

Pedro de Almeida Cabral



Date of birth: 25 November 1977

Nationality: Portuguese

Occupation: Lawyer

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Professional experience

A lawyer with over 25 years' experience, specialising in litigation, arbitration, corporate restructuring and insolvency. He has practised in national and international law firms, handling commercial and corporate litigation and arbitration proceedings, both domestic and international, as well as corporate restructuring and insolvency cases.

He also served as a consultant at the Office of Legislative Policy and Planning of the Ministry of Justice (2004–2006), as a SIMPLEX project manager at the Secretary of State for Justice (2006–2009) and as a consultant to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (2009–2011). In 2021, he founded act legal Portugal, a law firm of which he is a partner.

Academic qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Law from the Faculty of Law of the Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon (2000).
- Postgraduate degree in Legislative Drafting and the Science of Legislation from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon (2005).
- Postgraduate qualification in Contract Law from the Faculty of Law of the Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon (2005).

- Postgraduate qualification in European Competition Law from King's College London (2009).

Arbitration experience

Counsel in various domestic and international arbitration proceedings, seated in Portugal and other countries, before institutional arbitration centres (ICC and the Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and before *ad hoc* arbitral tribunals.

Laws applied: Portuguese, French and Mozambican.

Arbitrator at ARBITRARE – Centre for Arbitration on Industrial Property, Domain Names, Trade Names and Business Names.

Professional memberships

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

Member of the Portuguese Arbitration Association.

Member of the Portuguese Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Law.

Publications and featured articles

- "Autonomy of proceedings to set aside an arbitral award" – Commentary on the Judgment of the Supreme Court of Justice of 31 October 2023, *O Direito Journal*, I, 2026.
- "The Taking of Evidence in Arbitration and the Intervention of the State Court" – Commentary on the Judgment of the Lisbon Court of Appeal of 27 January 2022, *Revista de Direito Civil*, No. 2, 2023.
- "Joint and several liability as a personal guarantee", *O Direito Journal*, II, 2022.
- *Dias de Sporting – Chronicles of a Champion Club*, Sete Mares Editora, 2021.
- *Decisions of the State Courts and Transnational Arbitration*, Principia, Cascais, 2018.
- "Impossibility and uncertainty in the execution of delivery into custody", *O Direito Journal*, III, 2018.
- "The legal framework of the probate process", published in issues nos. 139 and 140 of the journal **Vida Judiciária** (November and December 2009).

- Co-author of *The system of appeals in civil and criminal proceedings*, Ministry of Justice/Office of Legislative Policy and Planning, Coimbra, Coimbra Editora, 2007.

Professional languages

Portuguese, English and Spanish.

Advanced knowledge of French and Italian.

Other roles

Chair of the General Assembly of Sporting Clube de Portugal.