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## Education

### Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Master of Laws (LL.M.), May 2017

Honors: Person of the Year Fellowship 2016, Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce  
Instituto Ling Scholarship, Brazil (merit-based)

Activities: Harvard International Arbitration Law Students Association, *Events Commissioner*  
Harvard Women's Law Association, *Board Member and Coordinator of the "Mediation and Arbitration" Affinity Group*  
Harvard Law & International Development Society, *LL.M. Representative and Project Member*  
Harvard Law School Brazilian Studies Association, *Academic Officer*  
Brazil Conference at Harvard & MIT, *Founder of Diversity Committee and Member of the Organizing Committee*

Thesis: *Efficiency of Contractual Remedies in Brazil* (approved with Honors)

### University of São Paulo (USP) Law School, São Paulo, Brazil

Bachelor of Laws, December 2013

Honors: First Class Honors (ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in a class of 225); "Best Student Award"

Activities: "Arbitration and International Contracts" Study Group, *Coordinator*  
20<sup>th</sup> Willem C. Vis Moot – Pieter Sanders and Werner Melis Awards, *Team Speaker*  
21<sup>st</sup> Willem C. Vis Moot – 1<sup>st</sup> place in the General Oral Rounds (out of 290 competing universities), *Team Coach*  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Studies Center, *Member*

Thesis: *The Legal Basis of International Commercial Arbitration* (approved with "Distinction" and highest possible grade)

### Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris), Paris, France

French-English One-Year Undergraduate Exchange Program, June 2012

Honors: Dean's Honor List and *Mention Summa Cum Laude* (Top 2%)

### International Academy for Arbitration Law (Arbitration Academy), Paris, France

Certificate in Advanced International Arbitration Studies, July 2012

## Experience

### Three Crowns LLP, Washington, DC

Associate, *International Arbitration Practice* (International Associate, August 2017 – July 2018) (Associate, July 2018 – present)

- Represent clients in international commercial and investment arbitrations heard under a range of institutional rules, including the ICC, LCIA, ICSID, and UNCITRAL rules. Examples of recent experience include representing (i) a major US private equity firm in two parallel ICC arbitrations involving claims of fraud and breach of warranty under a share purchase agreement governed by Brazilian law; (ii) an electricity utility company in an investment treaty arbitration against a Latin American state; and (iii) a consortium of major oil & gas companies in a dispute with a Latin American State concerning breaches of an investment agreement.
- Active pro bono practice focused on human rights advocacy.

### L.O. Baptista Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil

Associate, *Arbitration Team* (Associate, January 2014 – July 2016) (Intern, August 2012 – December 2013)

- Represented clients in more than 10 domestic and international arbitrations; assisted partner Adriana Braghetta with legal opinions; advised clients on commercial and dispute-resolution matters; drafted memoranda on arbitration, contractual, and commercial issues.

Intern, *Arbitration and Corporate Team* (January 2011 – July 2011)

### São Paulo State Court of Appeals, São Paulo, Brazil

Assistance Team Intern, *Judge Ricardo Belli, 25<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Private Law* (January 2010 – December 2010)

### XI de Agosto Legal Department, São Paulo, Brazil

Intern, *pro bono legal service maintained by USP Law School's student government* (January 2009 – December 2009)

## Additional Experience

- **2015-2016 Young ICCA Mentoring Program** with Ellen Gracie Northfleet, former Brazilian Federal Supreme Court Justice.
- **CPR International Mediation Moot**, *Co-chair* (October 2019 – present); *Organizing Committee* (February 2016 – May 2017).
- **Brazilian Association of Arbitration Students (ABEARb)**, Brazil, *President* (2014) and *Director* (2013).

## Select Publications and Presentations

- Speaker, panel on *Witness Evidence in International Arbitration*, organized by ICC YAF (North America Chapter), 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.
- Speaker, panel on *Due Process of law and judicial control of arbitral awards (recognition and annulment)*, XVI INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CONFERENCE OF THE BRAZILIAN ARBITRATION COMMITTEE (CBAr), 24 September 2017 (Gramado, Brazil).
- Authored book review on *Economic Analysis of the Arbitrator's Function* by Bruno Guandalini, ICSID REVIEW (forthcoming).
- Co-authored "A binding code of conduct for adjudicators in investor-state disputes: a step forward?", PRACTICAL LAW ARBITRATION BLOG (MAY 26, 2020).
- Co-authored "Arbitration and the Judiciary – 2016 CBAr-ABEARb Research", Special Edition of the REVISTA BRASILEIRA DE ARBITRAGEM, Comitê Brasileiro de Arbitragem, 2017 (also published in Portuguese and English at Kluwer Law International).
- Authored "The Challenges of Applying the CISG Concept of Conformity in Latin America, in *CISG and Latin America: Regional and Global Perspectives* 319 (Ingeborg Schwenzer et al. eds., Eleven International Publishing, 2016).
- Co-authored "The Next Chapter for Dispute Resolution in Brazil, NYU CENTER FOR TRANSNATIONAL LITIGATION, ARBITRATION, AND COMMERCIAL LAW BLOG (Aug. 19, 2015).

## Personal

- **Professional Memberships:** Licensed to practice law in Brazil, New York, and Washington DC (Special Legal Consultant). Various arbitration institutions: ArbitralWomen, Young ITA, Young ICCA, ICC-YAF, YIAG-LCIA, CBAr, and ABEARb.
- **Languages:** Portuguese (Native); English (Fluent); French (Fluent); Spanish (Advanced).
- **Interests:** Ballet (graduated with distinction from Britain's Royal Academy of Dance; Cisne Negro Cia. de Dança), sports, travelling.