

Lisbon firm recruits new practice head

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Portuguese law firm Pbbr has hired **Tiago Coder Meira** from SRS Legal to lead its litigation and arbitration practice.

Pbbr [announced](#) Coder Meira's appointment on 16 October. The firm did not previously have a formal disputes head and tells GAR the hire is specifically designed to strengthen its litigation and arbitration practice.

Coder Meira leaves SRS after five years, having been promoted to the partnership last year. Before joining SRS he spent 10 years as associate and then senior associate at AAA Advogados.

His practice focuses on litigation and arbitration in civil and commercial law as well as on criminal law and administrative offences. Recently he has advised parties on class actions.

SRS head of disputes **José Jácome** tells GAR he worked with Coder Meira for around 15 years and describes him as "an excellent lawyer and even better a friend". He says Coder Meira leaves "on the best of terms as I completely understand he was up to a new challenge".

"I wish him all the best."

Pbbr partner **Pedro Pinto** says Coder Meira's arrival "represents a very important step in the consolidation of our strategy of sustained growth and quality, for which we are recognised by our clients" and "reflects the firm's commitment to an essential

practice area with prospects for growth in demand, in which we want to invest and grow”.

Pinto adds: “Tiago’s recognition and experience in the market give us confidence that litigation and arbitration will consolidate their position as relevant practice areas for the firm, complementing those that are already a benchmark for Pbbr and fostering strong synergies with the other departments at Pbbr.”

Coder Meira says: “It is with great enthusiasm that I take on the leadership of Pbbr’s litigation and arbitration department, with a commitment to reinforcing the excellence and solidity that characterise the firm and contributing to its continued success.”

He is a graduate of the Portuguese Catholic University in Lisbon.



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