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PROFILE

At **SÉRVULO** since 2011, Manuel Magalhães is currently the firm's Managing Partner and partner in the Finance and Governance department, and also co-heads the Restructuring and Insolvency department and the Real Estate, Tourism and Urban Planning department. He is a member of the International Bar Association. He was a partner of «Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira», between 2000 and 2011, law firm at which he started and developed his professional career. He was also founding partner of the law firm «H. Gamito, Couto, Gonçalves Pereira e Castelo Branco», in Mozambique, between 1998 and 2003. He has been a member of the Bar Association since 1992.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Legal assistance in the area of Banking Law, namely in M&A operations, establishment of credit institutions and financial companies, opening of company and bank branches, structured finance operations and advising credit institutions and financial companies on regulatory matters and on various other matters concerning their activity.

Advising on the restructuring and on the activity of investment funds, especially of investment and real estate funds, as well as advising pension funds.

Legal assistance in the area of insolvency and restructuring, especially in the restructuring of banking operations.

Legal assistance in the area of Insurance Law, both in what concerns regulatory matters and in the structuring



and distribution of insurance products.

Legal assistance in the areas of real estate and tourism, including advising on operations involving the acquisition and development of real estate or tourism projects, as well as advising on the activities of various real estate and tourism agents and companies.

EXPERTISE

- Aviation and Aeronautics
- Banking
- Capital Markets
- Commerce, Manufacturing and Distribution
- Family Businesses
- Finance and Governance
- Insurance
- Real Estate and Tourism
- Real Estate, Tourism and Urban Planning
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Transport
- Venture Capital

MOST RECENT RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers 2026

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

Construction Law - TIER Recommended

Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice - TIER Recommended

Financial Institutions - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2025

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended



Construction Law - TIER Recommended

Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice - TIER Recommended

Financial Institutions - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2024

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

Construction Law - TIER Recommended

Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice - TIER Recommended

Financial Institutions - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2023

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice - TIER Recommended

Chambers Global 2025

Banking & Finance - TIER 4

Manuel Magalhães has notable experience in financing matters arising within the context of insolvencies of Portuguese credit institutions.

Chambers Global 2024

Banking & Finance - TIER 3

He has an ability to analyse the different angles to solve the problems presented by the clients. He is careful when presenting the solutions and anticipates the issues.

Chambers Global 2023

Banking & Finance - TIER 3

Manuel Magalhães has notable experience in financing matters arising within the context of insolvencies of Portuguese credit institutions. He also earns praise for his broader finance practice. He can very easily deliver extremely high-quality work.

Leaders League 2026

Banking & Finance - TIER Excellent



Real Estate - TIER Highly Recommended
Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Leaders League 2025

Banking & Finance - TIER Excellent
Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Leaders League 2024

Banking & Finance - TIER Excellent
Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Leaders League 2023

Banking & Finance - TIER Excellent
Real Estate - TIER Highly Recommended
Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Chambers Europe 2025

Banking & Finance - TIER 4

Manuel Magalhães has notable experience in financing matters arising within the context of insolvencies of Portuguese credit institutions.

Banking & Finance: Regulatory - TIER 2

Manuel Magalhães has notable experience in financing matters arising within the context of insolvencies of Portuguese credit institutions.

Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3

Manuel Magalhães has a broad practice that takes in large liquidation proceedings, credit claims, clawback disputes and insolvency liability litigation. He often advises banks and real estate clients.

Chambers Europe 2024

Banking & Finance - TIER 3

Manuel has notable experience in financing matters arising within the context of insolvencies of Portuguese credit institutions. Manuel earns praise for his broader finance practice, which includes advice on the negotiation of new corporate loans.

Banking & Finance: Regulatory - TIER 2

He has an ability to analyse the different angles to solve the problems presented by the clients. He is careful when presenting the solutions and anticipates the issues.



Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3

He is very knowledgeable about insolvency proceedings and provided us with good advice on how to move forward.

Chambers Europe 2023

Banking & Finance - TIER 3

He can very easily relate to the client and deliver extremely high-quality work.

Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3

Manuel Magalhães stands out for his experience, and historical knowledge of the client, as well as for his monitoring and supervision of the work carried out by the team.

Legal 500 2025

Banking & Finance - TIER Leading Partner

Manuel Magalhães has in-depth legal knowledge that he applies in a practical and objective manner to defend his client's interests in the quickest and safest way possible.

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães maintains a busy practice, assisting clients in Portugal, Angola and Mozambique.

Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Partner

Managing Partner Manuel Magalhães, a go-to advisor for insolvent banks.

Real Estate & Construction - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães has a wealth of experience in real estate, tourism and commercial matters, and is a key contact for investment funds and financial institutions.

Legal 500 2024

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães is more than just a lawyer. He is an ally who, with great experience and technical knowledge, supports clients in the most complex projects, adjusting his contributions with great precision to defend the client's interests.

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended

Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual

Manuel Magalhães, the managing partner, is a popular choice for insolvent banks.

Real Estate & Construction - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães stands out for the quality and simplicity of his solutions.



Legal 500 2023

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães stands out for his experience, quality of advice and client support.

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended

Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual

Manuel Magalhães monitors and supervises the work being carried out and has many years of experience.

Real Estate & Construction - TIER Recommended

The practice is headed by Manuel Magalhães, who co-leads the finance and governance team and is seasoned in insolvency, banking, real estate and corporate matters.

IFLR1000 2025

Banking - TIER Highly Regarded

Capital Markets: Debt - TIER Highly Regarded

Capital Markets: Equity - TIER Highly Regarded

M&A - TIER Highly Regarded

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly Regarded

IFLR1000 2024

Banking - TIER Highly Regarded

Capital Markets: Debt - TIER Highly Regarded

Capital Markets: Equity - TIER Highly Regarded

M&A - TIER Highly Regarded

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly Regarded

IFLR1000 2023

Banking - TIER Highly regarded

Capital Markets: Debt - TIER Highly regarded

Capital Markets: Equity - TIER Highly regarded

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly regarded

M&A - TIER Highly regarded



BOOKS AND ACADEMIC ARTICLES

2024

Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides | Real Estate - Portugal

2024 | in Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides

Insolvency Guide 2024: Portugal

2024 | in Chambers & Partners

Real Estate Country Comparative Guide: Portugal | Legal 500 (2024)

2024 | in Legal 500

2023

Chambers Insolvency Guide 2023

2023 | in Chambers Global Practice Guides

2021

Chambers Insolvency Guide 2021

2021

The Banking Litigation Law Review: Portugal

2021 | in The Law Reviews

2020

The Banking Litigation Law Review

2020 | in The Banking Litigation Law Review, The Law Reviews

2012

O Novo Direito Bancário

2012 | Almedina