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WHO WE ARE

OneLegal brings together a unique community of lawyers.

Our project was born in a post-covid world, with a strong digital infrastructure providing a seamless service no matter how challenging and demanding the economic and social circumstances. Our model goes far beyond the outdated and cumbersome structure of a traditional law office network.

Most OneLegal members have known each other for a long time and have vast experience of professional collaboration.

Our ethos is simple yet effective. We provide a first-class customer service and experience to our largely international client base. Each representative of OneLegal shares the same characteristics and values. We all have decades of experience and deep knowledge of the markets in which we operate.

Our lawyers are recognised specialists and leaders in a variety of sectors and jurisdictions. In some cases with multiple country and cross-border expertise. Every client project is unique and requires the perfect blend of experience and know-how. This is why our lawyers are all independent and therefore our offering is not restricted to one brand, one model or one way of servicing clients. Our capability and track record will give you the confidence to contact us today. We will ensure that your requirements and expectations are met.

We are OneLegal.



WHERE ARE WE

We accompany our clients predominantly but not exclusively, throughout the lusophone countries.

We have the ability to partner with our clients inbound (from abroad to country) and outbound (from country to overseas) investment.

WE COVER SEVEN JURISDICTIONS ACROSS FOUR CONTINENTS:

Angola – P&P Advogados
Rui Amendoeira

Brazil – Schmidt Valois Advogados

Cabo Verde – Carla Monteiro & Associados
Dircilena Évora

Moçambique – Ferreira Rocha, António Advogados

Portugal – Boino & Associados
Carla Mascarenhas
MC&A

São Tomé e Príncipe – Wilfred Moniz

Timor Leste – MdS Legal



In addition to the countries where they are based, OneLegal members have experience working in several other countries, including Gabon, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo Brazzaville and Cameroon, among others. OneLegal does not have a central “Headquarters”. It is decentralised and works within close proximity.

COMMON LANGUAGE

Portuguese is the mother tongue of OneLegal

- Portuguese is a Latin rooted language, and one of the five romance languages, developed in the Iberian Peninsula over 2000 years ago when the region was part of the Roman Empire;
- It is currently one of the 10 most spoken languages in the world, with nearly 300 million speakers;
- Portuguese is the official language of nine countries (Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cabo Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe, Guinea Bissau, Timor-Leste and Equatorial Guinea) and in the territory of Macau, but curiously none of these countries is a neighbor of one another!
- The longest word in the Portuguese language has 46 (!) letters: “Pneumoultramicroscopicossilicovulcanoconiótico” it means the patient with a certain respiratory disease;
- Although Portuguese is the parent language of OneLegal, all members are fluent in English, and some in other languages such as French and Spanish, as well as local dialects of the countries covered by OneLegal.

WE ARE ON THE GROUND

OneLegal lawyers are established in their respective fields and have lived in their respective countries for years and years.

- When you do business in unfamiliar territory, you need to rely on advisors that truly know their way around, you can't afford to waste any time or money;
- Our lawyers are “local”, they share the same culture and values as the countries where they are located;
- Our lawyers “have the experience and know-how”. In addition to theoretical knowledge, the capacity of OneLegal lawyers is the result of “on the job” experience and of repeatedly facing the same problems and challenges. “We have been there and done that”. This gives immense comfort and reassurance to our clients;
- Our clients can trust professionals who know the law in practical terms, best practices and the specificities of each country.

WE KNOW PEOPLE

OneLegal lawyers are strongly embedded in their respective universes and over the years have built a broad network of trusting relationships with a multitude of players, from court system agents, policy makers, business leaders, public officials and other individuals.

We have the ability to "bridge the gap" with several of these notable influencers and individuals.

This network of contacts is instrumental for OneLegal members to achieve concrete results for their clients. It may sound like a cliché, but sometimes the quick resolution of a problem is "just a phone call away".

Our lawyers are well-known and respected in their local communities, often visible in the local media, either authoring articles, guest speaking at events or being interviewed on television networks.



WE UNDERSTAND YOUR BUSINESS

We know that we can only be effective and useful to clients by adding value if we understand their business.

We are known in the market for our “hands on” experience in various sectors of activity and industries (energy, banking, infrastructure, tourism, TMT and shipping, among others);

We make a great effort to learn and acquire know-how regarding the concrete functioning of our clients’ entities and industries. Sector experience are what clients demand above anything else, and we can deliver and meet their high expectations.



WE GET RESULTS

We cannot give “merely theoretical or abstract” advice.

Our work must produce concrete results and be effectively useful to clients. We do not embody the “sit on the fence” approach to practicing law;

We have to be “problem solvers” and have a practical approach;

Our track record in each jurisdiction where we have a presence speaks for itself and we always strive to “deliver for our clients”.



WE ARE DIGITAL

OneLegal is at the forefront of digital communication.

- We are a “post Covid” player that bets on digital marketing, remote work when necessary, and the most advanced communication and collaborative technologies;
- Our lawyers are active on social media and communicate with clients and the community at large through various platforms;
- Our lawyers regularly produce digital content for sharing knowledge and experience, through webinars, podcasts and videos;
- Our lawyers organise or participate in debates and digital conferences.



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