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Managing Partner of SRS Legal. Before, Octávio Castelo Paulo was the Head of the Corporate & Finance Department as well as the Head of the Corporate, Commercial and M&A as well as TMT (Telecommunications, Media and Technology) practice areas, being recognised by *Chambers & Partners* and *Legal 500* in Band 1.

Octávio is the Head of the Angola Desk of SRS. With more than 35 years of experience, Octávio has been advising clients on domestic and cross border corporate and M&A transactions as well as TMT matters in Portugal and in Angola being a member of the Angolan Law Society.

Focus Areas
Corporate and M&A
Information technology
Media
Telecommunications

Languages
Portuguese
English
French
Spanish

SRS Global
Africa
Europe

Experience

- Since Novemebr 2023 - Managing Partner of SRS Legal
- 1999 to November 2023 - Partner of Simmons & Simmons Rebelo de Sousa, now SRS Legal, responsible for the Corporate, M&A and TMT practices
- He is Chair of the Board of Directors (non-executive) of Standard Bank of Angola, where he also chairs the Nominations and Evaluation, Risk and Credit Board Committees
- He is Chair of the General Meeting of companies established under Portuguese and Angolan laws, having also been a member of the Supervisory Board of several companies
- 2009 to 2011 - Director of the Portuguese Institute of Corporate Governance
- 2003 to 2009 - Partner of Simmons & Simmons, with overall responsibility for TMT in the Simmons & Simmons network between 2007 and 2009
- 1988 to 2006 - Assistant at the Department of Law, Universidade Lusíada, Lisbon, lecturing various subjects, specifically those relating to commercial law and company law
- 1988 to 1993 - Government advisor on transport, communications and housing

Qualifications

- Law Degree from the Lusíada University Faculty of Law
- Accounting and Business Evaluation Course for Jurists from Católica University (Lisbon)
- The Board Directors' Programme - Henley Business School
- Digital Savvy Board Programme (organized for Standard Bank Group) - MIT Sloan School of Management
- International Directors Programme – INSEAD
- Strategic Management in Banking – INSEAD

Associations

- Portuguese Bar Association
- Angolan Bar Association
- IPCG – Portuguese Institute of Corporate Governance
- APDC – Portuguese Association for the Development of Communications
- IBA – International Bar Association
- ICC – International Chamber of Commerce