

## **JOSÉ PEDRO AGUIAR-BRANCO**

- Senior partner -

- Coordinator of the Banking and Financial Law,  
Civil Law and Litigation and Arbitration departments -

- Born July 18<sup>th</sup> 1957
- Graduated in Law on the November 25<sup>th</sup> 1980 in Coimbra University Law School
- Statutory term of probation in the Portuguese Bar Association
- Member of the Portuguese Bar Association since December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1982 (with professional license nr. 2287)



### **Vocational Training**

- Graduation in Law in Coimbra University Law School (November, 1980)
- Frequency of the course "*Political Science*" at the Institute of Political Science at the University of Bordeaux, France (1975/76)



## **Professional Experience**

### **Regarding Law:**

- Legal consultant of several private companies
- Arbitrator of the Association of Conciliation and Mediation of Conflicts - Concord
- Arbitrator of the Arbitration Center of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry / Lisbon Trade
- Arbitrator of the Arbitration Commercial Institute of the Porto Commercial Association
- President of the Porto District Council of the Portuguese Bar Association, 2002/2004 term
- Member of the Magistrates Higher Council (CSM) elected by Parliament in January 2000
- Invited member of the Jury for the Final Access Examinations to the Portuguese Bar Association
- Voting member of the Portuguese Bar Association – Porto District Council, 1992/1995 term
- President of the Statutory Audit Committee of the Portuguese Young Lawyer Association, 1991/1994 term
- Teacher in the First Probation Course on invitation by the Portuguese Bar Association – Porto District Council in 1991
- Vice-President of the Portuguese Young Lawyer Association from 1988 to 1991
- Member of the National Board of the Portuguese Young Lawyer Association from 1987 to 1989

**Regarding business:**

- Partner lawyer and senior partner of the Administration Council of JPAB – José Pedro Aguiar-Branco & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, R.L., from June 2003 to August 2004 and since June 2005
- Member of the Administration Council of ÁREAS PORTUGAL – Restauração e Distribuição, S.A., since 2009
- President of the General Meeting of the companies:
  - CGC - Centro de Genética Clínica e Patologia, S.A., since October 2007
  - SEMAPA – Sociedade de Investimento e Gestão, SGPS, S.A., since March 2007
  - PORTUCEL – Empresa Produtora de Pasta de Papel, S.A., since March 2007
  - IMPRESA – Sociedade Gestora de Participações Sociais, S.A., since April 2006
  - ROPAR – Fabrico de Calçado Ortopédico, S.A., since 2007
  - NTM – Comunicação e Publicidade, S.A., since 2007
  - VILA CAMILO – Gestão e Administração de Bens, S.A., since 2005
  - SÁ ROSAS, S.A., until 2004
  - SERUNION – Restaurantes de Portugal, S.A., until 2004
- President of the General Meeting of the societies of all the Portuguese societies included in the international distribution group under the brand E.LECLERC since 2005
- Vice-President of the General Meeting of the companies:
  - CONSTRUÇÕES VEIGA DE MACEDO, S.A., until 2004
  - J.A. VEIGA DE MACEDO, S.A., until 2004
- Manager Corporate:
  - PORTOCOVI – Organização e Gestão de Escritórios, Lda., since incorporation until 2004 and since 2005

- VISIVA – Consultadoria e Gestão de Empreendimentos, Lda., since incorporation until 2004



**Political Office**

- Deputy of the Parliament since 2015 (13<sup>th</sup> legislature)
- Minister of Defense in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Governments
- Member of the Superior Council of Domestic Security since April 23<sup>th</sup> 2010
- Deputy of the Parliament between from 2005 to 2010 (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> legislatures)
- President of the Review Commission of PSD (Partido Social Democrata – Social Democratic Party) Program
- President of the Parliamentary Group of PSD in the 11<sup>th</sup> legislature (from October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009 to April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010)
- Candidate for leadership of the PSD in Direct Elections of March 26<sup>th</sup> 2010
- Coordinator of the "*Fórum Portugal de Verdade – Das Ideias às Políticas*", promoted by the PSD between February and May 2009
- Vice-President of the National Political Commission of PSD from April 2008 to March 2010
- Member of the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry on the process that led to the nationalization of BPN and on the inherent banking supervision in 10<sup>th</sup> legislature
- Member of the Parliamentary Commission for Constitutional Affairs, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees in 10<sup>th</sup> legislature

- President of Oporto Municipal Assembly in the term of office 2005/2009
- Head candidate to Member of Parliament for PSD in Porto district, regarding the legislative elections held on the February 20<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Minister of Justice in the 16<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Government
- Vice-President of the National Political Commission of PSD, 2000/2002 term
- Vice-President of the Board of Administration of the Francisco Sá Carneiro Institute from 1999 to 2002
- Honor Committee member for the candidature of Dr. Rui Rio to the Mayor office of Porto in 2001 elections
- Member of the PSD's National Jurisdiction Committee from 1995 to 2001
- Member of the PSD's Shadow Cabinet as Spokesman for Justice in 2000
- Secretary-General of the Social Democracy Grand Meeting, under the Presidency of Dr. Francisco Pinto Balsemão, 1997/1999 term
- Member of the Instituto Sá Carneiro's Administration Council from 1996 1999
- Voting Member of the PSD's National Political Commission, 1996/1998 term
- Member of the PSD's Porto District Assembly, from 1980 to 1992 and from 1998
- Member of the PSD's National Jurisdiction Committee, in 1995/1997 term
- Honour Member of Prof. Aníbal Cavaco Silva's candidature Committee for 1995 Presidency elections
- Member of the PSD's National Committee in 1982/1984 and 1988/1990 terms

- Member of JSD's (Juventude Social Democrata – Social Democratic Youth) National Committee of from 1977 to 1984
- Voting Member of PSD's Porto District Political Committee in 1983
- Voting Member of PSD's National Jurisdiction Committee in 1976



### **Public Appearances**

- Resident speaker on the tv program "Frente a Frente", in SIC Notícias, since February 2010
- Resident political analyst on Friday broadcasts program "Jornal das 22", in TV channel RTPN, since February 2009
- Speaker at the colloquy "Master in Public Administration 2010/2011" promoted by Portuguese Catholic University – Regional Centre of Porto, in partnership with Aveiro University in May 19<sup>th</sup> 2010
- Interview by Judite de Sousa on the television program "Grande Entrevista" at RTP in March 19<sup>th</sup> 2010
- Invited by Fátima Campos Ferreira to the television program "Prós e Contras" dedicated to the theme "The priorities of governance" in November 9<sup>th</sup> 2009
- Weekly columnist in newspaper "Meia Hora" from June 2008 to July 2009
- Monthly columnist in newspaper "Jornal de Negócios" from June 2008 to July 2009
- Speaker at "Meetings of Citizenship" promoted by Bissaya Barreto Foundation in October 21<sup>st</sup> 2008
- Speaker at the action of reflection and political formation "Think Young, Think Portugal" organized by Braga's JSD in July 5<sup>th</sup>

2008 with an intervention on the subject "Justice, economic growth and judicial organization"

- Invited to the television program for political debate "Corredor do Poder" at RTP in June 26<sup>th</sup> 2008
- Speaker at the closing session of the meeting/discussion "The Labour Code" organized by TIDC (Independent Christian Democratic Trend) in May 31<sup>st</sup> 2008
- Invited to the radio program "Grande Entrevista" broadcasted by Antena 1 in April 26<sup>th</sup> 2008
- Commentator at the debate "The health of citizens: the role of the State and Private" organized with the support of Porto's City Council in April 11<sup>th</sup> 2008 in the Eng. António de Almeida Foundation
- Invited to the television program "Jornal das Nove" in an interview conducted by SIC Notícias TV channel in February 29<sup>th</sup> 2008
- Speaker at the conference "Atlantic Consciousness" held by Vianense Forum and the Economists Association in November 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 as part of the celebrations of the National Day of the Sea
- Invited to the radio program "Minuto a Minuto" broadcasted by Rádio Clube Português in October 29<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Invited to the television program "Diga Lá Excelência" broadcasted by RTP2 in October 20<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Speaker at the "IV Annual Meeting of YES - Yalta European Strategy" taken place at Ukraine from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> with the exhibit "*Rule of law and the Judiciary Reform*"
- Speaker at the closing session of seminar "The justice system and the competitiveness of the Portuguese economy" held by the Confederacy of Portuguese Industry and by the Competitiveness Forum in June 21<sup>st</sup> 2007

- Speaker at the conference "What role for Justice Officials in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?" held in June 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 under the Fifth National Congress of the Union of Judicial Officials
- Speaker at the closing session of the fifth seminar "The reflex of the juridical activity in the City of Porto" held by Porto's City Council in May 30<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Speaker at the conference "Justice in the fiscal view" held in May 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 as part of celebrations of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tax Labor Union
- Invited to the television program "Balço e Contas" broadcasted by RTP2 in April 21<sup>st</sup> 2007
- Speaker at the conference "Justice: in camera proceeding, client's privilege, limits to the liberty of inform" held by IMPRESA – Sociedade Gestora de Participações Sociais, S.A. in March 28<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Speaker at the conference "Criminal Investigation -Justice's Tool or Security's Tool?" held in March 26<sup>th</sup> 2007 under the Fifth National Congress of Judiciary Police's Criminal Investigation Officers Trade Union (ASFIC)
- Speaker on the conference "Citizenship and Justice" held on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 under the Citizenship Congress organized by CIVILIS – Association to the Citizenship and Development
- Speaker on the debate "What clients want? Dimension vs Specialization" under the Third Annual Conference of "Jornal de Negócios" for Lawyers in June 19<sup>th</sup> 2006
- Speaker on the session "The Justice and the Companies" under the Fifth Portuguese Business Journeys in June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006
- Speaker at the debate "From irrationality of the Justice's crisis to the rationality of a policy to the Justice" under the event "Nocturnal Talks" held by Serralves Foundation in April 19<sup>th</sup> 2006



- Speaker at the international seminar "Terrorism and interconnection of criminal networks" promoted the European Institute of Public Administration on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006 under the Euromed's Justice Program
- Speaker at the conference "Reordering of the Portuguese Judicial Map" held by Baião's Delegation Council of the Bar Association in January 21<sup>st</sup> 2006
- Speaker at the conference "PJ, The New Crime Realities and Citizenship" under the celebrations of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Judiciary Police in October 28<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Speaker at the dinner-debate "Economic Development without Justice Development?" held by the Portuguese Association for Management of Industrial Engineering (APGEI) in October 25<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Moderator at the Second Annual Conference of "Jornal de Negócios" for Lawyers held on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2005
- Speaker at the conference "The relevance of the Justice System to the Portuguese Economy" held by New University of Lisbon in November 10<sup>th</sup> 2004
- Speaker at the 47<sup>th</sup> Congress of the UIA – Union Internationale des Avocats held in September 2003 (Lisbon) in which presented the theme "Mediation in Commercial Law – Guarantees under Contract"
- Speaker at the International Seminar of Labour Law held by the UIA in Hamburg (West Germany), November 1986, with a presentation on the subject "The employer's liability in case of transfer of business"

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#### **Attendance at events**

- Seminar “The internationalization of business and ownership of assets: mergers and acquisitions, acquisitions of assets and startups. An Iberian perspective” held in Porto by UIA – Union Internationale des Avocats in June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2008
- 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Congress of UIA – Union Internationale des Avocats held from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 in Paris, France
- Participation on the Eurojuris Meeting held from May 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 in Riga, Latvia
- Dinner-debate “Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Growth” held by Portuguese Association for Management of Industrial Engineering (APGEI) in June 20<sup>th</sup> 2006
- *Annual Bilderberg Conference* that took place between June 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 in Ottawa, Canada
- 45<sup>th</sup> Congress of UIA – Union Internationale des Avocats from August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2001 in Turin, Italy

- 40<sup>th</sup> Congress of UIA – Union Internationale des Avocats from September 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 1996 in Madrid, Spain
- 39<sup>th</sup> Congress of UIA – Union Internationale des Avocats from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 1995 in London, United Kingdom



### **Additional Informations**

- Honour Member of “Confraria das Tripas à Moda do Porto” since May 2010
- Member of the international lawyer organization “DRI – The voice of the defense bar” since August 2009
- Member of the Advisory Board of the legal publication “Best Lawyers”