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José Roque Gonçalves is the partner in charge of the litigation practice at SAL & Caldeira. He regularly appears in court (in the Supreme Court and Provincial and District Courts and Administrative Court) on behalf of clients in both the private and public sectors as well as international institutions. He assists national and foreign clients in court in civil, labour, commercial, maritime, criminal matters and in matters of debt collection. He is also active in the resolution of conflicts through mediation and arbitration.

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Languages spoken

Portuguese, English

Experience

Professional Qualifications

- On judicial processes for debt collection representing the some of the main commercial banks in Mozambique
- On revision and confirmation of foreign judicial and arbitration awards processes mostly filed by our foreign clients
In the insolvency process of a large company based in the Nampula province
- In a judicial recovery process of a large company based in Tete province
- In a judicial recovery process of a large company based in Maputo province
- In labor processes of large companies and non-governmental organizations running terms before several Mozambican courts
- In judicial processes of large companies related to property disputes
- Clients' seizure processes running terms before the Mozambican courts
- On judicial processes for public administration acts annulments before Mozambican administrative courts
- In criminal proceedings involving theft and documents falsification running terms before the Mozambican courts

Credentials

Prior Experience

- Partner at SAL & Caldeira Advogados, Lda. (2011 – to present)
- Manager at SAL & Caldeira Advogados, Lda. (2008 – 2010)
- Lawyer / Legal Senior Consultant at SAL Consultoria e Investimentos, Lda. (2001 – 2008)

- Lecturer in Procedural Labor Law at University of Saint Thomas of Mozambique – USTM (2010 – 2014)
- Lecturer in Labor Law and Procedural Labor Law at the Higher Institute for Science and Technology of Mozambique - ISCTEM (2004 – to present)
- Lecturer in Corporate and Company Law at A Politécnica University (2000 – 2003)
- Lawyer in a Maputo-based law firm (1998 to 2000)
- Teacher of history in a Maputo secondary school (1990 – 1998)

Education

- Master's Degree in Legal Sciences, from the Faculty of Law, at Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (UEM), in partnership with the Faculty of Law of Universidade Clássica de Lisboa, 2022.
- Faculty of Law, Eduardo Mondlane University, Law Degree (1998).

Recognition

- Ranked in Legal 500, Junior Ranking 2025.

Memberships

- Mozambican Bar Association, Member n. 221, where served as Member of the Jurisdictional Council (2010-2013) and 1st Vice - President of the Jurisdictional Council (2013-2016)
- Lawyers' Social Security Committee of the Mozambican Bar Association
- Patron of the Labor Process area of the Legal Assistance Institute (IAJ) of the Mozambican Bar Association
- Board Member of the Mozambican Olympic Committee
- Board of Eduardo Mondlane University's Faculty of Law, in representation of the Mozambican Bar Association.

Insights

Legal implications for procedural acts during the state of emergency

17 April 2020

By Presidential Decree no. 11/2020, of 30 March, the President of the Republic of Mozambique decreed the State of Emergency, on grounds of public calamity, throughout the country, with a duration of 30 days, effective as from 0.00 a.m. on 01 April 2020 and ending at 24.00 a.m. on 30 April 2020.