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Tomás Pessanha is frequently mentioned in various directories, such as *Chambers & Partners*; *The Legal 500*; *IFLR1000*; *Best Lawyers* and *Who's Who Legal*. In 2009, his name appeared in the *40 under Forty Awards of Iberian Lawyer*.

He has also acted as guest lecturer on several postgraduate courses at the Porto Business School.

He is a member of the IBA - International Bar Association (European Regional Forum - Council Member).

He has been a member of the Portuguese Bar Association since 1997.

Academic background

- Law degree from the Law Faculty of the Universidade de Lisboa (1995).
- Postgraduate in Media Law from the Law Faculty of the Universidade de Coimbra (1997).
- Course on Accounting and Finance for Legal Experts from the Instituto Superior de Gestão (2000).
- Attendee at the Postgraduate in Management for Legal Experts from the Business and Economics Faculty of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa - Escola do Porto (2005-2006).
- Program on Negotiation at the Harvard Law School (2007).

Publications

Tomás Pessanha has collaborated in the following publications as author and co-author:

- The Private Equity Review - Chapter on Portugal, Private Equity Law Business Research Ltd, 2015;
- The Private Equity Review - Chapter on Portugal, Private Equity Law Business Research Ltd, 2014;
- Getting the Deal Through - Investment Treaty Arbitration, 2014;
- Commercial Companies in Portugal - The Comparative Law Yearbook of International, Corporate and M&A Kluwer Law International, 2013;
- The Private Equity Review - Chapter on Portugal, Private Equity Law Business Research Ltd, 2013;
- The Private Equity Review - Chapter on Portugal, Private Equity Law Business Research Ltd, 2012;
- Getting the Deal Through - Product Liability, Porto Law Business Research Ltd, 2009;
- Legal Implications of the Millennium Bug, Kluwer Law International, 1999.