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## **Tax**

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Dounia Semlali joined the Garrigues Casablanca office in 2015 and she is a Senior Associate . She specializes in tax law and exchange control regulations and advises on mergers, acquisitions and foreign investment planning in Morocco.

She has been recognized in various editions of Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500.

## **Experience**

Dounia Semlali joined the Casablanca office in 2015 where she specializes in tax law and exchange control regulation. She holds a bachelor degree in finance from the Institut Supérieur de Commerce et d'Administration des Entreprises (ISCAE) in Casablanca and she is trained as a chartered accountant in Morocco.

She totals twenty years of professional experience as a tax advisor in many international firms such as Ernst & Young. Between 2010 and 2012 she was also country finance director of the Publicis Group, which has three subsidiaries in Morocco.

As a tax advisor she has served multinational and local clients on domestic and international tax, transfer pricing, human capital matters and tax litigation. She has also a broad experience in foreign exchange compliance, planning and litigation.

## **Academic background**

She holds a bachelor degree in finance from the Institut Supérieur de Commerce et d'Administration des Entreprises (ISCAE) in Casablanca (2003) and she is trained as a chartered accountant in Morocco (2007).

She holds the specialization certificates in IFRS and US GAAP from the INTEC institute in Paris (2004).

## **Teaching activity**

She is a frequent speaker at the Hassan II University and in the business law training program held by the International Chamber of Commerce in Morocco (ICC Morocco).

## **Distinctions**

She is designated amongst "Rising Stars" in tax, in all editions of Legal500 since 2016.

## **Publications**

Publication of various articles on tax matters in different specialized magazines and blogs.