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PROFILE

At **SÉRVULO** since 2015, Alberto Saavedra is partner in the European and Competition department. He concluded the LL.M – Master of Laws in European and Competition Law at University College London (UCL), in 2009; obtained a graduate qualification in competition law from King's College London (University of London), in 2006; graduated in Law from the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Portugal, Porto School, in 2004. He was aide to the Secretary of State for the Treasury of the XIX Constitutional Government, between 2013 and 2015. He was as an associate at the law firm «SRS – Advogados & Associados», from 2011 to 2013, and at «Nobre Guedes, Mota Soares & Associados», in 2010; was an associate and a trainee lawyer at the firm «Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles & Associados», from 2004 to 2010. He joined the Bar Association in 2006. He is the author of several articles and publications on his areas of specialisation.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

He has vast experience in representing and advising international and domestic companies and public authorities in the areas of merger control, restrictive practices, market dominance, State aid and services of general economic interest, both at national and EU level. He also advises clients on EU law, in particular the Internal Market rules, foreign direct investment (FDI) and foreign subsidies. He also represents clients in Competition / Consumer laws litigation such as class actions claims before Portuguese Courts.

He has experience in a wide range of industries, such as banking, trade and distribution, construction and real estate, energy pharmaceutical, telecommunications and transports.

As an aide to the Secretary of State for the Treasury of the XIX Constitutional Government, he was responsible for matters related with privatisations, concessions, State-owned companies and implementation of the Economic and Financial Assistance Programme in close interaction with the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund ("*troika*").

EXPERTISE

- European and Competition Law
- Whistleblowing

RECOGNITION

Chambers Global 2017
EU and Competition - TIER Recommended

Legal 500 2024
EU & Competition - TIER Recommended
Alberto Saavedra is rapidly growing his profile in Portugal and at the European Commission, working on several major competition cases. Always on top of the case strategy and detail.

Legal 500 2023
EU & Competition - TIER Recommended
Alberto Saavedra offers key support in the fields of merger control, restrictive practices and State Aid.

Legal 500 2022
EU & Competition - TIER Recommended
Alberto Saavedra has been the lead author of significant statements filed in court proceedings and has masterfully handled the production of these complex documents.

Legal 500 2021
EU and Competition - TIER Recommended
Alberto Saavedra - an excellent legal mind. He is able to digest complicated evidence and present it in clear

legal documents.

Legal 500 2017
EU and Competition - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2024
Competition / Antitrust Law - TIER Recommended

European Union Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2023
Competition / Antitrust Law - TIER Recommended

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Competition / Antitrust Law - TIER Recommended

European Union Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2021
Competition / Antitrust Law - TIER Recommended

European Union Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2020 Global Business Edition
Competition / Antitrust Law - TIER Recommended

European Union Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2020
Competition / Antitrust Law - TIER Recommended

European Union Law - TIER Recommended

Chambers Europe 2024
Competition/European Law - TIER Up and Coming
He is very knowledgeable of the law, as well as being very prudent and wise. He is able to give interesting inputs, and is an extremely hard worker.

Chambers Europe 2023
Competition/European Law - TIER Up and Coming

He is always well prepared to discuss things, is steeped in competition knowledge and gets to the root of the problem, giving a clear answer.

Chambers Europe 2022

Competition/European Law - TIER Associates to Watch

Sources praise Alberto Saavedra for his 'attention to detail and commercial acumen'. His practice ranges from assisting with state aid and merger control matters to handling antitrust investigations and disputes concerning EU regulations.

BOOKS AND ACADEMIC ARTICLES

2023

Sérvulo writes the Portuguese chapter of the ICLG Competition Litigation 2024 edition

2023 | in ICLG - Competition Litigation 2024

2022

Sérvulo writes the Portuguese chapter of the ICLG Competition Litigation 2023 edition

2022 | in ICLG - Competition Litigation 2023

2020

Directive ECN+ and the New Age of Competition Law (Challenges and Boundaries)

2020 | in Revista Ordem dos Advogados, Ano 80

The cross-fertilization of the Energy Union and the Digital Single Market

2020 | in Revista de Energia, ISPG – Instituto do Petróleo e Gás

2019

Portugal

2019 | in The Cartels and Leniency Review – 2019

The Importance of European Law for the Protection of Consumers

2019 | in Boletim Ordem dos Advogados, Abril 2019

Opening and Closing Sessions and PhD Seminar, XXVIII FIDE CONGRESS Lisbon/Estoril (23-26 May 2018), Congress Proceedings Vol. 4

2019 | Almedina

2018

The internal market and the digital economy, XXVIII FIDE CONGRESS Lisbon/Estoril (23-26 May 2018), Congress Proceedings Vol 1

2018 | Almedina

Taxation, State aid and distortions of competition, XXVIII FIDE CONGRESS Lisbon/Estoril (23-26 May 2018), Congress Proceedings Vol 2

2018 | Almedina

The external dimension of the EU policies: horizontal issues; trade and investment; immigration and asylum, XXVIII FIDE CONGRESS Lisbon/Estoril (23-26 May 2018), Congress Proceedings Vol 3

2018 | Almedina

2013

The New Portuguese Competition Law - Preliminary Remarks

2013 | in Revista da Ordem dos Advogados, Ano 73, Jan.-Marc. 2013, I (Alberto Saavedra em coautoria com Gonçalo Anastácio)

Article 47 - Participation in the Proceedings

2013 | in Lei da Concorrência - Comentário Conimbricense, Coimbra: Edições Almedina

2012

Acess by National Courts and Private Plaintiffs to Leniency Documents Held by the Comission

2012 | in Revista de Concorrência e Regulação, Ano 3, n.º 10, 2012, pages 65-89

The Merger Control Review

2012 | Law Business Research

2011

The Relationship between the Leniency Programme and Private Actions for Damages at the EU Level

2011 | in Revista de Concorrência e Regulação, ano 1, n.º 4, 2010, págs. 21-51