

## Prof. ANTÓNIO MENEZES CORDEIRO

### Biographical note

ANTÓNIO MANUEL DA ROCHA E MENEZES CORDEIRO, also known as ANTÓNIO MENEZES CORDEIRO, was born in Coimbra, in 1953, the son of a career diplomat. He graduated in law (1975) and obtained his PhD (1985) from Lisbon University, and was a scholarship student at the Munich Law Faculty. He has worked in a number of roles at different universities, in Germany, France, Italy, Canada, the United States and Brazil, as well as in Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Macao and Mozambique.

Professor (full) of the University of Lisbon. He has held a series of academic posts at the Lisbon Law Faculty: Chairman of the Governing Board (1989-91); Chairman of the Academic Board (1999-2001); Chairman of the Assembly of Representatives (2005-2007). He has been Dean of the Legal Studies Group, Lisbon Law Faculty, since 2002, and coordinator of the Private Law Research Centre since 2014.

He has published some 400 works, including specialist works (*Da boa fé no Direito civil* [Good faith in civil law, 1984, reprinted 1997, 2001, 2007, 2009 and 2011], *Da responsabilidade dos administradores das sociedades comerciais* [Director liability in commercial corporations, 1996], *Da compensação em Direito civil e no Direito bancário* [Set-off in civil and banking Law, 2003], *Direito europeu das sociedades* [European company law, 2005], *SA: Assembleia geral das sociedades anónimas* [The General meeting of public limited companies, 2007], and *Contratos públicos* [Public contracts, 2007]), collections (*Leis da Banca Anotadas*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. [Annotated Banking Law, 2005] and *Leis dos Seguros Anotadas* [Annotated Insurance Law, 2003]) and general works (*Direito do trabalho* [Labour law, 1991], *Direito bancário*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. [Banking Law, 2014], *Direito comercial*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. [Commercial Law, 2012] and *Direito das sociedades*, 1<sup>st</sup> volume, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. [Company Law, 2011] and 2<sup>nd</sup> volume, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. [2007]). Ten volumes have so far been published of his *Tratado de Direito civil* (Treatise on Civil Law), some in their 4<sup>th</sup> edition, and further volumes are forthcoming. He coordinated *Código das Sociedades Comerciais Anotado*, (Annotated Companies Code) 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (2011), and *Leis do Arrendamento Anotadas* (Annotated Tenancy Laws, 2014), and is the principal author in both cases.

Member of the Board of *Revista da Ordem dos Advogados* (Bar Association Journal), since 1980, having served as deputy editor from 1990 to 2010, assistant editor of *O Direito* (Law Journal) and editor of *Revista de Direito das Sociedades* (Company Law Journal).

Practising lawyer since 1980, and legal counsel since 1985, working on some 2000 cases, focussing mainly on civil, commercial, employment, banking, securities and corporate law. He has served as arbitrator in around 180 national and international arbitrations, including more than 55 as chairman, in a number of countries, as detailed in the attached table.

Founder and partner of the firm António Menezes Cordeiro e Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, with offices at Av. Marechal Craveiro Lopes, nº 8-D, 1º A, in Lisbon.

Holds corporate office in a number of companies: Chairman of the General Meeting of Portugal Telecom, SGPS, SA, since 2006 and Chairman of the General Meeting of Banco Comercial Português, SA, since 2008.

Member of 21 academic, cultural and sports societies, including legal associations (10), academic societies (2), environmental associations (2), consumer rights associations (1), cultural associations (3), institutes (4), foundations (1) and a golf club (1). Member of the Board of Arbitration of the Associação Comercial de Lisboa and full member of the Lisbon Academy of Sciences.

#### ***Annex: Arbitration experience***

Arbitrations	total	chairman	joint arbitrator	council	expert witness intern. <sup>2</sup>	French <sup>3</sup>	English <sup>3</sup>	German <sup>3</sup>
national <sup>1</sup>	148	51	97	3				
int/ICC	15	1	5	1	10	1	13	
int/UNCITRAL	1		1					
int/ <i>ad hoc</i>	15	4	2		10	2	9	1
Total	179	56	105	4	20	3	22	1

<sup>1</sup> Conservative estimate.

<sup>2</sup> Not including written opinions furnished to national arbitrations.

<sup>3</sup> Working language; when not indicated, uses Portuguese.

#### ***Areas of special arbitration expertise:***

- shareholders' agreements
- pre-contractual liability
- realisation of good faith and abuse of rights
- articles of association
- contractual and extra-contractual civil liability
- insolvency
- distribution contracts
- public contracts and project finance

financing  
petroleum law  
patents and industrial property

***Working languages:*** excellent: Portuguese and French, satisfactory: English, German, Spanish and Italian.

**Is not a shareholder of Novabase, SGPS.**