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Professional Experience

LUÍS MORAIS & ASSOCIADOS, Lisbon, Portugal

September 15, 2016 – Present: Lawyer

Litigation / Advisory Services

Represented clients in high profile competition litigation cases before the Portuguese and EU Courts, including exchange of information in the banking sector (Case C-298/22, *BPN/BIC*); financing of universal service obligations (Case C-49/19, *Commission v Portugal*); no poaching agreement in the Portuguese first and second football leagues; and collective bargaining of private hospital fees. Advised the Portuguese National Lottery in EU State aid proceedings in relation to terrestrial and online gambling and the health club association in relation to the granting of state aid through VAT exemptions. Advised clients in all competition, state aid and public procurement matters, including the Portuguese National Lottery and the largest truck company in the Iberian Peninsula, Primafrío. Member of the team advising the Portuguese Government in relation to the implementation of the European Communications Code.

WORLD BANK GROUP (WBG), Washington D.C, United States of America

October, 2013 – Present: Senior Competition Policy Consultant

Technical Assistance / Competition Assessments / Reports / Advisory Services

Provided technical assistance to Governments, competition agencies and sector regulators on competition policy, state aid and regulatory issues in over 50 jurisdictions. Produced competition assessments on a variety of sectors, including digital services (Saudi Arabia and Africa), oil, electricity and gas (Jordan, Romania), telecommunications (Mexico, Pakistan, Senegal, Nigeria, Philippines), transportation (Jordan) and financial services (West Africa Economic and Monetary Union). Drafted Guidelines for Competition Authorities, including on the analysis of horizontal and vertical agreements for Saudi Arabia. Produced reports on competition in the digital sector for the African region (winner of Vice-President Unit award in 2023).

UNITED NATIONS (UNCTAD), Geneva, Switzerland

December, 2016 – December 2018; January 2023 – present: Competition Law and Policy Expert

Technical Assistance / Training

Provided trainings and technical assistance to competition authorities in Portuguese speaking competition authorities.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, Brussels, Belgium

October, 2016 – January, 2017: Consultant

Reports

Produced a report the Digital Market Working Group in matters pertaining to the completion of the Digital Single Market, especially as regards the tackling of Geo-Blocking (joint work with Profs. Giorgio Monti and Miguel Póiares Maduro).

FLORENCE SCHOOL OF REGULATION (FSR), Florence, Italy

2010 – 2011: Assistant in the EU Energy Law & Policy Area

Reports / Training

Organised workshops and drafted reports on Energy Law and Policy on various topics (e.g. balance between investment and regulatory intervention, integrity and transparency in energy markets, regulation of gas storage, financing and regulation of cross-border infrastructure, exchange of renewables in the Mediterranean).

WHITE & CASE LLP, Brussels, Belgium

September 2008 – June 2009: Lawyer in the Antitrust Practice

Litigation / Advisory Services

Represented and advised clients in a broad range of EU and Portuguese competition law, state aid, public procurement and energy regulation matters. Part of the legal team in several high profile cases including: the merger between INA Croatia and MOL Hungary (Case COMP/M.5490); action for annulment of the Commission State aid decision concerning the power purchase agreements (PPAs) concluded between power generators and MVM

Hungary (joined cases T-80/06 and T-182/09, *Budapesti Erőmű v Commission*); represented Greece in Case T-169/08, *DEI v Commission (Greek lignites)* in which the General Court annulled a Commission Decision based on the combined application of Articles 106(1) and 102 TFEU; provided legal advice on the regulatory aspects concerning the financing of the Nord Stream Pipeline Project; part of the team of lawyers and economists who co-authored the study for the Commission 'Quantifying Antitrust Damages: Towards non-binding guidance for Courts'.

PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, Lisbon, Portugal

April – August 2007: Legal Officer of the Secretary of State of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Legal drafting / Advisory Services

Advised the Secretary of State on the constitutionality and other formal and substantive aspects of the legislative proposals submitted by the Ministries of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, Economy, Defence and Internal Affairs. Revised legislative bids submitted in advance of the Cabinet meetings; organized preparatory meetings within the Government for discussion of the proposed legislation (e.g., organizational laws of the police and the Public Procurement Code).

October 2006 – March 2007: Legal Officer of the Secretary of State for Public Works and Communications

Drafted legal opinions and legislative proposals in the fields of telecommunications, airports, civil aviation, real estate, construction, highways and other road infrastructure.

CUATRECASAS, GONÇALVES PEREIRA, Lisbon, Portugal

September 2005 – September 2006: Associated Lawyer of the Competition Law Department

Litigation / Advisory Services

Represented and advised clients in a broad range of EU and national competition law matters: e.g., represented the New York Stock Exchange in the merger filing with Euronext before the Portuguese Competition Authority; filed a complaint brought before the Portuguese Competition Authority against a large tobacco manufacturer for abuse of dominance; and successfully appealed before the Portuguese Minister of Economy against the blocking of a merger between two highway operators.

Trainee Lawyer, September 2003/September 2005

Worked in the departments of Litigation, Tax, Administrative, Finance, Corporate, and Antitrust.

SIMONS LAW/ IPR VERLAG GMBH, Munich, Germany

National correspondent for Portugal, 2004/2006

Reports /

National correspondent in charge of drafting commentaries to judgments rendered by the Portuguese higher Courts in the fields of International Private Law and judicial cooperation in matters of Civil Law.

Academic Background

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE (EUI), Florence, Italy

September 2009 – May 9, 2016: PhD in Law

Thesis title: 'Liberalisation of network industries and access to natural resources: The case of radio spectrum and energy resources' defended on the 9th of May, 2016 before the following jury: Professor Giorgio Monti (EUI, Supervisor), Professor Eric Brousseau (Paris-Dauphine University), Professor Angus Johnston (University College Oxford) and Professor Pierre Larouche (Tilburg University)

September 2009 – June 2010: LL.M in Comparative, European and International Law

Research Assistant positions: LL.M and 1st year Programme Research Assistant (June 15, 2013-December 15 2015) research assistant for Prof. Mel Marquis responsible for organising the Florence 18th Annual Competition Law and Policy Workshop (19 and 20 of July 2013) and 19th Annual Competition Law and Policy Workshop (11 and 12 July 2014).

July 2006: Academy of European Law

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU), New York City, United States of America

September 2011 – May 2012: Visiting Doctoral Researcher

Contributor to the UNCTAD Research Platform Project on Competition Law and the State coordinated by Profs. Eleanor Fox and Deborah Healey:
http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/ditcclp2015d3_en.pdf

COLLEGE OF EUROPE, Bruges, Belgium

September 2007 – June 2008: Master in European Legal Studies (LL.M) - specialization in “European Law and Economic Analysis (‘ELEA’)”

Master thesis: *The Granting of Concessions under Articles 86 and 82 of the European Community Treaty*”

UNIVERSITY OF LISBON SCHOOL OF LAW, Lisbon, Portugal

2006/2007: Post-Graduate course in Competition law and Regulation

March – May 2004: Post-Graduate course in Legislation Drafting

September 1998 - July 2003: ‘Licenciatura’ (five-year Law degree)

Moot courts: represented Portugal at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (2003) and at the European Law Moot Court Competition (2002).

Scholarships

September 2012 – August 2013: PhD Scholarship awarded by the EUI

September 2011 – May 2012: Fulbright-Schuman scholarship jointly financed by the U.S. State Department and the Directorate-General for Education and Culture of the European Commission

September 2009 – September 2011: PhD Scholarship awarded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (*Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia*) and the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Teaching

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF MURCIA, Murcia, Spain

2016 – Present: Professor of Competition law and State Aid at the European Studies Masters’ Program.

Languages

Portuguese (native); English (fluent spoken and written); French (very good spoken and written); Spanish (very good spoken and written); Italian (good spoken and written).

Bar Affiliations & other memberships

Member of the Lisbon Bar Association (since 2005) and of the Brussels Bar Association (2008/2009).

Selected Conferences, Articles & Publications

“Access to energy networks: between abuse of dominance, third party access and unbundling”, *Handbook of Energy and Competition Law*, Edward Elgar Publishing, eds. Leigh Hancher and Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui (forthcoming, 2024)

“The Use of Competition Law as an Instrument for Re-Assigning Radio Spectrum and Energy Resources”, Chapter 6 in *The Interaction of Competition Law and Sector Regulation: Emerging Trends at the National and EU Level*, Edward Elgar Publishing (2022), eds. Pier Luigi Parcu, Giorgio Monti and Marco Botta

“Proposed Solutions for Big Tech in the United States: Out of Step or Déjà Vu?”, *Competition Policy International*, February 8, 2021 (co-authored with Urska Petrovic)

“Up in the Air: Airlines and Competition Policy in Times of COVID-19”, *Competition Policy International*, July 28, 2020 (co-authored with Georgiana Pop)

“The Commission’s Paper on the Obligation of Continuous Supply of Medicines and its Impact on Parallel Exporting Activities in the EU: A Paradigm Shift?”, *Competition Policy International*, *Competition Policy International*, May 2020

“Printeos: Obligation to Pay Default Interest When Repaying a Fine after Annulment”, *Journal of European Competition Law & Practice*, December 2019

“The Geo-Blocking Proposal: Internal Market, Competition Law and Regulatory Aspects” (co-authored with Miguel Poiaras Maduro and Giorgio Monti (January 2017): [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/595362/IPOL_STU\(2017\)595362_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/595362/IPOL_STU(2017)595362_EN.pdf)

“Geo-Blocking between Competition law and Regulation” (co-authored with Giorgio Monti), *Competition Policy International* (January 2017)

“Liberalisation of network industries and access to natural resources: the case of radio spectrum and energy resources”, Florence : European University Institute (2016)

“(Re)thinking the Portuguese Constitution. A proposal for a Constitutional amendment” (co-authored with T. Fidalgo de Freitas, G. Vasconcelos Vilaça, J. Fernandes e P. Caro de Sousa): <http://s3.observador.pt/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/observador-proposta-revisao-constitucional.pdf>

«La morte dei mille tagli». Nota sulla decisione della Corte costituzionale portoghese in merito alla legittimità del bilancio annual 2013 (co-authored with Pedro Caro de Sousa), *Giornali di Diritto del Lavoro e di Relazioni Industriali*, III trimestre 2013

“Competition Law and the Internal Energy Market in Times of Crisis”, presented at *The XX1st CLaSF Workshop: Energy and Antitrust Law* (London) and at the *Advanced Issues of EU Law 2013* conference in Dubrovnik: https://www.pravo.unizg.hr/_download/repository/Goncalo_Coelho.pdf

“Abuse of Dominance by Undertakings with Exclusive Rights”, *Essays in honour of Professor Alberto Xavier*, Vol. 3, Almedina (2013)

Contributor to the to the UNCTAD Research Platform Project on Competition Law and the State coordinated by Profs. Eleanor Fox and Deborah Healey: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/ditcclp2015d3_en.pdf

“Smoke Without Fire – The Spanish Raw Tobacco Cartel Cases”, *European Journal of Risk Regulation*, 2/2011

“Licensing Digital Terrestrial Television under Article 38(7) of the Portuguese Constitution”, *Essays in honour of Professor Dr. Sérvulo Correia*, Coimbra Editora (2011)

“Undertakings with Exclusive and Special Rights under Competition Law”, *Pravo Drustvo* (September 2010)

Study for the Commission (DG COMP) “Quantifying antitrust damages: towards non-binding guidance for Courts” (co-author) (December 2009): http://ec.europa.eu/competition/antitrust/actionsdamages/quantification_study.pdf

“The Granting of Concessions under Articles 86 and 82 of the European Community Treaty”, College of Europe library (2008)