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International Dispute Resolution Lawyer
Founding Partner of SUA
Advogado * Lawyer registered before the
Munich Bar (European Lawyer)
+15 years of practice

Current Position

Founding Partner of SUA – Sousa Uva Arbitration & Conflict Management, Munich

Founded in July 2020, the firm is mainly focused in arbitration proceedings, complex cross-border litigation, negotiation and mediation cases, including risk assessment analysis and setting-up tailor-made solutions for the clients. The Founding Partner of SUA is also available for appointments as arbitrator (www.suaarbitration.com).

Entrepreneurship

Founder and Director of YAR – Young Arbitration Review

Co-Founded in 2011 the first independent international arbitration review, published quarterly in English language, currently with more than 350 articles of leading arbitration practitioners from all over the world (e.g. England, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Finland, New York, Angola, Brazil, India, Portugal and Spain), distributed worldwide to approximately 8.000 readers (www.yar.pt).

Previous Experience

Of-Counsel for Arbitration & Litigation at pbbr, Lisbon and Munich

Of-Counsel for the firm between October 2017 and July 2020.

Headed the Arbitration & Litigation team of the firm composed of 10 lawyers (with 2 partners) until October 2018. **Recent track record:** Representing claimant investors in a fast-track arbitration arising from the breach of a shareholders' agreement; representing a foreign real estate fund in complex civil litigation alongside settlement negotiations; advising international real estate investment firms in disputes on sale and purchase agreements; assisting British, French and Israeli investors in criminal proceedings before Portuguese courts; advising an international fashion company based in Dubai in pre-litigation and litigation matters.

Associate in Litigation & Arbitration at Miranda Law Firm, Lisbon

Member of the international dispute resolution department from May 2013 to September 2018. Focus in international and domestic arbitration, being one of the two active advisers and promoters of arbitration for Miranda Alliance (presence of the firm in 18 jurisdictions, 4 continents). Legal representation of international investors in Africa and in Portugal, including daily legal advice on disputes in Angola, Mozambique and Cape Verde, in complex pre-litigation, negotiation, litigation and arbitration cases. Coordinator of the firm's litigation team in East Timor (Southeast Asia) and Sao Tome and Principe (Central Africa). Invited speaker on major arbitration conferences in Brazil, Austria and Portugal, as well as leading and contributing to the firms' publications on international arbitration. **Track record (selection):** Counsel to a foreign mining company in a CAC arbitration over the breach of a supply contract; advised a North-American oil company in an ICC arbitration with seat in Luanda in a dispute involving the breach of a service agreement in Angola; represented a construction company in an ad hoc arbitration seated in Cape Verde related to the breach of a construction contract; handled several international arbitration and litigation disputes arising from foreign investors in African countries, notably Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Sao Tome Principe and East Timor; represented foreign and national clients in civil, commercial and criminal disputes before Portuguese Courts.

Seconded Lawyer at international Arbitration Practice Group at Wilmer Hale, London

Member of the arbitration team from September 2009 to March 2010. Established a non-exclusive cooperation for mutual legal assistance with Abreu Advogados. **Track record (selection):** Assisted international arbitration complex proceedings, notably for a major telecommunications operator in Germany in a dispute involving the break-up of a joint venture under the ICC Rules, sited in Geneva. Assisted on a litigation case involving a Brazilian party where dominance of the Portuguese language was required. Assured legal analysis and evidence organization in commercial and investment arbitral proceedings.

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Associate at Dispute Resolution Practice Group at Abreu Advogados, Lisbon

Member of the litigation & arbitration team from October 2003 to April 2013. Responsible for the promotion and development of arbitration in the firm between 2010 and 2013, including speaking at international events and writing for relevant publications. Counsel for international and domestic clients in civil, criminal, corporate disputes and in arbitral proceedings. Adviser and negotiator on several pre-litigation matters. Coordination of junior lawyers in dispute resolution over more than 5 years. **Track record (selection):** Represented an African company in ICC arbitration with seat in Luanda over a breach of a construction contract worth approximately USD 5 million; assisted the largest telecommunications service provider in Portugal against a major US telecommunication company in an ICC arbitration, including annulment proceedings of the final arbitral award; represented a consulting firm in a CAC arbitration in a dispute over the breach of an Hospital management contract; represented an entrepreneur in an ad-hoc arbitration with a Foundation arising from the breach of a lease and management agreement of an Hotel; represented a Portuguese Company in negotiation and arbitral proceedings with a Spanish Company over the breach of a Commercial Partnership Agreement.

Qualifications

LL.M. in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution (2008 - 2009), Queen Mary - University of London (UK).
Studies in International Arbitration, lectured by Prof. Hans van Houtte (2001 - 2002), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium).
Law Degree and Studies of Law (1997 - 2003), Portuguese Catholic University (Lisbon).

Awards, Invitations & Lectures

Who's Who Legal Arbitration Future Leader (Non-Partners) in Arbitration - Portugal (2020, 2019 and 2018).
Best Lawyers – Portugal - Arbitration & Mediation (2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016).
Founder and Organizer of International Arbitration Conference YAR 2.0, in Lisbon (2019).
Lecturer of Post-Graduation Course in Arbitration at Nova University, Lisbon (2018).
Invited Speaker at the NYSBA's International Seasonal Meetings in Vienna and Lisbon (2014 and 2012).
Organizer and Speaker of an arbitral event in São Paulo, Brazil on the Portuguese and Brazilian arbitration laws (2013).
Organizer and speaker of the first ICC - Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF) arbitral event in Lisbon, Portugal, where Dr. Stavros Brekoulakis and Mr. Steven P. Finizio stood as panelists.
Invited Speaker on "Fresh Topics - First Reflections on the new LAV" (2012) on the Portuguese Arbitration Law.

Associations

Member of DIS (Die Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e.V.) and DIS40.
Former Co-Chair of Portuguese Association of Arbitration (APASub40), September 2013 - July 2018.
Member of APA and representation of APASub40 in all Co-Chairs Circle conferences (CCC) in Berlin, Helsinki, Paris and Rome.
Member of LCIA Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG).
Member of ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC YAF).
Member of Young Singapore Arbitration Centre (YSIAC).
Member of NYSBA (New York State Bar Association – International Section).
Member of Alumni and Friends of the School of International Arbitration (AFSIA) and co-founder of AFSIA Portugal.

Selected Publications

"International arbitration shifting East" - Iberian lawyer, 14 December 2017.
"Getting the Deal Through - Arbitration 2017 - Portugal" and "Getting the Deal Through - Arbitration 2016 - Portugal" (co-author)
"The New Portuguese Law on Voluntary Arbitration", (co-author) 18 Columbia. J. Eur. L.F. 56, (2012).
"Portugal finally approves its new arbitration law" Revue de Droit Des Affaires Internationales / International Business Law, no. 3, June 2012, Sweet & Maxwell.
"Is the request for annulment of an international award used as a veiled appeal on the merits?" (Dissertation), American Review of International Arbitration, 20, 4.

Languages

Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (conversational), French (conversational), German (Intermediate).