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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).

Professional Associations

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