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PROFILE

At **SÉRVULO** since 2019, Maria João dos Santos is consultant in the Finance and Governance department. She graduated in Law in the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon in 1997 and attended the post-graduate Studies in Companies' Law in 2004-2005, at the same institution. She was an associate at the law firm Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, SP, RL, between 1999 and 2012, and a trainee lawyer at the same law firm from 1997 to 1999. Between 2012 and 2019 she practised law as a solo practitioner. She joined the Bar Association in 1999.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Negotiation and assistance in companies' acquisition and sale processes (both domestic and cross-border), notably within the context of reprivatisations, MBOs or investments from private investment equity funds;

Assistance in the structuring and implementation of corporate restructuring processes, namely involving companies whose shares are admitted to trading on a regulated market;

Coordination and conduction of legal due diligences to companies and groups of companies, including within the banking and insurance sectors;

Assistance to several financing transactions, whether from the perspective of the financing entities or of the borrowers and/or guarantors, as well as to debt restructuring processes;

Advising in all issues related to the granting of guarantees;

Drafting and negotiation of contracts, of both civil and commercial nature, within the companies' businesses;



Preparation of legal opinions;

General legal advising to entities belonging to different areas of business, in a wide range of corporate and regulatory matters, namely to State-owned companies.

EXPERTISE

- Finance and Governance

RECOGNITION

Legal 500 2020

Banking and Finance - TIER

Maria João Santos is very responsive and helpful.