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## PROFILE

At **SÉRVULO** as a partner since 1999, Teresa Serra is currently Of Counsel of the firm's Corporate Crime and Regulatory Compliance and Litigation and Arbitration departments. She obtained a Master's in Legal Sciences from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, in 1989. She was university lecturer, from 1982 to 2015, at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, and at the Faculty of Law of the Nova University of Lisbon, as well as on several graduate courses, teaching subjects relating to sanctions law in general, and, more specifically, economic and financial criminal law, lately, on the third October Course about the Process of Economic Sanctions, in October 2017, and on the second Graduate Course about Law Enforcement, Compliance and Criminal Law in Banking, Financial and Economic Activities, on the first semester of 2018. Member of European and Criminal Economic Law Institute of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra. She has been a Member of the Roxin Alliance, since 2011, an organisation of lawyers and academics dedicated to matters of international economic and financial crimes and compliance. She joined the Bar Association in 1984.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Criminal litigation, both on the side of the defence and of the prosecution, with a special focus on white-collar crime (corporate and of employees), on fiscal crimes and crimes against Social Security, on crimes against property and honour crimes, including in cases of great complexity and relevance.

Litigation relating to administrative offences, representing both the defence and the Administration, with a special focus on the area of economic regulation: banking, securities markets, telecoms, media and environment.

Litigation in other types of sanctions cases, especially in cases of financial liability before the Court of Auditors and in disciplinary cases.

Representing clients in cases resulting from complaints presented to the European Court of Human Rights.

Lodging appeals relating to specific cases of review of constitutionality before the Constitutional Court.

Civil and commercial litigation, including in cases of contractual civil liability and of non-contractual liability.

External audits.

Compliance programmes.

Legal advice on corporate and contractual matters.

## EXPERTISE

- Corporate Crime and Regulatory Compliance
- Environment
- Litigation
- Media and Telecommunications

## MOST RECENT RECOGNITIONS

**Best Lawyers 2026**

Criminal Defense - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended

**Best Lawyers 2025**

Criminal Defense - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended

**Best Lawyers 2024**

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Criminal Defense - TIER Recommended

**Legal 500 2026**

Fraud & White-Collar Crime - TIER Hall of Fame

Teresa Serra has longstanding experience in white-collar and regulatory matters.

**Legal 500 2025**

Fraud & White-Collar Crime - TIER Leading Partner

Teresa Serra is highly regarded for her proficiency in civil and commercial litigation, with additional expertise in corporate crime and regulatory compliance.

**Legal 500 2024**

Fraud & White-Collar Crime - TIER Leading Individual

Teresa Serra is noted for her expertise in civil and commercial litigation, as well as in corporate crime and regulatory compliance.

**Leaders League 2026**

Dispute Resolution - White-Collar Crime - TIER Excellent

**Leaders League 2025**

Dispute Resolution - White-Collar Crime - TIER Excellent

**Leaders League 2024**

Dispute Resolution - White-Collar Crime - TIER Excellent

## BOOKS AND ACADEMIC ARTICLES

**2016**

International Compliance 2016: Portugal

2016 | in International Compliance, München, C.H. Beck oHG

**2015**

The International Investigations Review 2015: Portugal

2015 | in The International Investigations Review, 5th edition (2015), Law Business Research, London, pp. 243-253

**2014**

The International Investigations Review 2014: Portugal

2014 | in The International Investigations Review, 4th edition (2014), Law Business Research, London, pp. 250-259

**2013**

The International Investigations Review 2013: Portugal

2013 | in The International Investigations Review, 3rd edition (2013), Law Business Research, London, pp. 220-229

**2012**

The International Investigations Review 2012: Portugal

2012 | in The International Investigations Review, 2ª edição (2012), Law Business Research, Londres, pp. 220-229

Abuso de confiança fiscal - Algumas reflexões a partir de um caso concreto

2012 | in Estudos em memória do Prof. Doutor J. L. Saldanha Sanches, Coimbra Editora, 2012, pp. 467-494.

**2010**

A exclusão de responsabilidade criminal das entidades públicas - da inconstitucionalidade dos n.ºs 2 e 3 do artigo 11.º do Código Penal

2010 | in Estudos em homenagem ao Prof. Doutor Sérvulo Correira, Volume IV, Coimbra Editora, Lisbon, pp. 65-111

**2003**

Actuação em nome de outrem no âmbito empresarial, em especial no exercício de funções parciais

2003 | Liber Discipulorum para Jorge Figueiredo Dias, Coimbra Editora, Lisbon, pp. 597-614

**1999**

Contra-ordenações: responsabilidade de entidades colectivas

1999 | Revista Portuguesa de Ciência Criminal, Ano 9, Vol. 2, April-June 1999, pp. 187-212

**1998**

Kollektive Verantwortung aus portugiesischer Sicht

1998 | Einzelverantwortung und Mitwerantwortung im Strafrecht, European Colloquium 1996 on Individual, Participatory and Collective Responsibility in Criminal Law, Edition Iuscrim, Freiburg, pp. 137-152

Homicídios em série

1998 | Jornadas de Direito Criminal-Revisão do Código Penal - Alterações ao Sistema Sancionatório e Parte Especial, Vol II, CEJ - Centro de Estudos Judiciários, Lisboa, pp. 137-180

Establishing a basis for criminal responsability of collective entities: a commentary

1998 | Criminal responsibility of legal and collective entities, International Colloquium Berlin 1998, Edition Iuscrim, Freiburg, pp. 203-216

**1995**

A autoria mediata através do domínio de um aparelho organizado de poder

1995 | Revista Portuguesa de Ciência Criminal, Year 5, Issues 3 and 4, July-December 1995, Aequitas Editorial Notícias, pp. 303-328

**1990**

Homicídio qualificado - tipo de culpa e medida da pena

1990 | Edições Almedina, Coimbra

**1985**

Problemática do erro sobre a ilicitude

1985 | Edições Almedina, Coimbra