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PROFILE

At **SÉRVULO** since 2018, **Mafalda Ferreira Santos** is a partner in the firm's Litigation department, focusing her practice in the areas of Restructuring and Insolvency and Arbitration. She holds a Master's in Legal Sciences from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon. Mafalda Ferreira Santos started her professional career in 1997 at the law firm «F. Castelo Branco, P. Rebelo de Sousa & Associados - Sociedade de Advogados» (Portuguese Legal Group, AEIE) and in «P. Rebelo de Sousa & Associados, Simmons & Simmons.». From 2003 to 2013 Mafalda Ferreira Santos was an associate at the law firm «Gonçalves Pereira, Castelo Branco & Associados», currently «Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, SP, RL», where she became partner in 2013. Mafalda Ferreira Santos has lectured the Interdisciplinary Juridical Practice discipline from 2004 to 2017, at the Faculty of Law of the Nova University of Lisbon. She joined the Bar Association in 1997.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Mafalda has focused her professional activity mainly in the area of judicial and extrajudicial dispute resolution, representing national and foreign clients, in cases of civil and commercial litigation (including national and international arbitration), insolvency and restructuring of companies, consumer disputes, competition and European Union law matters. The main projects in which she has provided legal advice in recent years include commercial law operations (advice on all relevant litigation and arbitration matters), judicial liquidation of credit institutions, restructuring and insolvency, representing creditors and debtors, litigation and arbitration arising out of contracts for the purchase and sale of goods and services, distribution and agency agreements, disputes



relating to infringements of competition law, corporate relations, advertising, industrial property, copyright and related rights, banking, insurance, consumer disputes, generally advising service providers or goods suppliers.

EXPERTISE

- Arbitration
- Litigation
- Luxury
- Restructuring and Insolvency

MOST RECENT RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers 2025

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2024

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2023

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Chambers Global 2025

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos regularly advises on banking and real estate disputes, with the proven ability to assist with international matters. She has further experience in disputes regarding insolvency, distribution agreements and product liability.



Chambers Global 2024

Dispute Resolution: The Elite - TIER 4

She has a great and profound knowledge of the matters and dedicates herself fully to them.

Chambers Global 2023

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos regularly advises on banking and real estate disputes, with the proven ability to assist with international matters. She is extremely dedicated and has been an incredible support to our internal team.

Leaders League 2026

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Leaders League 2025

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Dispute Resolution - Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Excellent

Leaders League 2024

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Dispute Resolution - Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Excellent

Leaders League 2023

Dispute Resolution - Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Excellent

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Chambers Europe 2025

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

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Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3

Mafalda Ferreira Santos assists clients with contentious matters within insolvency, including pre-litigation and litigation proceedings, as well as revitalisation proceedings and credit claims.

Chambers Europe 2024

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

She has a great and profound knowledge of the matters and dedicates herself fully to them.



Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3

Mafalda Ferreira Santos has a great and profound knowledge. She dedicates herself fully to these matters and is always thinking about us and our needs.

Chambers Europe 2023

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos is extremely dedicated, committed to the work required and has been an incredible support to our internal team.

Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos has the experience and the ability to work under pressure with technical and supervisory qualities.

Legal 500 2025

Dispute Resolution - TIER Leading Partner

Mafalda Ferreira Santos stands out for her responsiveness, in terms of quality and availability.

Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Partner

Mafalda Ferreira Santos is highly regarded for her skill in dispute resolution and for representing both creditors and debtors in restructuring and insolvency proceedings.

Legal 500 2024

Dispute Resolution - TIER Next Generation Partner

Mafalda Ferreira Santos stands out for the detail and quality of the solutions presented.

Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual

Mafalda Ferreira Santos excels in dispute resolution, often representing creditors and debtors in restructuring and insolvency proceedings.

Legal 500 2023

Dispute Resolution - TIER Next Generation Partner

Mafalda Ferreira Santos is professional, empathetic and clear in her requests and answers.

Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual

Mafalda Ferreira Santos is professional, empathetic and clear in her requests and answers.

IFLR1000 2025

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly Regarded



IFLR1000 2024

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly Regarded

IFLR1000 2023

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly regarded

BOOKS AND ACADEMIC ARTICLES

2025

ICLG Competition Litigation 2026: Portugal

24 Oct 2025 | in Global Legal Group

2024

ICLG Competition Litigation 2025: Portugal

2024 | in ICLG

Insolvency Guide 2024: Portugal

2024 | in Chambers & Partners

2023

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

2023 | in ICLG - Competition Litigation 2024

MiCA - Studies on the New European Cryptoassets Regulation

2023 | Almedina

Chambers Insolvency Guide 2023

2023 | in Chambers Global Practice Guides

2022

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

2022 | in ICLG - Competition Litigation 2023

Mafalda Ferreira Santos and Margarida Sepúlveda Teixeira are the authors of the Portuguese chapter on enforcement of judgements in the Chambers Global Practice Guide

2022 | in Chambers Global Practice Guide



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