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PROFILE

At **SÉRVULO** since 2018, **Mafalda Ferreira Santos** is a partner in the firm's Litigation department, focusing her practice in the areas of Restructuring and Insolvency and Arbitration. She holds a Master's in Legal Sciences from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon. Mafalda Ferreira Santos started her professional career in 1997 at the law firm «F. Castelo Branco, P. Rebelo de Sousa & Associados - Sociedade de Advogados» (Portuguese Legal Group, AEIE) and in «P. Rebelo de Sousa & Associados, Simmons & Simmons.». From 2003 to 2013 Mafalda Ferreira Santos was an associate at the law firm «Gonçalves Pereira, Castelo Branco & Associados», currently «Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, SP, RL», where she became partner in 2013. Mafalda Ferreira Santos has lectured the Interdisciplinary Juridical Practice discipline from 2004 to 2017, at the Faculty of Law of the Nova University of Lisbon. She joined the Bar Association in 1997.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Mafalda has focused her professional activity mainly in the area of judicial and extrajudicial dispute resolution, representing national and foreign clients, in cases of civil and commercial litigation (including national and international arbitration), insolvency and restructuring of companies, consumer disputes, competition and European Union law matters. The main projects in which she has provided legal advice in recent years include commercial law operations (advice on all relevant litigation and arbitration matters), judicial liquidation of credit institutions, restructuring and insolvency, representing creditors and debtors, litigation and arbitration arising out of contracts for the purchase and sale of goods and services, distribution and agency agreements, disputes

relating to infringements of competition law, corporate relations, advertising, industrial property, copyright and related rights, banking, insurance, consumer disputes, generally advising service providers or goods suppliers.

EXPERTISE

- Arbitration
- Litigation
- Luxury
- Restructuring and Insolvency

RECOGNITION

Chambers Europe 2024

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

She has a great and profound knowledge of the matters and dedicates herself fully to them.

Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3

Mafalda Ferreira Santos has a great and profound knowledge. She dedicates herself fully to these matters and is always thinking about us and our needs.

Chambers Europe 2023

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos is extremely dedicated, committed to the work required and has been an incredible support to our internal team.

Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos has the experience and the ability to work under pressure with technical and supervisory qualities.

Chambers Europe 2022

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos regularly advises on banking and real estate disputes, with the proven ability to assist with international matters. Clients describe her as 'exceptional' and highlight her technical ability.

Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos assists clients with contentious matters within insolvency, including pre-litigation/litigation proceedings, as well as revitalisation proceedings and credit claims. Market commentators appreciate that she is 'highly dedicated'.

Chambers Europe 2021

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos has considerable experience in banking and real estate litigation. One source states: 'She is excellent and has great experience in financial litigation'.

Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos is recognised by clients for her 'quality of work and meticulousness in the study of subjects'. She assists clients with contentious matters within insolvency, as well as revitalisation processes.

Chambers Europe 2020

Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 4

Mafalda Ferreira Santos offers clients an established practice in insolvency matters, including dealing with credit claims. Interviewees are quick to praise her 'availability and technical quality'.

Chambers Europe 2019

Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 4

Interviewees underline her 'high-quality work, experience and ability to perform well under pressure'.

Chambers Europe 2018

Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 4

A client highlights her 'legal knowledge and experience in the sector', adding: 'She is also very available to answer our queries.'

Best Lawyers 2024

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2023

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended



Best Lawyers 2022

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2021

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2020 Global Business Edition

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2020

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Best Lawyers 2019

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Legal 500 2024

Dispute Resolution - TIER Next Generation Partner

Mafalda Ferreira Santos stands out for the detail and quality of the solutions presented.

Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual

Mafalda Ferreira Santos excels in dispute resolution, often representing creditors and debtors in restructuring and insolvency proceedings.

Legal 500 2023

Dispute Resolution - TIER Next Generation Partner

Mafalda Ferreira Santos is professional, empathetic and clear in her requests and answers.

Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual

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Legal 500 2022

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

Mafalda Ferreira Santos is skilled in in- and out-of-court proceedings.



Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Recommended

The knowledge and competence of Mafalda Ferreira Santos are evident in the management of litigation processes in matters of insolvency.

Legal 500 2021

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

I recommend Mafalda Ferreira Santos. She is a profoundly knowledgeable and competent professional in all matters of litigation.

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

Mafalda Ferreira Santos focuses her practice on dispute resolution both in and out of court, representing creditors and debtors.

Legal 500 2020

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

Mafalda Ferreira Santos regularly advises Portuguese and international clients in litigation and out-of-court proceedings arising from civil and commercial disputes.

Legal 500 2019

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

Leaders League 2024

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Dispute Resolution - Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Excellent

Leaders League 2023

Dispute Resolution - Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Excellent

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Leaders League 2022

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Dispute Resolution - Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Excellent

Leaders League 2021

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Highly Recommended



Dispute Resolution - Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Excellent

Leaders League 2020

Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Highly Recommended

IFLR1000 2023

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly regarded

IFLR1000 2022

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly regarded

IFLR1000 2021

Restructuring and insolvency - TIER Highly regarded

Chambers Global 2024

Dispute Resolution: The Elite - TIER 4

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Chambers Global 2023

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

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Chambers Global 2022

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

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Chambers Global 2021

Dispute Resolution - TIER 4

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Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly regarded

BOOKS AND ACADEMIC ARTICLES

2023

Sérvulo writes the Portuguese chapter of the ICLG Competition Litigation 2024 edition

2023 | in ICLG - Competition Litigation 2024

MiCA - Studies on the New European Cryptoassets Regulation

2023 | Almedina

Chambers Insolvency Guide 2023

2023 | in Chambers Global Practice Guides

2022

Sérvulo writes the Portuguese chapter of the ICLG Competition Litigation 2023 edition

2022 | in ICLG - Competition Litigation 2023

Mafalda Ferreira Santos and Margarida Sepúlveda Teixeira are the authors of the Portuguese chapter on enforcement of judgements in the Chambers Global Practice Guide

2022 | in Chambers Global Practice Guide

2021

Chambers Insolvency Guide 2021

2021

The Banking Litigation Law Review: Portugal

2021 | in The Law Reviews

2020

The Banking Litigation Law Review

2020 | in The Banking Litigation Law Review, The Law Reviews