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- Law Degree, Faculty of Law, Classic University of Lisbon
- Master in Bioethics, Faculty of Medicine, Complutense University of Madrid
- Senior Researcher of Portuguese Catholic University (Bioethics Institute).
- Practising lawyer (since 1984) expertise on intellectual property and life sciences

In 1986, when she published her first book - "The Artificial Procreation - Legal Aspects" (collection of law books, Moraes Editores).

Actually Paula is member of the UNESCO IBC (International Bioethics Committee);

And is member of the Ethics Committees of Champalimaud Foundation; Centro Hospitalar de Lisboa Central.

She has played several positions in the area of Life Sciences:

- Member of the European Group of Ethics in Science and New Technologies of the EU Commission 1998-2000; 2005-2010; 2011- 2016. Vice Chair 2004-2010.
- Chair of the National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences - CNECV (2003 – 2009).
- Member of the COMETH Bureau (European Conference of the National Councils of Ethics, Council of Europe (2003-2010).
- Member of the National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences during two mandates (1991 – 2001).
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Society of Bioethics.

Recently, in November, 2018 she has been invited by the French Assemblée Nationale in which she was heard as an international qualified expert by the Commission for the revision of French bioethics laws.

In 2003 Paula was distinguished with the French decoration of "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur"