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Practices and Sectors

- Administrative Law
- Aerospace, Defence and Security
- Energy
- Infrastructure
- Litigation
- TechLaw

Profile

Adolfo Mesquita Nunes joins Pérez-Llorca's Lisbon office in 2024 as a Public and Regulatory Law Co-Chair and partner and to contribute to the international strategy of the firm. Before joining Pérez-Llorca, he was partner at a Portuguese firm, specialised in regulation, public policy and procurement and administrative litigation.

Studies:

- 2000 Degree in Law (Law Faculty of Portuguese Catholic University)
- 2008 Master in Legal and Political Sciences (Law Faculty of University of Lisbon)

He is fluent in Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.

Experience

With more than 20 years of practice, he has focused his activity on the areas of public policy, public procurement and administrative litigation, with a wide experience in public contracts (in pre-contractual matters as well as in the execution of public contracts on behalf of public entities and private companies) and representing many Public Authorities and private bodies in administrative litigation.

In recent years, focused on highly regulated sectors where regulation becomes a binding constraint or a driver of business models. He has been quite active in transport, electric mobility and on the so-called platform economy, helping clients in identifying opportunities for expansion into new products and markets.

Adolfo served as Secretary of State for Tourism in the XIX and XX Constitutional Governments. During his tenure, Adolfo led the new regulation on a relevant set of public policies: i) travel agencies, ii) hotels, iii) short term rentals, v) touristic animation, vi) online gaming, vii) public marketing strategy for Portugal as a destination (digital marketing, big data, business intelligence, etc).

Mesquita Nunes is currently Lead Independent Director and Vice-chairman of the Board of Directors of Galp Energia, member of the Centro de Arbitragem Administrativa (CAAD)'s arbitration panel and Chair of the World Trade Centre Lisbon Business Club for Smart Cities.

Adolfo combines a broad experience in law, management and public policy with a leadership profile, and that is why he is often requested to advise regulators and corporations on intricate government and regulatory issues, as well as to help decision-makers in critical negotiations and disputes.

Academic and Publishing Collaborations

Adolfo teaches the course Public Management at NOVA SBE's Master's in International Development & Public Policy (According to Financial Times, Nova SBE is the 15th International Master's in Management worldwide, the 11th International Master's in Finance worldwide, the 24th Business School in Europe). Adolfo also teaches the course Law and Public Policy at the NOVA School of Law's Master in Public Law and Regulation.

He is a frequent speaker in conferences, both academic and organised by civil society, on topics related on public policy, business development, regulation and public law.

Adolfo is a published author, being invited to write in the most prestigious public law magazines on the areas to which he is dedicated. His book A Grande Escolha (2020) of public policies to face the globalization challenges hit the tops of the most sold non-fiction books and is already in its 3rd edition.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Administrative Law, Public Law

Professional Organisations

Portuguese Bar Association.