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Practices and Sectors

- Energy & Natural Resources

Profile

Joana joined Pérez-Llorca as counsel for Energy practice area in the Lisbon office in 2025. Her addition to the firm strengthens an area of law in a field that is critical for the Portuguese economy and is part of the country's growth strategy.

Studies:

- 2024 Online Course on the Evolution of Electricity Markets in Europe, Florence School of Regulation
- 2021 Online Course on the Legal Framework of Electric Mobility (E-Course on the Legal Framework of Electric Mobility) from the Faculty of Law of the Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- 2012 Master's Degree in Administrative Law with an Energy Component, Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa
- 2012 LLM, Seminars on International Energy Transactions and International Energy Law, Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa
- 2008 Degree in Law, Faculty of Law, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

She speaks Portuguese and English.

Experience

Joana has more than 15 years' experience advising national and international companies on energy matters, with a special focus on the regulation of the electricity sector, M&A transactions and project financing. Prior to joining Pérez-Llorca, Joana worked in some of the most reputable Portuguese law firms, was part of the legal services management team at the Portuguese Energy Services Regulatory Authority and served as an advisor to the Secretary of State for Energy in the 19th and 20th Constitutional Governments.

Academic and Publishing Collaborations

Joana contributed to the following publications:

- "*A produção de energia elétrica através de fontes renováveis*", in Estudos de Direito da Energia, coordenado por Francisco Paes Marques y João Marques Mendes. Almedina, 2023
- "Renewable Electricity Generation in Portugal: the long path for energy transition – renewable legislative and regulatory framework", in Energy Journal N2, Revista da Energía, de ISPG – Instituto do Petróleo e Gás, 2020

In 2018 and 2019, she contributed to the 'Short Specialisation Course in Environmental and Climate Change Law' at the Universidade de Lisboa's Faculty of Law, lecturing on the module on Energy and Climate Change.

In 2021, she taught the 'Production under a special regime – wind, mini-hydro and hybridisation' module for the Universidade de Lisboa's Faculty of Law postgraduate course in Energy Law.

Professional Organisations

- The Portuguese Bar Association.

Recognition

- Legal 500 EMEA: Energy (Leading associate)