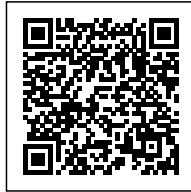


ANTAS DA CUNHA ECIIA REINFORCES EMPLOYMENT AREA

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Antas da Cunha Ecija has hired two new lawyers in the Employment area for their Porto office



Luís Branco Lopes (pictured left) and André David (pictured right) join the Employment Law and Social Security Department, coordinated by partner Pedro da Quitéria Faria. The lawyers will be based in the Porto office.

Fernando Antas da Cunha, managing partner at Antas da Cunha Ecija said: "The integration of Luís and André will give us the possibility to reinforce our capacity and quality in the north, with regards to the Employment area. An area that has undergone major changes in the last year and has come to assume an unprecedented role in our activity, largely due to the exceptional times in which we live." He adds, "In this context of a pandemic, it is known that the north of the country and its business community has been especially affected due to the huge contraction in the level of economic activity. From now on, being able to count on the experience of two professionals who have a deep knowledge of the local market and its specificities, is undoubtedly an enormous asset for our office."

Fernando Antas da Cunha ends, stating, "We are absolutely convinced that the coming times will be very demanding, so in this, as in other areas, we will remain attentive to the market."

Luís Branco Lopes joins Antas da Cunha Ecija as of counsel. After 10 years at Garrigues, he was one of the founding partners of the BLMP law firm. He has extensive experience in Collective Redundancy Processes, Job Losses, transfer of companies or establishments, Employment and Social Security audits and Disciplinary Procedures. He also has significant experience in matters related to Insurance, namely accidents at work, in its conciliatory and contentious phases. He holds a degree in Law from the Catholic University of Portugal. It was also at this institution that he completed his Master's in Law, with a dissertation in the area of Employment Law. He also has a postgraduate degree in Employment and Social Security Law.

André David joins as a senior associate. He began his career at Garrigues, where he was for 10 years and where he was part of the Employment department. In 2018, he assumed the position of Head of Labour Relations at Mercadona. In September 2020 he moved to BLMP. He holds a degree in Law, a postgraduate degree in Employment and Social Security Law and a Master's degree in Business Law from the Catholic University of Portugal.

With these 2 integrations, the Employment and Social Security Law area at Antas da Cunha Ecija, now has a team composed of 6 lawyers.