



MINING

Consultancy in research, mining, processing and commercialization

Schmidt, Valois, Miranda, Ferreira & Agel assists national and international companies in different mining projects in Brazil. Our services include the representation of clients before the Ministry of Mining and Energy (MME) and the National Mining Agency (ANM) for concession of mining rights necessary for the development of research and mining activities.

Our team provides assistance to clients in due diligence processes, negotiation of joint ventures, acquisition of companies, assignment of mining rights and solution of themes of the industry's interest. The firm also represents companies in negotiations with owners of real properties for acquiring and leasing lands to develop projects.

SVMFA has participated in the structuring of ventures in the mining area in its several phases, whether in a research preliminary stage or with economic use shown by feasibility studies, in any case addressing sophisticated structures from the corporate, tax and financial points of view.

The firm's services include the review of several legal and tax issues such as the carrying out of projects in the borderland strip and the participation of foreign companies in the mining activity.

How we can help:

- Structuring of mining projects in purchase and sale transactions of mining rights.
- Legal and environmental audit, including with the appraisal of the license regulation and the fulfillment of the conditions for exercising the activities.
- Organization of companies, tax and environmental planning, project funding, construction of industrial plants and other works in the sector.
- Negotiation and preparation of contracts, including those of option, acquisition, assignment and transfer of mining rights and lease of deposits.



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For more than 25 years, he has developed a legal practice focused on business law, representing clients in local and international transactions related to natural resources and infrastructure projects (in particular oil and gas, power generation, mining, ports and terminals), mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate matters, international contracts and project finance. He was the head of the gas and power and oil products in the legal practice of Shell in Brazil, where he was extensively exposed to all related legal and contractual matters of the industry, including exploration and production. Prior to founding the firm, he was a partner at a well-known Brazilian law firm. He has been appointed as a leading lawyer both in Energy and Natural Resources and in Corporate/M&A by Chambers and Partners, year after year. International Who's Who of Business Lawyers and the World's Leading Energy and Natural Resources Lawyers, published by Euromoney, recognized him in the Oil and Gas. Highlighted by Who's Who Legal as a reference in the natural resources area in Brazil. He has been recommended by the publication Legal 500 and Latin Lawyer 250. Brazilian Anuário Análise Advocacia has recognized him as one of the most admired lawyers in Brazil. He holds a masters' degree from the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP) of the University of Dundee, Scotland, 2001. Bachelor of Laws degree from Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro in 1988. Member of the Ethics Court of OAB/RJ in 2010. Languages: Portuguese, English and Spanish.



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He represents domestic and international clients in mining, Oil & Gas and corporate transactions, and has been actively participating in the review and discussion of bills of law related to the energy industry, in particular natural gas regulations. Started his career at Shell Brazil (1971-1998), having spent the last ten years at the company as general legal counsel of the Shell Group Companies in Brazil, responsible for oil products, natural gas, mining, metals, chemicals, aviation, as well as for the tax department. Acted as an off counsel and was partner of two major Brazilian law firms. He was appointed as one of the most admired lawyers by Análise Advocacia 500 in commercial contracts and infrastructure. He has been listed since 2007 by the International Who's Who of Business Lawyers in the oil and gas sector, and was nominated as a leading lawyer in Energy and Natural Resources by Chambers and Partners from 2008 to 2018. He was nominated as a leading lawyer by Expert Guides to the World's Leading Energy and Natural Resource Lawyers and by Best Lawyers since 2010. Recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in Oil and Gas by Best Lawyers 2018. Appointed by Legal 500 Latin America and Latin Lawyer 250 as one of the leading lawyers in Energy and Natural Resources in Brazil. Author of many articles and chapters in newspapers, specialized magazines and books dealing with legal and regulatory matters of the Oil & Gas industry. Post-graduated in Business Law from Fundação Dom Cabral. Graduated by the Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro. Languages: Portuguese and English.



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His practice involves the representation of IOCs, NOCs, private equities, financial institutions and suppliers in O&G, M&A, private placements, offshore supply, pipeline construction, LNG projects, infrastructure, and tax related matters. He represents international and domestic clients in international tenders promoted by the Petroleum Agency and Petrobras for the divestment of onshore and offshore blocks, also in complex bidding procedures for the charter of FPSOs, FSRUs, and FSOs. In the last years, following with the energy transition, Paulo Valois has become directly involved in financing projects for renewable energy (wind and solar) and green hydrogen, with a special attention at the search for seeking regulatory and contractual solutions. He started his career as in-house counsel for Shell in Brazil, in 1989. He has been recommended by important international and national publications such as Chambers and Partners: Oil & Gas, since 2006; The Legal 500 and Leaders League: Oil & Gas and Projects & Infrastructure; Latin lawyer 250: highly recommended; Euromoney: top ranked in "Experts' Guide to the World's Leading Energy and Natural Resource Lawyers", since 2007, "Thought Leader in Energy and Natural Resources", in 2018; Best Lawyers, since 2009; "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in Natural Resources", in 2018; "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in Energy, in 2019, "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in Oil and Gas, in 2019; Who's Who Legal: Energy, since 2009, "Most Highly Regarded Individuals" and "Thought Leader Energy, in 2018; LACCA, since 2014; Análise Advocacia: the most admired lawyers in Brazil. Also, he was nominated as one of the most influential lawyers in the country by the Brazilian edition of the GQ Magazine, in 2014. Assistant Professor of Law at Master Business in Petroleum of COPPE/UFRJ, from 2000 to 2004. Vice-chairman of the Brazilian Center of Mediation and Arbitration (CBMA), from 2014 to 2016. Director of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce in RJ, from 2015 to 2016. Tax Committee of National Organization of Oil Industry (ONIP), from 2000 to 2002. Vice-chairman of the Energy Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce, in 2000. Member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators and former alternate regional director of the AIPN Latin America Chapter. He is author of a variety of articles and a frequent speaker in panels related to O&G matters and programs worldwide. Admitted to Portuguese Bar Association. Master Degree in International Law by the University of São Paulo (USP). Master Business in Petroleum (MBP) by the Federal University of State of Rio de Janeiro/COPPE. Post-graduated in International Law by the Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, France: Certificat des Hautes Études Européennes. Graduated by the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ). Languages: Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.



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Lawyer acting in Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions, Administrative Law, Public-Private Partnerships and Infrastructure, Mining Law, and Energy Law. He has extensive experience as a business and diplomatic leader, having served as Honorary President

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Carlos Alberto Lacerda

He has been working as a lawyer in the areas of Mining, Civil and Commercial Law, since 1977. During this time he has acquired valuable experience and specific knowledge on all related aspects, direct and indirect, with the Brazilian mining activity, which helped him to develop special

methods and practices in the treatment of problems related to this sector of the national economy, such as: monitoring the mining judicial procedures ("Mining Law") and administrative procedures ("Special Law") before the National Mining Agency (ANM) and the Ministry of Mines and Energy ("MME"); preparation of a legal report for verification of requirements ("Due Diligence") of Mining Law and Administrative/ Special Law before all ANM Regional Offices and the MME bodies; preparation of many types of contracts involving the various activities related to mining; advice on legal aspects of mining related to Urban, Real Estate and (or) Land Law; administrative litigation before ANM and MME in relation to Mining and Special Law, the latter in particular the Financial Compensation for Mineral Exploration ("CFEM"); participation in legal actions and measures before Courts, in cooperation with local lawyers, in matters related to legal litigation in Mining, Civil and Land Law; legal guidance on registration of companies and activities in the Brazilian borders; participation in negotiations with landowners, trespassers, prospectors, non-governmental organizations and/or public agents, which allow the installation and maintenance of mining projects in Brazil; preparation of legal opinion and response to consultations related to matters involving Brazilian Mining Law and other related topics; constant monitoring of decisions published in the Federal Official Gazette related to the processes before ANM and/or MME, among others. Author of the book "Comments on the Mining Code", published by Forense, in 1983. Also, author of several legal articles published in magazines and periodicals related to Brazilian mining. Juris Doctor degree by Cândido Mendes University from Rio de Janeiro. Master degree in Geosciences by Campinas University. Degree in Environmental Sciences by Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Languages: Portuguese and English.

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