

CURRICULUM VITAE

JOSÉ ANTÓNIO DE MELO PINTO RIBEIRO

Born in Mozambique in 1946, grew up in Oporto from 1952, where he studied at the *Colégio Alemão do Porto (Deutsche Schule zu Porto)* until 1962 and at the *Liceu Normal D. Manuel II* until 1964. A Law School graduate in 1969 by the University of Lisbon, he was awarded the Gulbenkian Prize for Best Student in Economic and Legal Sciences.

Lectured as Assistant Professor at the *Instituto Superior de Economia da Universidade Técnica de Lisboa* (1971 to 1980), and at the Law School of the University of Lisbon (1975 to 1987). Also lectured as a Visiting Lecturer at the *Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa* between 1987 and 1993, at the *Instituto Superior de Ciências do Trabalho e da Empresa* between 1996 and 1997 and at the *Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Nova de Lisboa* from 1997 until 2002.

A Lawyer since 1971, he was a founding member in 1973 of the law firm Jorge Abreu, José António Pinto Ribeiro, José Maria Martins Soares, Paulo Lowndes Marques & Associados, and in 1975 founded the law firm J. A. Pinto Ribeiro & Associados, with offices in Lisbon, at Rua Duque de Palmela, where he is the Senior Partner.

Between 1974 and 1990, he was legal counsel for the international division of Banco Português do Atlântico (BPA). In 1985 he was senior legal adviser for the incorporation of Sociedade Interbancária de Serviços – SIBS. Between 1995 and 1998 he presided over the Legal Committee of the European Banking Federation, in the capacity of representative of the Portuguese Banking Association.

Over the past 30 years, he has been on the board as a non-executive director of several Portuguese corporations, including Portucel, SGPS, S.A. between 1997 and 2005, and PT Multimédia, S.A. between 2006 and 2008. In addition, he has chaired numerous shareholder meetings of several corporations.

In 1998 he was a member of the National Commission for the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, and a commentator for radios TSF (1994/1995) and RTPN (2007) on world / legal / human rights affairs.

Between January 2008 and October 2009 he was Minister for Culture of the Government of Portugal.

In December 2009, he was elected a Member of the High Council of the State Prosecutors (*Membro do Conselho Superior do Ministério Público*), and held that post from January 2010 until November 2011. He has been awarded the following titles and honours: Grand Officer of the Ordem da Liberdade (Portugal); Great Cross of Merit, Star and Banner of the German Federal Republic; Great Cross of Merit, Star and Banner of the Republic of Poland.

On December 10th, 2013, he was distinguished with the Medal of Honour of the Portuguese Bar Association (Ordem dos Advogados).