

# PLMJ ADDS PARTNER FROM CMS RPA

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**Joaquim Shearman de Macedo is PLMJ's new partner, joining from CMS, Rui Pena & Arnaut**



Joaquim Shearman de Macedo joins the firm led by Bruno Ferreira and Luís Pais Antunes and will co-coordinate its Dispute Resolution area.

Ten years after leaving PLMJ, where he started his career as an associate and senior associate, Joaquim Shearman de Macedo (pictured) returns to join the firm as a partner to co-coordinate the Dispute Resolution team together with Rita Samoreno Gomes and Pedro Metello de Nápoles.

For Bruno Ferreira, PLMJ's co-managing partner, "this strengthening of the firm's leadership in the Dispute Resolution area is a strategic step towards shaping our vision for the firm: to be able to serve our clients for the next 20 years, to continue to grow in Portugal and to affirm our international position. This goal is based on a thought out and prepared reform, aggregating the best talent and refocusing our activity on the areas and subjects where we want to be. We are therefore very happy to have Joaquim Shearman de Macedo with us, as he embodies these two dimensions in a unique way in the national sector."

"Joining PLMJ again is more than a return. It is a return to the future, in a house which returns, in this new cycle, to affirm its permanent capacity for innovation and reinvention and I face this step with great enthusiasm and ambition. Co-leading a team of renowned lawyers with enormous talent and contributing to the consolidation of a firm of this size and relevance in the area of Dispute Resolution with a focus on business law, is a very exciting project," says the new PLMJ's partner.

PLMJ's Dispute Resolution area, which in addition to judicial Litigation also includes Arbitration and Criminal law, will have three co-coordinators and a senior partner: in addition to Joaquim Shearman de Macedo, the area will be co-led by partners Pedro Metelo de Nápoles, until now head of PLMJ Arbitration and Rita Samoreno Gomes who, since 2016, has assumed the leadership of PLMJ's Banking and Financial Litigation team. Nuno Libano Monteiro, who until now was coordinator of the Litigation area, takes on the position of senior partner in the Litigation area. Overall, the area has over 50 lawyers and 12 partners.