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**Academic background**

Law Degree, University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law (1973/1978).

Post-graduation in European Legal Studies, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium (1979).

Master degree in Economic Law, University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law (1986).

**Teaching chairs**

Assistant Professor of International Economic Relations and European Union Law at the University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law (1982 to 1997).

Assistant Professor of Harmonisation of Legal Systems (1983) and Anti-trust Law (1984 to 1992) at the Institute for European Studies of the Portuguese Catholic University.

Assistant Professor of Harmonisation of Legal Systems (1987 to 1992) and Anti-trust Law (1987-2004) at the European Institute of the University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law.

Assistant Professor of Competition Law – (2003-2005) at the Faculty of Law of the Portuguese Catholic University

**Professional experience (VdA)**

As head partner of the competition, economic and European Union law practices areas since 2002, year that Nuno Ruiz joined VdA, he has coordinated the involvement of the firm in merger control processes of first and second phases, including the negotiation of commitments, as well as misdemeanour proceedings in cases of cartels and abuse of dominant position. Furthermore, he has followed issues related to State aid and led cancellation and infringement litigation before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

He has assisted more specifically clients in the telecommunications, energy, banking and insurance and media sectors, pharmaceutical and food industries and building materials.

### **Other professional background**

Legal adviser to the European Law Department of the Ministry of Justice (1981 to 1982).

Member of the Competition Council between 1983 and 1997.

Legal advisor to the European Commission and to the World Bank in several programs for the development of competition law in Latin America (1999 to 2001).

Former partner at Botelho Moniz, Magalhães Cardoso & Ruiz (1987 to 1999) and PMBGR (1999 to 2001).

### **Published works**

Author of several studies and articles on competition law and European Union law in specialized publications.

### **Awards and rankings**

Is appointed as first-level specialist in competition law and law of the European Union in the main legal directories.

### **Member of**

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

Member of Competition Lawyers Forum.

Founding Member of the circle of Portuguese Competition Lawyers.

Founding Member of the APDE (Portuguese Association for European Law)

Member of IBA.