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Juliana is a member of the firm's Criminal, Misdemeanour and Compliance team.

Her experience has been focused on criminal and administrative offence litigation, providing services to clients from various sectors of the economy, as well as to individual clients. She has also advised companies from various sectors on data protection issues.

Juliana has also handled cases and advised clients on a pro bono basis, including cases involving the sexual abuse of minors and the execution of sentences, as well as providing legal advice on data protection to social organisations.

Before joining MFA, Juliana spent two years in the Criminal, Misdemeanour and Compliance department at Morais Leitão, where she completed her traineeship for admission to the Portuguese Bar Association in 2024. She has also collaborated with various national and international non-governmental organisations on projects related to criminal law and human rights.

Professional Experience

As a lawyer:

- Supporting the representation of natural and legal persons in criminal court proceedings, in the capacity of trainee lawyer;
- Supporting the representation of legal persons in proceedings related to administrative offences, liaising with various administrative bodies, in the capacity of trainee lawyer;
- Legal advice on data protection matters to various clients, including due diligence, legal advice and monitoring of legal proceedings, in the capacity of trainee lawyer.

In other capacities:

- FCT scientific research intern at CEDIS - Centre for Research in Law and Society, on the subject of equality law, with a focus on sexual crimes;
- Project and advocacy trainee at Victim Support Europe, a transnational crime victim support NGO based in Brussels;
- Legal consultant for the NGO Systemic Justice on a project on intersectional discrimination - analysing case law from the European Court of Human Rights;
- Legal adviser to the Association Against Femicide on the EU-funded FULFIL project, dedicated to the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights to the protection of the fundamental rights of migrant women.

Publications

- Author of opinion articles in the national press, including:
 - Preventing the worst-case scenario in domestic violence: *I get by with a little help from AI?* (Shifter, September 2024).
 - Better justice for victims: rape should not be a public offence (Shifter, November 2021).
 - Crime and impunity: against sexual violence without penal populism (Observer, 2021).
- *Naming Injustice, Reimagining Justice: How Victim-Survivors of Sexual Violence in Portugal Perceive Criminal Justice and its Alternatives* - Master's thesis, published on Lund University's Open Access portal.

Academic Qualifications

- Law degree from the Faculty of Law of Universidade Nova de Lisboa (2015-2019).
- Master's in Sociology of Law from Lund University, Sweden (2019-2021).
- Erasmus+ programme at the Faculty of Criminology, Ghent University, Belgium (2020-2021).
- JurisNova course - Artificial Intelligence: Unravelling the European legal framework.

Professional Associations

- Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.
- Member of the Portuguese Association of Women Lawyers.