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

Raquel's career has been focused on gaining expertise as a lawyer in sanctions law, having also acquired diverse knowledge that complements her work as a lawyer in her expertise area.

In her area of expertise, Raquel works in criminal and misdemeanour litigation, having actively participated in high-profile and mediatic cases such as the "Marquês Case", "Public-Private Partnerships Case", "Emails Case", "Santa Casa Case", among others.

Besides her litigation experience, Raquel also provides advisory services to companies from various sectors on compliance and enforcement of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing measures.

Raquel also provides advisory services to companies in the pre-litigation phase of legal proceedings, particularly performing a risk assessment and analysis related to the interactions established with administrative authorities of the banking, energy, and sports sectors.

Throughout her career, Raquel has also been involved in various pro-bono cases, developing

skills in domestic violence cases, other crimes against physical integrity, and crimes against honour.

Before joining MFA, Raquel worked as an associate for the past 4 years at Morais Leitão as part of the Criminal, Misdemeanour and Compliance team.

Professional Experience

As a lawyer (some examples):

- Representation of public officials and civil servants in legal proceedings related to the performance of their duties; Representation of individual clients and/or companies, in various matters, such as legal proceedings brought in defence of honour
- Representation of individual clients and/or companies operating in the sports and energy sectors in legal proceedings related to administrative and criminal offenses committed in the exercise of their activities
- Representation of individual clients and/or companies in administrative or criminal offenses related to environmental matters
- Ongoing legal advice on sanctions law for one of the largest groups in the energy sector

Publications

- "Financial Markets Regulation and Criminal Procedure: Information collected by administrative entities and its admissibility as evidence in criminal proceedings," article published in New Challenges of Criminal Evidence | Almedina | 2020

Academic Qualifications

- Law degree from the University of Lisbon Law School (2014-2018).
- Master's degree in law and legal science, specializing in Criminal Law and Criminal Sciences from the University of Lisbon Law School – currently working on her master's thesis (2018-present).
- Postgraduate course on Law Enforcement, Compliance, and Criminal Law in banking, financial, and economic activities at the University of Lisbon Law School (2018).
- Postgraduate course – 1st Course on Digital Evidence in Criminal Proceedings at the University of Lisbon Law School (2019).

Professional Associations

- Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.
- Member of the Criminal Forum - Association of Criminal Lawyers.