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## PROFILE

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At **SÉRVULO** since 2019, Francisco Barona is a Partner in the Finance and Governance department. He was a partner at the law firm «Serra Lopes, Cortes Martins & Associados», having joined in 2006. He was also a lawyer at the Legal Services Department of Bank of Portugal, between 1999 and 2005, having served as a member of the European Central Bank's FLEX - Working Group of Financial Law Experts. He was a member of the Prime Minister's Bureau in the XVI Constitutional Government. He is a lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the Lisbon Portuguese Catholic University since 1998, where he completed his Master's degree course in 2004. He joined the Bar Association in 1998.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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In the area of Banking Law, particularly in a transactional area, in M&A, Restructuring and Financing Operations and in diverse banking and financial business operations, in particular in the disposal/acquisition of assets including, most recently, non-performing Loans (NPL's).

Advisory on the complex structuring of undertakings for collective investment and their operations to acquire and dispose of assets, as well as in the field of Venture Capital, having extensive experience in advising national and international venture capital funds and their operations.

In the capital market, in public offers for distribution, bonds issuance, EMTN, interchangeable and convertible bonds, both domestic and international.



## EXPERTISE

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- Banking
- Capital Markets
- Finance and Governance
- Real Estate and Tourism
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Rising Stars
- Venture Capital

## RECOGNITION

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### **Chambers Global 2024**

Banking & Finance - TIER 4

Francisco Barona demonstrates solid knowledge of corporate finance matters and debt restructurings.

### **Chambers Global 2023**

Banking & Finance - TIER 4

Francisco Barona demonstrates solid knowledge of corporate finance matters and debt restructurings. He offers full availability, commercial vision and negotiation skills.

### **Chambers Global 2022**

Banking & Finance - TIER 4

Francisco Barona demonstrates solid knowledge of corporate finance matters and debt restructuring operations. He is knowledgeable about the sector, diligent, experienced and a good negotiator.

### **Chambers Global 2021**

Banking & Finance - TIER 4

Francisco Barona demonstrates solid knowledge of corporate finance matters and restructuring operations. He also advises on the acquisition of NPLs.



### **Chambers Global 2020**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 4**

Francisco Barona rises in the rankings after receiving stellar client feedback, highlighting his negotiation skills and attention to detail. He offers support in debt restructuring, real estate financing and the negotiation of other loan agreements.

### **Chambers Global 2019**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER Recognised Practitioner**

### **Chambers Europe 2023**

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#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 4**

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### **Chambers Europe 2021**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 4**

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#### **Private Equity - TIER 4**

Francisco Barona assists Portuguese corporates with equity-into-capital conversions and venture capital investments. One client highlights his problem-solving skills, affirming: 'He helped us choose the most efficient structure to pursue our goals'.

### **Chambers Europe 2020**

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#### **Private Equity - TIER 4**

Francisco Barona assists clients with transactions including acquisitions of NPL portfolios. His clients include banks and venture capital funds.



### **Chambers Europe 2019**

Banking & Finance - TIER Recognised Practitioner

Private Equity - TIER 4

Francisco Barona draws praise for his 'experience, empathy and efficiency'. His areas of expertise include transactions and collective investment schemes.

### **Legal 500 2023**

Banking & Finance - TIER Other Key Lawyers

Capital Markets - TIER Other Key Lawyers

### **Legal 500 2022**

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

Francisco Barona is a key contact for transactional work.

Capital Markets - TIER Other Key Lawyers

### **Legal 500 2021**

Banking and Finance - TIER Other Key Lawyers

Capital Markets - TIER Other Key Lawyers

Francisco Barona is very thorough in the assessment of situations.

### **Legal 500 2020**

Banking and Finance - TIER Recommended

The team's transactional offering was strengthened by the arrival of Francisco Barona.

### **Legal 500 2019**

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2024**

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2023**

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2022**

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**Best Lawyers 2021**

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

**Best Lawyers 2020 Global Business Edition**

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

**Best Lawyers 2020**

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

**Leaders League 2024**

Banking & Finance - TIER Excellent

**Leaders League 2023**

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