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Profile

Sara joined the Lisbon office of Pérez-Llorca in 2025. Prior to this, she was part of the Banking and Finance team of a Portuguese law firm and worked as a Foreign Attorney in the Capital Markets department in a New York firm.

Studies:

- 2024 — PowerMBA, The Power Business School, Madrid.
- 2019 — Advanced Postgraduate Course in Banking Law, Universidade de Lisboa.
- 2015 — LLM in International Finance Law, King's College London.
- 2014 — Degree in Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

She speaks Portuguese and English.

Experience

As a senior lawyer in the Banking and Finance and Capital Markets areas, she has been actively involved in various types of transactions, such as the issuance and placement of debt instruments and other transferable securities, classic, structured and project finance, as well as securitisation transactions.

In addition to advising clients on banking and capital markets regulatory issues, she was on secondment at two financial institutions in Portugal (2023-2025), where she was responsible for legal advice in the area of derivatives. She has extensive experience in drafting and negotiating derivative contracts, in particular ISDA contracts.

Academic and Publishing Collaborations

- Co-author of the article "Portugal: Securitisation" for the Legal500 Comparative Guides.
- Co-author of "Derivatives Laws and Regulations Portugal" for the International Comparative Legal Guide.
- Guest speaker at the Course on Banking Regulation and Supervision organised by the Public Law Research Centre of the Law Faculty of the Universidade de Lisboa, "Banking Supervision" session.
- Guest speaker at the Banking Law Course organised by the Private Law Research Centre of

the Law Faculty of the Universidade de Lisboa, “Derivative Instruments” session.

Awards and Recognition

- *Best Lawyers®*: ‘Ones to Watch Portugal – Banking & Finance’.
- *Best Lawyers®*: ‘Ones to Watch 2022 – Banking & Finance’.

Professional Organisations

- The Portuguese Bar Association.