

## José Maria Corrêa de Sampaio

[jose.c.sampaio@abreuadvogados.com](mailto:jose.c.sampaio@abreuadvogados.com)

(+351) 21 723 18 00



### A) Personal and Professional ID

José Maria Corrêa de Sampaio is a Partner with Abreu Advogados since 2007, Co-head of Litigation practice area and coordinator of the Arbitration and Mediation Group.

### B) Education

José Maria completed his Law Degree at Lusíada University, Lisbon, in 1989. In 2000, he completed Postgraduate Studies in EU Litigation at the same University.

### C) Professional Experience

In 1991, José Maria joined the Firm *Pedro Reis & Associados* as an Associate Lawyer. Five years later, in 1996, he founded the Firm *Henriques da Silva, Pais de Almeida, Corrêa de Sampaio & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados RL (PACSA)* specializing in Corporate matters and Mergers and Acquisition, which was incorporated by Abreu Advogados in 2008. Since then, José Maria has been a Partner with Abreu Advogados, Co-head of Litigation practice area of the firm, and Coordinator of the Arbitration and Mediation Group, comprising a team of more than 40 Lawyers and 2 paralegals with extensive experience in assisting domestic and international Clients.

José Maria is a member of UIA (*Union Internationale des Avocats*), the Portuguese Arbitration Association and represents Abreu Advogados in several international Lawyer associations.

As a Lawyer, he has coordinated several mergers and acquisitions transactions, and assisted domestic and foreign clients in negotiations processes and in corporate and arbitration matters, besides a vast experience in Litigation and Arbitration. Some of the clients to whom José Maria has provided assistance over the years, include CEPSA, Group Espirito Santo, Sheikh Mohamed Bin Issa Al Jaber and JJW/MBI

Group, LDK Solar, Motorola, Estaleiros Navais de Viana do Castelo, Domino Printing Sciences plc., Beckham Investments, among others.

José Maria has an important international practice, assisting clients in several jurisdictions, being co-responsible for the partnership in Mozambique with Ferreira Rocha & Associados (Fralaw), and responsible for important clients and projects in Angola where Abreu Advogados has a long term partnership with the law firm Faria de Bastos, Lopes & Associados (FBL).

José Maria has been distinguished by *Legal Experts*, as a specialist in *Dispute Resolution*.

#### **D) Experience in Arbitration**

José Maria has coordinated numerous operations in domestic and international arbitrations, some of the most relevant include:

- Providing Legal Assistance to LDK Solar, the world's largest producer of solar wafers, in terms of capacity, and a leading high-purity polysilicon and solar module manufacturer, in a multi-jurisdictional international arbitration started against Itarion Solar regarding the breach, by the latter, of a USD 800 M contract to provide solar wafers.
- Providing legal assistance to Promarsa Group, in a complex international arbitration related with the breach of non-competition clause by a former Portuguese partner.

#### **E) Conferences and Publications (Arbitration matters)**

José Maria has several speaking engagements in conferences and seminars and authors many articles on Arbitration matters.

##### **Participations in Conferences and Seminars**

- Moderator in the panel on "Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in Portuguese Speaking Countries: What to Expect", at the VII Commercial Arbitration Congress, hosted by *Centro de Arbitragem* and sponsored by Abreu Advogados. *Event Date: 25 June, 2013*
- Participated in a round table organized by the Iberian Lawyer on litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (Litigation & ADR). Represented the firm in this round table, addressing the state of litigation in Portugal in the current crises situation and the use of alternative means of dispute resolution in national and international litigation. *Event Date: 29 January, 2013.*
- Participated in the World Forum of Mediation Centers, hosted by UIA – Union Internationale des Avocats, as Head of the team of mediators at Abreu Advogados and of the Arbitration and Mediation group. The event brought together the most prominent conflict resolution centers in the world and provided the opportunity to exchange experiences regarding the development of mediation and best practices in this innovative Legal area. Supporting the Forum is a part of Abreu Advogado's Project to launch a private center for conflict mediation – Abreu Advogados Conflict Mediation Center. *Event Date: 27/28 January, 2012.*

- Speaker at a Conference on Tax Arbitration, organized by the Tax Law Practice Area of Abreu Advogados in partnership with the American Chamber of Commerce in Portugal, presenting on the topic- "Arbitration Experiences within other areas of Law" Conference date: 27 November, 2011.
- Speaker at a conference on Mediation, hosted by Abreu Advogados, ANEOP (National Association of Public Works Contractors) and by the company Convirgente, entitled: "Resolving the Differences without Disrupting the Constructive Process". The purpose of this initiative, targeted to the public works agents, was to present Mediation as an innovative method of conflict management. Conference date: 25 November, 2010.

### **Articles and publications**

- "Portugal" –, publish by *The International Comparative Guide to International Arbitration*, Chapter 37, 2012.
- "The International Comparative Legal Guide to: International Arbitration" in The International Comparative Guide Series, Portugal Chapter, 2011.
- "Spotlight on the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards – Country Updates – Portugal", in the New York International Chapter News, 2011.
- "The International Comparative Legal Guide to: International Arbitration" in The International Comparative Guide Series, Portugal Chapter, 2010.

### **F) Languages**

Portuguese  
English  
Spanish