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PRO BONO EXPERIENCE

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## ABOUT US

WE ARE A FULL SERVICE COMMERCIAL LAW FIRM WITH A TRULY INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE. OUR WORK INCLUDES ALL ASPECTS OF CORPORATE, FINANCE, EMPLOYMENT, TAX, COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS, RESTRUCTURING AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

WE ARE ORGANIZED IN FOUR BUSINESS GROUPS WHICH COVER THE FULL SPECTRUM OF OUR CLIENTS' LEGAL NEEDS.

## PROJECTS AND REGULATION

OUR PROJECTS AND REGULATION GROUP WORKS WITH ALL REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW MATTERS, IN PARTICULAR IN THE FIELDS OF ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND WATER, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS.

## CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL

WE ADVISE ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE SETTING UP OF BUSINESS IN PORTUGAL, FOREIGN INVESTMENT, MERGER CONTROL, COMPLIANCE AND GOVERNANCE, COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS, EMPLOYMENT, FRANCHISING, DISTRIBUTION, COMPETITION AND EUROPEAN LAW, COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

# ABOUT US

## BANKING AND FINANCE

WE REPRESENT MANY OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INVESTMENT FUNDS.. OUR BANKING AND FINANCE GROUP FOCUSES ON ALL ASPECTS OF CORPORATE AND PUBLIC FINANCE, BANK LENDING, DERIVATIVES, CAPITAL MARKETS, SECURITISATION AND PROJECT FINANCE.

## LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION

OUR LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION GROUP HANDLES INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC MATTERS AND DISPUTES. OUR LITIGATION LAWYERS WORK TOGETHER WITH LAWYERS FROM OTHER FIRM'S BUSINESS GROUPS WHEN SPECIAL LEGAL SKILLS AND INDUSTRY SECTOR KNOW-HOW ARE REQUIRED.

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# A BIT OF OUR PRO BONO HISTORY

June 2008

We created AJUDAR + to coordinate our pro bono and volunteer work

March 27, 2014

MACEDO VITORINO adheres to PROBONO  
PORTUGAL



February 2, 2020

MACEDO VITORINO receives the first Firm of  
the Year award by PROBONO PORTUGAL

September 15, 2021

MACEDO VITORINO is the first firm in the  
PROBONO PORTUGAL secondment program

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# OUR FIRM'S APPROACH

TO PRO BONO WORK

Since 2014, at AJUDAR + we have assigned in excess of 5,000 hours' work to free legal aid



AJUDAR +

Pro bono clients are as  
much our clients as any  
paying client

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We provide the same legal services  
as we do for other clients

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Using the same platform

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The same internal reporting

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The same control procedures

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AJUDAR +

But we have specific issues to consider when working with pro bono clients

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Case validation: we need PROBONO PORTUGAL and other organizations in the field

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Case allocation to our lawyers is decided not always on a volunteer basis although volunteers have priority

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Case success is difficult to measure because in many cases it depends on our clients' social environment

AJUDAR +

Our firm's  
volunteer work

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What can be offered: any type of support to the community

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Who can: those in our firm who volunteer. This is an individual option

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What is our purpose: to act as facilitator between our volunteers and the available opportunities

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# Yes to “advertising” our pro bono work

But most important, we provide free legal assistance because we are Humans...

...Seeking for making part of a better World!

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION**

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