

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Profession	Lawyer & Legal Advisor, Arbitrator
Specialty	General Business Law, Banking, Project Finance, Energy (Mining and Oil & Gas) and Public Infrastructure.
Location	Mozambique (Maputo)
Qualifications	Law Degree - <i>Polytechnic University</i> Arbitration Course (CACM - Center of Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation) “ <i>International Oil & Gas Law, Contracts and Negotiations course</i> ” by the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), Institute for Energy Law of the Center for American and International Law, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF).
Professional Memberships	Mozambique Bar Association (since 2004)

CACM – Centre for Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation (2002 to date)

IBA – International Bar Association (National Tax Reporter 2012 – 2014)

Chairman of the Mozambique Bar Association Traineeship and Exam Commission (2014 – 2016)

Member of the Mozambique Bar Association National Council (2016 to 2020)

Languages

Portuguese, English

Countries Worked

Mozambique, Portugal

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Paula Duarte Rocha is a partner with HRA Advogados, based in Maputo, Mozambique and is highly experienced in the Mozambican market, having intervened in all areas of practice, advising both national and foreign investors, as well as national and foreign private companies. Paula has notable experience and track record in banking & project finance transactions. Experienced on cross border transactions and regulatory issues, Paula developed know how in advising economic operators and contracting authorities in public procurement and public private partnerships.

Paul was a Leading Lawyer in the IFLR1000 Energy & Infrastructure (2014 and 2015), Leading Lawyer in the IFRL 1000 Financial & Corporate (2013, 2014 and 2015), Ranked Lawyer in Chambers & Partners (Band 2) for General Business Law. In addition, Paula has published articles in the following:

- The Lawyer
- Law Business Research Ltd
- China Business Law Report
- International Financial Law Review
- International Comparative Legal Guide
- World Bank Group – Doing Business
- Global Arbitration Review

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Paula has the following professional experience:

- **Partner/Lawyer** - Henriques, Rocha & Associados – Sociedade de Advogados, Lda. (*formerly Mozambique Legal Circle Advogados*)

- **Consultant for all matters pertaining to Mozambique** - Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, and Soares da Silva (Portugal)
- **Associate Lawyer and Senior Legal Advisor** - MGA – Advogados & Consultores
- **Managing Partner/Lawyer** – Ferreira Rocha & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados
- **Multidisciplinary legal consultancy at Tax and Legal Services Department** - PricewaterhouseCoopers

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Advisors to BIM – BANCO INTERNACIONAL DE MOÇAMBIQUE, S.A. in the structuring of 2 loans in favor of 2 locally incorporated entities participated by State owned entities, including advising on the format and regulatory approvals required for comfort letters issued by the Government of Mozambique
- Legal advising to BES África in the increase of its share capital in MOZABANCO and in the acquisition of shares held by Geocapital
- Local counsel to Grindrod Freight Services (Pty) Ltd (through a newly formed Mauritian protected cell company - GRP Leasing) in an asset financing arranged by FIRSTRAND BANK LIMITED (acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division), in connection with the security to be granted over various locomotives situated in Mozambique.
- Local counsel for STANDARD BANK SOUTH AFRICA in connection with an issue of bonds by a Mozambique-based entity. Responsible for drafting and rendering customary legal opinion as to local law, reviewing the transaction documents and providing comments from a local law perspective, general advice on local law in relation to the bond issue
- Advisor to ABSA BANK LIMITED (acting through its Corporate and Investment Banking division) and BARCLAYS BANK MOZAMBIQUE in a regulatory due diligence (Mozambique) to Minas Moatize towards the refinancing of certain existing facilities and financing of capital expenditure in respect of a wash-plant for a mine in Mozambique
- Legal advising to AFRICAP MICROFINANCE INVESTMENT FUND and to NORFUND, in connection with their capital acquisitions in SOCREMO.
- Legal Advisor to STANDARD CORPORATE AND MERCHANT BANK, a division of STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED, DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA LIMITED, THE MAURITIUS COMMERCIAL BANK, STANDARD BANK, SA, BANCO COMERCIAL E DE INVESTIEMENTOS, SA, BANCO INTERNACIONAL DE MOÇAMBIQUE, SA e SENA

DEVELOPMENT LIMITED in connection with the repayment of all loans in place for the financing of the MARROMEU SUGAR PROJECT

- Local Counsel to FIRSTRAND BANK LIMITED (acting through its RAND MERCHANT BANK division) under the refinancing of the XINAVANE SUGAR FACTORY, a ZAR 425.000.000,00 Export Credit Term Loan Facility
- Local Counsel to LOUIS DREYFUS COMMODITIES SUISSE S.A in connection with an international merger and acquisition.
- Legal Advisor to SEACOM Ltd., the marine fibre optic cable operator in connection with the assignment of its territorial assets in Mozambique
- Legal Advisor to the Concessionaire in the negotiation and implementation of a project comprising the development of a Grain Discharge and Storage Terminal at the Port of Beira, in Mozambique, including the incorporation and registration of the Concessionaire.
- Legal advice to the Sponsors, issuance of related legal opinions and due diligences for the MAPUTO PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
- Legal advice and Assistance to FirstRand Group in the acquisition of shares in the Mozambican bank BDC, including coordination of all actions required to meet completion of the transaction.
- Legal advising to SUEZ ENERGY under a “Limited Invitation for Strategic Partnership” towards development of a NATURAL GAS COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT (TEMANE PROJECT)
- Legal advising to the Sponsors of THE SASOL MOZAMBIQUE TO SOUTH AFRICA NATURAL GAS PROJECT, comprising the construction and operation of a Central Processing Facility and the pipeline from Mozambique to South Africa
- Legal advising to CLIFFORD CHANCE in connection with the structuring of the financing towards negotiation of a Gas Sale Contract with the Government of Mozambique to feed a new cement plant to be implemented in the vicinities of Maputo, Mozambique (not implemented).
- Legal advising to TULLOW OIL PLC in connection with the acquisition of Statoil Oil & Gas, Mozambique AS’ participating interest in the EPCC related to Areas 2 & 5, located in the Rovuma’s Block and the registration in Mozambique of the respective business vehicle for acquisition of the participating interest.
- Legal advising to ROMPCO, owner and operator of the Gas Pipeline from Temane (Mozambique) to Secunda (South Africa), in connection with negotiations aimed at increasing the gas transport capacity

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- Legal advising to FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER LLP in connection with BP bidding proposal towards the acquisition of Cove Energy plc interests in Mozambique area in the Rovuma onshore license and the Rovuma offshore area 1 license
 - Legal advisory to PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION in the bidding process for the 4th License Round for Exploration and Reconnaissance Contracts launched by the Government of Mozambique
 - Legal advisory to BRITISH AMERICAN NATURAL GAS CORPORATION in connection with the issuing of legal opinions confirming the rights held by it under the EPCC's for the M-10 Block, the Sofala Block and the Zambeze Onshore Block.
 - Legal Advising to ENRC in the negotiation of a venture in the form of a public-private partnership to, under concession, construct, own, finance, operate, maintain, manage, rehabilitate, develop, commercially run and transfer the Chiuta to Nacala railway line and the Port at Nacala, in Nampula Province
 - Legal advising to SALCEF SpA in connection with a public-private partnership for the development and implementation of a Tramway System in the cities of Maputo and Matola.
 - Legal advising to ESSAR INVESTMENTS LTD in connection with a proposed port concession agreement in Mozambique.
 - Legal advising to AFRICA RISING CAPITAL, AFRICAN RAIL COMPANY (MOZAMBIQUE) and ARCWIN LIMITADA (MOZAMBIQUE) in connection with the establishment of a logistics company and rail leasing business in Mozambique
 - Local counsel to QR NATIONAL in connection with a proposed structural and contracting model for QR NATIONAL'S entry into Mozambique as an integrated railway operator.
 - Legal Assistance to TOTAL OUTRE MER and to TOTAL MOZAMBIQUE in all the steps and procedures towards the acquisition and change in control in MOBIL OIL MOÇAMBIQUE, LIMITADA.
 - Legal Advice and Assistance in compliance with all regulatory steps and procedures towards the merger between BANCO DE FOMENTO and BCI, including the drafting of the respective resolutions and the meeting of all formalities inherent to the public deed and commercial registration procedures
 - Legal due diligence to ARTUMAS MOÇAMBIQUE PETRÓLEOS, LIMITADA towards the transfer of a participating interest in the respective concession area
 - Preparation of all the relevant documentation concerning the companies social bodies, namely resolutions

(for the General Assembly and for the Board of Directors) and powers of attorney, including the secretariat services to MOTRACO – MOZAMBIQUE TRANSMISSION COMPANY

ARBITRATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Legal advice to BNDES in association with Clifford Chance within context of two financing agreements relating to construction of the Nacala Airport and involving Aeroportos de Moçambique E.P. and the Republic of Mozambique (as guarantor)
- Arbitrator appointed by the petitioner EUROBRAND, LDA under an *ad hoc* arbitration proceeding, with N'WETI - COMUNICAÇÃO PARA SAÚDE as the demanded.
- Arbitrator appointed by the demanded Ourivesaria Imperial (P.H. Pola e Cia, Lda.) under arbitration proceedings within CACM (Center for Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation), with Mediplus, Limitada as petitioner following the unilateral termination of the medical insurance contract
- Arbitrator appointed by the petitioner Mota-Engil África, SA under arbitration proceedings within CACM (Center for Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation), with Mrs. Carlota Abel Mandlate as the demanded and following the unilateral termination of a rental agreement
- Arbitrator appointed by the petitioner ELECTRICIDADE DE MOÇAMBIQUE, E.P. under arbitration proceedings within CACM (Center for Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation), having as demanded ALICERCE CONSTRUÇÕES, LDA

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