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Head of Arbitration at SRS Legal, José Carlos Soares Machado is a regular adviser to leading national and international companies on litigation matters. He is also one of the most experienced lawyers in criminal and misdemeanours litigation.

With more than 35 years of experience, Soares Machado is a leading lawyer on corporate and international arbitration matters. He is an Arbitrator of the *Associação Comercial de Lisboa* and of the Arbitration Centre of the Portuguese Bar Association.

He founded the Portuguse *Círculo de Advogados de Contencioso*, which he also presided.

Focus Areas
Commercial and International Arbitration
Criminal and misdemeanours litigation
Dispute Resolution
Litigation
White Collar Crime

Languages
Portuguese
English
French
Spanish

SRS Global
South America
Europe

Experience

- Since January 2024 - Partner at SRS Legal, head of Arbitration
- 2010 to 2023 – Partner at SRS Advogados, head of the litigation and dispute resolution department
- 1991 to 2010 –Partner at Soares Machado & Associados – Sociedade de Advogados, RL
- Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law of the New University of Lisbon (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)
- Author of several published works on Constitutional law, Corporate law, and Real Estate Law
- Since 2005 – Member of the National Supervisory Board of Insolvency Administrators, as representative of the Minister of Justice
- 2002 to 2004 – Member of the Portuguese Bar Association's National Supreme Council
- Since 2000 – Jury member of the National Admission and Centre of Judicial Studies
- Since 1999 – Director of the Dispute Resolution department director at the Portuguese Real Estate Owners Association
- 1998 – President of the Portuguese Bar Association candidate
- 1996 to 1998 – President of the Portuguese Bar Association's Lisbon district council
- 1993 to 1995 – Member of the Portuguese Bar Association's general council (National Board of Directors)
- 1992 to 1994 – Member of the National Sports Council, as the representative of the Minister of Education
- 1989 to 1992 – Vice-President of Sporting Club de Portugal, and head of its litigation department
- 1984 to 1989 – Legal advisor on dispute resolution at the Ministry of Social Affairs
- 1979 – Chief of the Cabinet of the Minister of Labour
- 1978 to 1980 – General-secretary at Santa Casa da Misericórdia in Lisbon (Governement Social Security Institute)
- Since 1977 – Lawyer and member of the governing bodies of numerous companies
- 1976 to 1977 –Junior assistant professor of Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon

Qualifications

- Course on Negotiation for Lawyers from the Harvard Law School
- Law Degree from the University of Lisbon School of Law
- ICC Institute Masterclass for Arbitrators (2001)

Associations

- Portuguese Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Círculo de Advogados de Contencioso
- International Commercial Arbitration Committee da International Law Association