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Pedro Melo graduated in law by the University of Lisbon, in 1995.

In 1998 he concluded a post-graduation course in Administrative Law.

In 2000 he concluded a post-graduation course in Energy Law.

In 2011 he concluded his master thesis in Administrative Law (Public Procurement and Concession Contracts).

Pedro Melo lectures in the University of Lisbon (Law School) several post-graduation courses in the field of public procurement and administrative contracts.

He is recognised by the Portuguese Bar Association as an expert in Administrative Law, since 2004.

Pedro Melo became PLMJ's Partner in 2008 and he is currently the Coordinator of the Public Law Area of Practise.

During his career he has been directly involved in the vast majority of public procurement transactions, public works and concession agreements related to infrastructure projects in Portugal (motorways, railways and maritime ports), besides some important arbitration suits regarding to construction and concession contracts.

He is included in the "Arbitrators Lists" of the following Arbitration Organizations:

1. Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry ("CCI - ACL");
2. Centre of Administrative Arbitration ("CAAD");
3. Sports Arbitration Court ("Tribunal Arbitral do Desporto");

His most important academic publications are the following:

1. *"Risk allocation in concession agreements"* – Editor: Almedina, 2011.
2. *"The law of public works"* (construction) – Editor: Almedina, 2012.
3. *"Force majeure in concession contracts"* – Editor: Coimbra Editora, 2013.
4. *"Port concessions in Portugal"* – Editor: Almedina, 2014.
5. *"Public procurement – Execution of concession agreements"* – Editor Almedina, 2014

He is recognised by *"Chambers Europe"* and by *"Legal 500"* international directories.

## **Chambers Europe**

### *Projects*

*"He was extraordinary; he is very experienced and understood the project globally. He considered all the different aspects of the deal and advised us on what our priorities should be.*

*Has an excellent track record in public procurement, infrastructure and energy contracts.*

*Represents major Portuguese clients in international projects, for example in Angola and Paraguay".*

### *Public Law*

*"Interviewees praise Pedro Melol's negotiation skills and say: He gives straightforward advice, is creative and finds great solutions for complex matters. He leads the public law team."*

*The level of service there is very high and the quality of work is consistent throughout the team.*

*The lawyers are skilled negotiators and we feel we have the support needed for complex cases".*

In 2009 he was considered one of the best lawyers in the Iberian Peninsula (Portugal and Spain), by the specialized Review *"Iberian Lawyer"* (Prize: *"forty under 40"*).

In 2015 he won the prize of best Portuguese Public Law lawyer awarded by ILO – International Law Office.