

Arnold Fragoso Ferreira, PhD



arnolis@hotmail.com

arnold.f.ferreira@gmail.com

Bulgarian and Angolan nationality

Born February 28th1984

Registered Lawyer at Angolan Bar Association

Registered Lawyer at Bulgarian Bar Association

Member of Bulgarian association for international law

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Apr.2015 – Dec. 2016 Agostinho Neto University, Department of commercial law, Luanda, Angola

- Duties

Lecturer in commercial law

- ✓ Lecture planning, preparation and teaching.
- ✓ Supervising students' works; conducting, checking and assessing students' exams.
- ✓ Conducting research, writing proposals, papers and other publications.

- July 2012 – Dec.2016

FBL Advogados / legal consultancy services, Luanda, Angola

- Duties

Associate/(directly supervising junior associates and trainees)

- ✓ Corporate housekeeping for major international clients such as Standard Chartered Bank Angola, Coca Cola Angola, LSG Sky Chefs, CFAO – Group, Mediterranean Shipping Company Angola, the Boston Consulting Group, SAP Software & Solutions, Bloomberg, etc., ensuring compliance with the local corporate requirements and adherence of their businesses with the current governance procedures.
- ✓ Working closely with international law firms such as Norton Rose Fulbright, Clifford Chance and Abreu Advogados on various issues, above all, on facility agreements and local approvals.
- ✓ Drafting on a regular basis claims, applications, motions, appeals and different complex contracts and agreements, legal opinions, different minutes of General Assembly and Board of Directors resolutions; Dealing with all aspects of corporate and commercial law, including appearing before court.
- ✓ Dealing Labor Law, including with collective dismissal of staff for our major clients, such as the dismissal procedure for DHL / Hull Blyth in 2013 and taking active part in negotiations with labor unions.
- ✓ Serving as a legal advisor to various governmental bodies, such as Municipal governments and ministries; assisted drafting legal acts and instruments such as the Gambling Law and the Public Procurement Law of Angola, different regulations for public registries and other acts.

- March 2011 – March 2012

Casino Technology / gambling industry, Sofia, Bulgaria

- Duties

In-house legal counsel

- ✓ Solved issues within the realm of corporate, commercial and labor law. On a daily basis providing advice and briefs to my superiors and different cross-functional team members regarding the applicable governance procedures.

- ✓ Took active part in negotiations during Mergers and Acquisitions and other transactions between the company, clients and partners.
- ✓ Drafted lease and purchase agreements for gambling machines, delivering legal researches related to Bulgarian, EU and foreign legislation in the field of gambling.
- ✓ Served as a compliance officer for all foreign applications regarding gambling licenses and other related permits in the USA, Malta, Guernsey, etc.

• Dec. 2008- Feb. 2011

Legal Service for Infrastructure Projects / legal consultancy, Sofia, Bulgaria

• Duties

In-house legal counsel

- ✓ Conducted in-depth research and legal consultation in different fields of law such as administrative, energy, environmental and medical law, construction and traffic organization etc. during the implementation of a wide range of infrastructure projects.
- ✓ Drafted appeals, supported legal representation before court, conducted execution of court decisions and decrees before bailiffs.
- ✓ Worked with such prominent clients, such as AES Bulgaria on their project AES – Maritsa Iztok III (TPS Galabovo), one of the biggest foreign investments in Bulgaria.
- ✓ Encountered and solved complex problems, which needed a pioneer approach and team work to succeed; most of them were precedents for the Bulgarian Court and the academic body and, therefore, demanded thinking out of the box and questioning the status quo.

• May 2008 – Nov. 2008

Credibul/ Credit Institution a subsidiary of Société Générale in Sofia, Bulgaria

• Duties

In-house legal counsel

- ✓ Gained extensive experience in enforcement law.
- ✓ Managed a package of more than 1000 enforcement cases.
- ✓ Started new enforcement cases before bailiffs
- ✓ Drafted legal opinions regarding the activities of the company.
- ✓ My work included constant travelling around the country in order to check-up various enforcement cases. At the end of the 3rd quarter of 2008 my region had the highest recovery rate in the company.

• Oct. 2006 – April 2008

Popov & Partners / Law Office, located in Sofia, Bulgaria

• Duties

Assistant Lawyer

- ✓ Assisted the lawyers in their day to day tasks.
- ✓ Drafted different kinds of documents, contracts, appeals, notes, etc.
- ✓ Checked up cases in court.

• Nov. 2005- March 2006

Bulgarian Helsinki Committee / International NGO in Sofia, Bulgaria

• Duties

Legal trainee

- ✓ Conducted research on the problems of discrimination, rights of minorities, disabled people, women's and children's rights, refugees and migrants' issues, fair trial, conflicts and humanitarian crisis etc.
- ✓ Granted legal assistance to people, whose human rights have been abused, wrote statements and prepared reports on these issues.

- ✓ Actively contributed to promoting the knowledge about the international human rights legislation as well as conducted in-depth research into the international human rights.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS:

- March 2017- January 2018
Visiting Scholar and participant at the International Trade Law Program at University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, People's Republic of China.
- May 2012
Fellowship at the Bulgarian Maritime Administration
 - Duties
 - ✓ Drafted legal opinions, related to the implementation of several EU regulations and directives in the maritime sector and ship pollution conventions.
 - ✓ Conducted comparative researches related to the implementation of EU Regulations and directives in other EU countries.
- April 2012
Fellowship at Blaz de Leso Abogados in Barcelona, Spain
 - Duties
 - ✓ Drafted legal opinions, related to the application of the different international shipping conventions.
 - ✓ Provided legal advice on Spanish civil and international maritime law.
- October 2010
Research at Max Planck Institute for Comparative and Private International Law in Hamburg, Germany
 - Duties
 - ✓ Gathered needed information and materials for the PHD thesis.
 - ✓ Attended several conferences on international maritime law.

Education :

- Title of qualification awarded
PhD degree in International private maritime law
The thesis received jury's special recognition for highest contribution to the field Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Law Department.
- Title of qualification awarded
• Oct.2001– Nov. 2007
Master in Law / GPA – 5,30; graduated with distinction
Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Law Department.
- Title of qualification awarded
• Sept. 1996 – June 2001
International baccalauréat diploma
Ecole Consulaire Congolaise de Luanda

LINGUISTIC COMPETENCIES :

- Mother tongue
Bulgarian and Portuguese
- Other languages
French Proficient C1
English Proficient C1
Spanish Proficient C1
Russian Intermediate B1