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Margarida s a member of the firm's Criminal Law, Misdemeanours and Compliance team since September 2025.

Before joining MFA Legal, Margarida worked as a lawyer in the Internal Control Team of the 'Recuperar Portugal' Mission Structure – Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR), performing duties in the areas of prevention, verification and correction of situations of fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and double financing, analysis of public procurement procedures, management of the Whistleblowing Channel and other functions related to Compliance.

Previously, Margarida joined SRS Legal, working in the areas of criminal litigation, administrative offences, civil litigation and arbitration.

Professional Experience

Margarida also practised law, with consolidated experience, particularly in the areas of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure and Administrative Offences Law.

She began her professional career at BAS – Sociedade de Advogados, R.L., as a summer intern and later as a trainee and then joined Albuquerque & Associados – Sociedade de Advogados,

R.L.

Publications

“As Dificuldades de Prova nos Crimes de Corrupção – Discussão sobre o problema e sobre as potenciais soluções” in Revista Semestral de Investigação Criminal, Ciências Criminais e Forenses (IC3F), no. 5 (pages 32 to 47). Journal published by the Trade Union Association of Criminal Investigation Officers of the Judicial Police, in Lisbon.

Academic Qualifications

- Law Degree, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon (2009-2014)
- Master's Degree in Forensic Science, Faculty of Law, Portuguese Catholic University (2016-2018)
- XXIII Specialisation Course in European International Economic Criminal Law (2020-2021)
- Short Course – Crime and Taxation (2022)
- Postgraduate degree in Law Enforcement, Compliance and Corporate Responsibility (2024-2025)

Professional Associations

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association