jurídico-Políticas) of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon (2013/2014), and in Public Procurement from the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra (2008). Master of Laws (LL.M., Intensive International Program) in European Public Law, awarded by the European Public Law Academy (2010), and graduated in Law from the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra (2005). She was an associate at the law firm AAA Advogados in 2008, having started her professional career as a trainee lawyer at Vieira de Almeida & Associados between 2005 and 2008. She joined the Bar Association in 2008.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Legal advice on the conclusion and renegotiation of concession contracts, especially with regards to public-private partnerships in the highway/railway and healthcare sectors.

Advising public-sector entities on the preparation and launching of public tenders.

Legal advice in the context of presenting proposals in international/high-end tenders, mainly for the conclusion of contracts linked to large-scale infrastructure projects.

Vast experience in the field of litigation and arbitration of administrative law.

Legal assistance in transactional matters related to the conclusion and execution of public contracts and in



different regulatory areas of public law.

Extensive experience in the execution and coordination of legal mandates and large-scale projects in Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde and São Tomé and Príncipe.

Drafting of legislation for various public entities in Portugal and in other Portuguese-speaking countries.

Specialized practice in the energy sector, advising public and private entities in the structuring and development of projects and transactions in this area.

EXPERTISE

- Arbitration
- Aviation and Aeronautics
- Defence and Security
- Energy
- Foreign Investment
- Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals
- Infrastructure
- Liability in Healthcare
- Public Law
- Sports
- Transport

MOST RECENT RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers 2026

Administrative Law - TIER Recommended

Arbitration and Mediation - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2025

Administrative Law - TIER Recommended

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Public Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2024

Administrative Law - TIER Recommended

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Public Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2023

Administrative Law - TIER Recommended

Public Law - TIER Recommended

Arbitration and Mediation - TIER Recommended

Legal 500 2025

Projects & Project Finance - TIER Next Generation Partner

I recommend Francisca Mendes da Costa without reservations. In addition to her solid knowledge and expertise, she is an extremely pleasant and helpful person.

Public Law - TIER Next Generation Partner

Francisca Mendes da Costa is very competent and dedicated with a lot of experience and extensive legislative knowledge in the field of administrative law.

Legal 500 2024

Projects & Project Finance - TIER Next Generation Partners

Francisca Mendes da Costa is notable for her enthusiasm, spirit, pragmatism, availability and easy relationship with the client.

Public Law - TIER Next Generation Partners

Francisca Mendes da Costa, whose strong skills in judicial proceedings, arbitration and PPPs are noteworthy.

Legal 500 2023

Projects & Project Finance - TIER Next Generation Partner

Francisca Mendes da Costa is a key contact for multijurisdictional matters.

Public Law - TIER Next Generation Partner

Francisca Mendes da Costa is well versed in PPPs and international projects across Mozambique, Cabo Verde and São Tomé and Príncipe.



IFLR1000 2025

Project Development - TIER Rising Star Partner

IFLR1000 2024

Project Development - TIER Rising Star Partner

IFLR1000 2023

Project Development - TIER Rising star partner

Chambers Europe 2025

Projects - TIER Up and Coming

Francisca Mendes da Costa is a well-regarded practitioner with experience advising clients on a range of projects work, including concessions, PPPs, and regulatory matters.

Chambers Global 2025

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BOOKS AND ACADEMIC ARTICLES

2025

Public & Administrative Law 2025: Portugal

2025 | in Chambers Global Practice Guide