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ANALYSIS

Brazil has a well developed competition bar, with several leading firms recognised for their expertise. Our research picks out 27 competition lawyers.

Levy & Salomão Advogados is the only firm to see three of its partners listed. **Amadeu Ribeiro** co-heads the antitrust and international trade practice and is “top tier”, while **Aurélio Marchini Santos** is “outstanding” for his defence of clients in the transport, telecommunications, energy, mining and chemicals sectors, as well as for his regulatory expertise. **Bolívar Moura Rocha** can offer clients the benefit of his “enviable public sector experience” having held several positions at the Brazilian Federal Administration.

TozziniFreire Advogados is home to two of the most well regarded individuals in the research overall. **Marcelo Calliari** is a former commissioner of Brazil’s competition council, CADE, and “arguably the best known competition lawyer in Brazil”. Alongside him, **Jose Augusto Caleiro Regazzini** is “market-leading” with a profile that extends worldwide. He is vice-chair of the antitrust committee of the IBA and together they give TozziniFreire “an expertise in competition law that stands comparison with any firm in Brazil”.

Barbosa Müssnich & Aragão earns two listings in this chapter. **Barbara Rosenberg** is “very well known” and regarded as a “leader”. A former director in the Economic Law Secretariat – SDE – within the Ministry of Justice she “knows competition law inside out”. Alongside her, **Rodrigo Zingales do Nascimento** was consistently praised by sources throughout Latin America.

Clients are “always very impressed with” **Cristianne Saccab Zarzur** at Pinheiro Neto Advogados, speaking highly of her “dedication to the case”. **Renê Guilherme S Medrado** is an expert in trade and competition matters, and in the latter field is particularly well known for his litigation and merger-related work.

Demarest e Almeida Advogados “always provides strong business-oriented advice and solutions” and fields two partners in this chapter. **Ricardo Noronha Inglez de Souza** impressed our sources, who commented on his “professionalism, drive for results and strategic perception”. **Mário Nogueira** is head partner for economic and competition law and a “high-quality operator”.

Mattos Muriel Kestener Advogados is “always well informed and provides the highest standard of service”, with **Ubiratan Mattos** particularly well regarded. He was hailed for his disputes work, with a source saying “he is one of the top competition litigators in the country and the first choice if you have a very complex case”. **Maria Cecilia Andrade** stands out for her antitrust, merger clearance and cartel investigation work.

Tulio Freitas do Egito Coelho and **Francisco Ribeiro Todorov** from Trench Rossi & Watanabe are known for their “top-tier competition work” and particularly for their excellent relationship with the regulators, and both scored highly in our research.

Mauro Grinberg moved to Barcellos Tucunduva in 2007, and is regarded as a “legend of Brazilian competition law”. A former commissioner of CADE, he has worked for clients such as Google, Siemens, Merck and Shell and is internationally recognised as an expert in merger control and antitrust litigation.

Tito Amaral de Andrade is listed from Machado Meyer Sendacz e Opice Advogados, and was recommended as “highly technical and extremely effective”.

Franceschini e Miranda Advogados’ **José Inácio Gonzaga Franceschini** is “undeniably one of the leading experts in the country”. He was a member of the committee appointed by CADE to draft the Brazilian Antitrust Law, and is “one of the pillars of the competition bar”.

Carlos Francisco de Magalhães of

Magalhães Nery e Dias Advocacia is the founder of IBRAC (Brazilian Institute of Studies on Competition, Consumption and International Trade), and the firm is home to “one of the best competition practices in Brazil, with highly competent and proactive lawyers”.

Sérgio Varella Bruna appears from Lobo & de Rizzo Advogados and is “highly respected by the market”, while **Caio Mario da Silva Pereira Neto** represents Leoni Siqueira Advogados in this chapter thanks to his “highly impressive technical skills”. A former director at the SDE, he was also national manager of the economic and competition defence programme where he was responsible for the dialogue between Brazil’s three antitrust agencies.

José Del Chiaro Ferreira da Rosa maintains his own firm and is “extremely well respected”. A former secretary of the SDE, his firm is also well known for its ability to offer the services of competition economists alongside its lawyers. Clients include ArcelorMittal Brasil, Bayer, Merck and Volkswagen.

Pedro Zanotta of Albino Advogados Associados is regarded as a “leading professional” in this field. President of the committee on antitrust and regulation studies at the Brazilian Bar Association, his reputation extends across the country.

Tércio Sampaio Ferraz founded competition boutique Sampaio Ferraz Advogados in 2008, and his “phenomenal levels of learning” mean that he is often called on by clients, particularly in relation to merger cases.

Marcio Bueno of Lino Beraldi Bueno e Belluzzo Advogados is a “rising force” with several peers commenting on his skills, while at Machado Associados **Guilherme Ribas** is “rapidly establishing himself as a star in this sector of law” and received multiple nominations from across Brazil. **Eduardo Caminati Anders** of Pedro Dutra Advogados is another lawyer who is “fast gaining a first-class reputation”.