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

Raquel's career has been focused on gaining expertise as a lawyer in sanctions law, having also acquired diverse knowledge that complements her work as a lawyer in her expertise area.

In her area of expertise, Raquel works in criminal and misdemeanour litigation, having actively participated in high-profile and mediatic cases such as the "Marquês Case", "Public-Private Partnerships Case", "Emails Case", "Santa Casa Case", among others.

Besides her litigation experience, Raquel also provides advisory services to companies from various sectors on compliance and enforcement of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing measures.

Raquel also provides advisory services to companies in the pre-litigation phase of legal proceedings, particularly performing a risk assessment and analysis related to the interactions established with administrative authorities of the banking, energy, and sports sectors.

Throughout her career, Raquel has also been involved in various pro-bono cases, developing skills in domestic violence cases, other crimes against physical integrity, and crimes against honour.

Before joining MFA, Raquel worked as an associate for the past 4 years at Morais Leitão as part

of the Criminal, Misdemeanour and Compliance team.

Professional Experience

As a lawyer (some examples):

- Representation of individual clients in a wide range of criminal proceedings;
- Representation of public officials and civil servants in legal proceedings arising from the performance of their duties, as well as of individual clients and companies, in a range of criminal matters, including proceedings relating to economic crime, cybercrime, and defamation cases;
- Representation of individual clients and/or companies in criminal proceedings relating to town planning law;
- Representation of individual clients and/or companies operating in the sports, telecommunications and energy sectors in proceedings relating to administrative and criminal offences committed in the course of their business activities;
- Representation of individual clients and companies in relation to administrative or criminal offences in environmental matters;
- Ongoing legal advice relating to the obligations of banking institutions;
- Ongoing legal advice on regulatory matters for one of the largest groups in the energy sector.

Publications

- "Financial Markets Regulation and Criminal Procedure: Information collected by administrative entities and its admissibility as evidence in criminal proceedings," article published in New Challenges of Criminal Evidence | Almedina | 2020

Awards and Recommendations

White Collar Crime Team of the Year Award at Iberian Lawyer's Forty under 40 Awards 2025

Academic Qualifications

- IDPCC Postgraduate Course – Cybercrime and Digital Evidence in Criminal Proceedings (2025–2026)
- IDPCC Postgraduate Course – The Separation of Powers in a Democratic Rule of Law and the

Reform of Criminal Procedure (2025)

- Law degree from the University of Lisbon Law School (2014-2018)
- Master’s degree in law and legal science, specializing in Criminal Law and Criminal Sciences from the University of Lisbon Law School – currently working on her master's thesis (2018-present)
- Postgraduate course on Law Enforcement, Compliance, and Criminal Law in banking, financial, and economic activities at the University of Lisbon Law School (2018)
- Postgraduate course – 1st Course on Digital Evidence in Criminal Proceedings at the University of Lisbon Law School (2019)
- 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 the Criminal Forum - Association of Criminal Lawyers.