

Curriculum vitae

Maria Benedita Burnay de Mendonça de Sampaio Nunes

born in Brussels in 1987, Portuguese nationality
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Professional Experience

Currently

since Tribunal Secretary (freelance)
Oct. 2019 in international arbitration proceedings presided by Prof. Dr. Jan Kleinheisterkamp

since SLOW
Oct. 2021 Director of Impact and Legal Affairs (freelance)
legal counsel to Slow, a German hospitality group with projects in Portugal

since CROSS LEGAL
June 2016 Lawyer-linguist, Co-founder (self-employed)
legal translation and interpretation services, notably to the CJEU

Past experience

Dec. 2020 – NÚMERO UM S.A.
Mar. 2023 Co-Counsel (freelance)
in ICC arbitration proceedings conducted in French with seat in Paris and with Spanish applicable law

Sep. 2016 – WIN WORLD S.A.
Mar. 2023 Chief Content Officer (freelance)
responsible for the conception, research, content and curatorship of global media projects and conferences

Oct. 2016 – VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA & ASSOCIADOS
Oct. 2017 Lawyer-linguist
translation of legal documents (Portuguese, English and French)

Sep. 2012 – MORAIS LEITÃO, GALVÃO TELES, SOARES DA SILVA & ASSOCIADOS
Jun. 2016 Lawyer

- Member of the Litigation & Arbitration Team (as from Sep. 2013), acting as counsel in various civil and commercial litigation and arbitration cases, both national and international, related to different sectors (e.g., energy, construction, pharmaceutical, insurance, fashion, etc.).
- Founding member of MLGTS Team Genesis, a special team of lawyers dedicated to advising in everything related to emerging companies throughout their entire life cycle – from fundraising to exit as well as dealing with regulatory hurdles. The team was commended by the 2015 FT Innovative Lawyers Awards.
- Member of the MLGTS French Desk, created in response to the increase in French investment in Portugal to provide Francophone customers with advice tailored to their needs and expectations.
- Started as member of the Corporate & Commercial Team in Sep. 2012 (until Sep. 2013). Participated in several transactions including M&A; also worked with insurance law and data protection.

Education

Sep. 2011 – LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Sep. 2012 Master of Laws (LL.M.) (overall final grade: Distinction)

- main courses: *Law of Corporate Finance, Intellectual Property Law, Cyberlaw e International Commercial Arbitration*;
- elected member of the LSE LL.M. Students Committee as ‘*Public Relations Officer*’.
- final Essays: “*Constructing an effective Public Domain: a contribution inspired by Hegel*” (IP Law, Distinction) and; “*Social Media Networks, Freedom of Expression and Privacy: why we should care and how Regulators should intervene*” (Cyberlaw).

Sep. 2007 – UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA PORTUGUESA

Jul. 2011 Law Degree, Very Good (“Muito bom”) (overall final grade: 16,4/20)

- awarded with the Academic Prize Prof. Doutor Antunes Varela for best performance in the Civil Procedure course; also achieved best performance in the Criminal Procedure course
- awarded with yearly scholarships based on academic merits and consisting of total exemption of tuition fees
- Erasmus programme at Università degli Studi di Firenze, in Florence, Italy.

2005–2007 UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES

first two years of the *Bachelier* in Law (French).

Languages

Mother tongues: Portuguese and French

Full professional proficiency – C2: English

Independent user – B1/2: Spanish and Italian

Professional Affiliations

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association and registered as a lawyer since 2015