

REAL ESTATE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN PORTUGAL



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In the area of real estate, TFRA provides assistance in planning development operations, acquisition and disposal, as well as in the preparation and review of contracts; preparation, structuring and follow-up of urban operations; assistance and legal advice within the scope of contracts for the use of stores in shopping centers, business centers and retail parks; as well as legal advice on issues related to financing and tax benefits regarding the strategic planning, licensing, marketing and operation of hotel units and resorts.

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Ana Sofia Catarino has been a member of TFRA since 2006, and has been a partner since 2009. She is dedicated to the areas of real estate law, urbanism, civil construction and tourism, public procurement law, as well as labor law and resolution of disputes, coordinating the respective departments.

Ms Catarino has consolidated experience in purchase and sale operations, lease back, leasing and other forms of exploration of accommodation units, housing, business centers, shopping centers and retail parks. She has collaborated with various entities, public and private, in Portugal and abroad, in urban planning operations, in the elaboration of territorial management instruments and in procedures for the formation of contracts. She also dedicates herself to the continuous assistance of human resources departments of multinational companies in the phases of pre-selection, selection, negotiation, contracting and resolution of labor conflicts in the extrajudicial scope and in litigation.

Before joining TFRA, Ana Sofia Catarino worked at Teixeira Duarte – Engenharia e Construções, SA (2001–2006) and was a lawyer in individual practice, having provided continuous services to the Municipality of Almada (2000–2004) and to the extinct Directorate General Road (1997–1999). She has been a member of the Portuguese Bar Association since 1999, and a member of WIRE Portugal (Women in Real Estate), an association of professional women in construction and real estate.