



ARBITRATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

We believe arbitration is the natural trend to resolve disputes in Latin America, especially in sophisticated markets, such as oil & gas and energy. We provide advice and counseling on negotiation of strategies and efficient use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms.

Our partners have participated in dispute resolution procedures over Bolivia-Brazil pipeline (GASBOL) access. These procedures were conducted by the National Oil, Natural Gas and Biofuels Agency (Agência Nacional do Petróleo, Gás Natural e Biocombustíveis ANP) and considered as the leading case in the gas segment in Brazil.

Our lawyers have acted as expert witnesses in arbitrations

involving oil & gas and energy matters. Our services cover the examination of legal issues relating to conflicts of law, sovereign immunity, enforcement of arbitration awards, Discovery and cross-examination, amongst others.

We have been involved in the review of arbitration clauses and procedures set forth in the concession agreements for exploration, development and production of oil & gas in Brazil.

Recently, we have assisted clients in international arbitration issues arising from the nationalization of upstream assets in Latin America and its impacts on the development of the Brazilian gas market.



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He has an extensive practice in energy, regulatory, M&A, corporate and infrastructure transactions. From 1990 to 1993, he worked in the legal department of Shell in Brazil. After that, he joined a well-known Brazilian law firm where he became a partner in 1996 acting in commercial contracts, M&A, infrastructure and regulatory law. He was a visiting associate at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, New York, from 1998 to 1999. He was also partner at another important local firm for six years, where he was responsible for the above-mentioned areas. He has been nominated by Chambers and Partners as a leading lawyer in Corporate/M&A, Projects and Energy and Natural Resources. In particular area, he has also been listed by Expert Guides. In the Energy sector and in the Oil & Gas field he was highlighted by Who's Who Legal year after year. Latin Lawyer 250 has also mentioned him in Energy, Projects & Infrastructure, Corporate & M&A and Administrative law areas. He was also referred by Legal 500 in Natural Resources – Electricity. He was recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in Energy Law and recommended in the following areas: Corporate and M&A, Energy, Oil & Gas and Natural Resources by Best Lawyers International 2018. Brazilian Anuário Análise Advocacia has recognized him as one of the most admired lawyers in Brazil in Infrastructure and Regulatory areas. He was a guest professor of National and International Contracts for the MBA in Technology Law, and of Contractual Relations in the New Energy Model for the MBA in Energy Management for Fundação Getúlio Vargas. Post-graduated in Business Law from Fundação Dom Cabral. Graduated from Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro. Member of the Board of the Brazilian Bar Association- Section RJ for 2016-2018. Languages: Portuguese, English and Spanish.

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