



Paulo de Sá e Cunha

Of Counsel

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Of Counsel heading SRS Legal's Criminal and Sanctions Law Department.

Widely recognised as one of the leading specialists in Economic Criminal Law and Compliance in Portugal. With more than 30 years' experience, Paulo's career includes leading prestigious legal teams, intervening in highly complex cases and having a consolidated strategic vision in providing preventive advice and monitoring sensitive cases involving natural and legal persons. His work includes advising on matters related to the criminal liability of directors and corporate officers, economic and financial crimes, as well as the implementation of compliance programs in large organizations. Paulo de Sá e Cunha is also a reference in the training of new generations of lawyers, actively contributing to the development of legal practice in Portugal. Paulo is also a former President of the Superior Council of the Portuguese Bar Association.

Focus Areas

Criminal and Sanctions Law
Major Administrative Offences
Compliance
Internal investigations

Languages

Portuguese
English
French
Spanish

Experience

- Since January 2025 – Of Counsel at SRS Legal
- 2023 to 2024 – Of Counsel at Abreu & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados
- 2006 to 2023 - Senior Associate and Partner at Gonçalves Pereira, Castelo Branco & Associados, now Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados
- 2003 to 2005 - Senior Associate at Barros, Sobral, G. Gomes & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados
- 1996 to 2003 - Director of the Legal Department of the Hospital Common Use Service - SUCH
- 1999 to 2001 - Partner at Madeira de Brito, Sá e Cunha, Parente Esteves e Filipa Névoa, Sociedade de Advogados
- 1994 to 1999 - Lecturer in Economics and Law at the Lusíada University, in the subjects of Institutional Frameworks of Economic Life and Introduction to the Study of Law
- 1988 to 1990 - Chief of Staff to the Secretaries of State for Health Administration, Pedro Dias Alves and Jorge Pires
- 1987 to 1997 - Monitor and assistant at the of the University of Lisbon School of Law, in the subjects of Criminal Law, Introduction to the Study of Law and Employment Law

Qualifications

- Law degree from the University of Lisbon School of Law

Associations

- Portuguese Bar Association
- President of the Superior Council of the Portuguese Bar Association (2023-2025)
- Founder and vice-chairman of the board of OSCOT - Observatory for Security, Organised Crime and Terrorism (2004 to 2006 and 2022 to 2014)
- President of the General Assembly of Fórum Penal - Association of Criminal Lawyers (2014 to 2017)
- Founder and Chairman of the Board of Fórum Penal - Association of Criminal Lawyers (2012 to 2014)
- Member of the Lisbon District Council of the Portuguese Bar Association (2010 to 2012)
- Founding member of APDI - Portuguese Intellectual Law Association (1995)
- Vice-President of the Academic Association of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon (1985 to 1987)
- Member of the Board of the University of Lisbon School of Law, at the time chaired by Prof Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa (1985 to 1987)
- Member of the Assembly of Representatives of the University of Lisbon School of Law (1984 to 1987)