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

Since she began her career, Madalena's career path has been primarily focused on criminal law and administrative offences. She has continuously acquired knowledge in these matters through technical and soft skills training, which complements her work as a lawyer.

Madalena works in legal consultancy and dispute resolution. In this context, she has had the opportunity to intervene in highly complex media criminal cases ("BES Case", "Rui Pinto Case", “Operação Marquês”, “Rota do Atlântico”, among others), and to collaborate frequently in administrative offence cases, in matters of competition law, online gambling and health advertising practices.

Throughout her career, she has provided legal services to both individuals—in a wide range of matters, specifically within the scope of economic crimes, as well as offenses against honour, physical integrity, and sexual self-determination—and corporate entities, both private and public, across various business sectors, representing her clients before courts, judicial authorities, and administrative bodies.

Besides her litigation experience, Madalena has been active in compliance matters, aimed at preventing corruption, providing legal advice and counselling in this area to companies in various sectors of activity.

Before joining the MFA team, Madalena began her career as a trainee and later as an associate at Vieira de Almeida e Associados (from 2019 to 2024).

More recently, she has been invited to speak at university conferences on economic crimes and offenses against sexual self-determination.

Professional Experience

- Representing individual clients in a wide range of criminal cases
- Representing individual clients and/or companies operating in the banking, energy, health, online gambling, private security and telecommunications sectors, in cases related to criminal offences and administrative offences committed in the course of their business
- Ongoing legal advice on sanctions law to one of the largest groups in the energy sector
- Drafting the pleadings for the appeal to standardise jurisprudence that preceded Supreme Court Ruling no. 12/2024, of 20 September

Publications

- “Assimetrias jurisprudenciais no âmbito da diligência de abertura de correio eletrónico: condenados à incerteza?”, in *A Prática do Contencioso - Reflexões e Tendências de Direito Substantivo e Processual*, Almedina, 2024, co-authored with Rui Costa Pereira.

Awards and Recommendations

- Recommended Lawyer in White-Collar Crime | **Legal 500**
- White Collar Crime Team of the Year Award at Iberian Lawyer's **Forty under 40 Awards** 2025
- Recognised by **Best Lawyers** as “Ones to Watch” in Criminal Defence, 2025

Academic Qualifications

- Law degree from the Lisbon School of Law of the Portuguese Catholic University, 2018
- Attended the Transnational Law Curriculum programme during her degree, 2018
- Master's in Forensic Law from the Lisbon School of Law of the Portuguese Catholic University (Defense of dissertation titled “The need for rationalisation of access to the Supreme Court of Justice in cases of ex novo application or increase of prison sentences by the Court of Appeal: The proportionality of restricting the Defendant’s right to appeal given the practical reality in

civil jurisdiction”), 2026.

- Postgraduate course in "Separation of powers in the democratic rule of law and the reform of criminal procedure", promoted by the Centro de Investigação em Direito Penal e Ciências Criminais, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, 2026
- 11th Specialisation Course in Compliance and Criminal Law, organised by the Institute of Penal, Economic and European Law (IDPEE) of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra, 2026

Professional Associations

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