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**Rui Botica Santos** is widely regarded as an international preeminent authority on international commercial arbitration. He has been ranked for the past 10 years as one of the Portuguese leading international arbitration practitioners and the leading arbitration practitioner in Lisbon and in Dili (Timor-Leste), where he assists relevant Oil & Gas companies in disputes with the State.

**Bars Admitted:**

Portuguese Bar Association, since July 1995; Brazilian Bar Association, since May 2006; the Lawyers' Association of the Republic of Timor-Leste since 2012 and the Lawyers' Association of Macau since 2013.

**Qualifications/Education:**

Master *Honoris Causa* from the ISDE - Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía, Madrid (2010); Post-Graduation European Community Studies, Lisbon University (1994); Law Degree, Lisbon University (1992); Mediation Course in Civil and Corporate matters-organized by the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry-Professor Serge Roy-Canada (2001).

**Career Profile:**

Partner of CRA - Coelho Ribeiro e Associados – Portuguese Law Firm (since 1994); Founder Partner of CRA Timor – Timorese Law Firm (2006); Associate of Coelho Ribeiro e Associados-Law Firm (2006); Arbitrator in several Domestic and International Arbitrations (ICC and *Ad Hoc* Arbitrations related to contractual disputes and Oil & Gas matters); Arbitrator of the official list of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (TAS-CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland (since 2004); and Judge at the International Court of Appeal of the Federation Internationale de L'Automobile's for 2011-16; Arbitrator of the official list of the "Centro de Arbitragem das Profissões Liberais". Arbitrator of the official list of the Portuguese Centre for Commercial Arbitration.

**Academic Background:**

Invited as Lecturer for the Master in International Sport Law (LLM) in Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economia (ISDE) about Dispute Resolution Matters (2007); Invited as Lecturer for the Post-Graduation Course on Dispute Resolution, Law School, Nova University of Lisbon (2010-11 and 2013); Invited as Lecturer for the post-graduation course in Nova Forum, Instituto de Formação de Executivos in the School of Economics at University Nova of Lisbon in Insolvency Subject (2003-07) and Dispute Resolution Subject (2004).

**Conferences / Arbitration:**

Speaker at the CAS Seminar in Cancun, Mexico; 2014; Speaker at the CAS Seminar in Shanghai, China, 2013; Speaker at the First Seminar of International Arbitration held in Bahia, Brazil (1997); Speaker in several Working Sessions of AIJA Congresses, Seminars and Meetings; Speaker in several Congresses and Seminars organized in Portugal by the following institutes: IIR-Institute for International Research, MGI-Management Global Information and IFE-International Faculty for Executives; Secretary of several arbitrations.

**Professional Memberships / Arbitration:**

Swiss Arbitration Association (since 2014); Academic Counselling Board of the Associação Brasileira dos Estudantes de Arbitragem (since 2014); APDD – Portuguese Sports Law Association since 2007; member of the Board of Rexsport (International Sports Law Association since 2013 and member since 2004); Comité Português do Cour Européene d'Arbitrage; President of PLG (2008); Vice-President of PLG network (2007) and member of the Executive Board of PLG network since 2004; InterAmerican Bar Association (since 1999); AIJA-International Association of Young Lawyers (1997-2013); Member of the Executive Committee of AIJA-1999-2002; National Vice President of AIJA - National Representative (2002-2005); member of the Finance Committee and Finance Officer of the Law Course Committee (2005-2006); member of the "Club Español de Arbitraje" (since 2005).

**Publications:**

Employment Relationships at National Level: Portugal. Published in the European Sports Law and Policy Bulletin 1/2014; The compatibility of the Portuguese court of arbitration for sport with the constitution of the republic of Portugal. Published in the Revista Brasileira de Direito Desportivo (2014); Portugal / the Arbitration Court for Sport. Published on Jurisport, 2014;; The *Federation Internationale de L'Automobile* - FIA, published in the International and Comparative Sports Justice Journal (2013); Dispute Resolution System and Arbitration in Football at National Level, published in the CAS Bulletin Conference Information of 12 November 2012 during the Seminar on CAS Development and Lex Sportiva Arbitragem no Direito Desportivo, Intervenções no V Congresso do Centro de Arbitragem Comercial, Almedina (2012); Categories of International Sports Disputes, Solutions and the Particularity & Necessity of International Sports Arbitration. Published in the Sports science research volume 33 (2012); Sports Law in Portugal (2011), published by Wolters Kluwer Law & Business (340 pages); The Court of Arbitration for Sport, article published by Revista Brasileira de Direito Desportivo, Instituto Brasileiro de Direito Desportivo (2010); CAS Proceedings in the Light of the Revised Code, article published on the CAS Jurisprudence and New Developments in International Sports Law, 3rd CAS & SAV/FSA Conference Lausanne 2010.

**Languages Spoken:**

Portuguese; English; Spanish and Mandarin (Basic).

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