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Profile

Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra, researcher, lawyer and arbitrator. PhD in Civil Law. His work spans Civil and Family Law, Health Law and Bioethics, Notarial and Registration Law, Public Law, public procurement and arbitration.

Education

2022 | PhD in Civil Law. University of Coimbra. Thesis: *Pessoa e Domínio na Procriação Medicamente Assistida*. Awarded *summa cum laude*.

2007 | LL.M. in Civil Law. University of Coimbra. Dissertation: *O Direito ao Conhecimento das Origens Genéticas*. Final grade: 18/20.

2004 | Postgraduate study in Civil Law. Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra.

2003 | Postgraduate study in Medical Law. Biomedical Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra.

2002 | Law degree (Licenciatura). Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra. Final grade: 16/20, with distinction.

Academic and institutional appointments

Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra. Researcher at the University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research (UCILeR).

Researcher at the Biomedical Law Centre since 2003. Chief Executive Officer of CENoR (Centro de Estudos Notariais e Registais).

Member of the Executive Committee of the National Ethics Committee for Clinical Research (CEIC).

Ombudsperson for service users and Supervisory Council member of the Portuguese Dental Association (Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas). Supervisory Council member of the Portuguese Pharmaceutical Society (Ordem dos Farmacêuticos).

Professional practice

Lawyer admitted to the Portuguese Bar in 2004. Partner at RVA Sociedade de Advogados, where he coordinates the Public Law department. Head of the Legal Department of Metro-Mondego, S.A., since 2006. Legal advice to municipalities, intermunicipal bodies and companies. Ad hoc arbitrator in administrative law, public procurement and civil law disputes.

Publications and research

Selected work and projects

Selected publications

Original publication titles are retained; English descriptions below are explanatory subject summaries.

2026 | Co-editor, with Anabel Fraga and Elena Ioriatti. *IMOLA IV: The European Land Registry Model and cross-border interconnections in the era of the AI*. ISBN 978-2-9602448-7-8.

2026 | "A Constituição da República Portuguesa e a Regulamentação da Procriação Medicamente Assistida", in *Comemoração dos 50 anos da Constituição da República Portuguesa*, vol. I, Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra, pp. 1015-1042. *Subject: constitutional regulation of assisted reproductive technologies (ART).*

2022 | *Procriação Medicamente Assistida: Gestação de Substituição, Anonimato do Dador e Outros Problemas*. Gestlegal. *Subject: assisted reproductive technologies, surrogacy and donor anonymity.*

2010 | "The protection of privacy in medical research using biobanks: the specific problem of broad consent", in *Droit de la santé publique dans un contexte transnational*, ed. Anne-Marie Duguet, Les Études Hospitalières, pp. 249-263.

2008 | "The Right to Know One's Genetic Origins: Portuguese Solutions in a Comparative Perspective", *European Review of Private Law* 16(5), pp. 779-799.

2008 | *O Direito ao Conhecimento das Origens Genéticas*. Coimbra Editora. *Subject: the right to know one's genetic origins.*

Selected research projects

IMOLA IV. Principal investigator and Executive Committee member. European Land Registry Association. Access to land registry information, interoperability and cross-border cooperation.

Representative actions for consumers. National expert in the assessment of the transposition of Directive (EU) 2020/1828. Author of the Portuguese report in 2024.

PRIVIREAL and PRIVILEGED. European research on biomedical research ethics, privacy and data protection, genetic databases and biobanks.

Brussels IIbis. Researcher and Portuguese representative in a project on cross-border family proceedings, 2016-2018.

The right to repair. Researcher in a University of Alicante project on legal incentives and barriers to sustainable consumption.

Teaching and training

Postgraduate and specialist teaching in Medical Law, Bioethics, Family Law, and Notarial and Registration Law. Thesis supervision and examination, academic programme coordination, and contributions to national and international conferences.