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Nationality: Brazilian and German
Date of Birth: 30 March 1988
Place of Birth: Florianópolis, SC, Brazil



Admitted to the Brazilian (2013) and to the Portuguese (2020) Bar Associations
Registered an European Lawyer at the Hanseatic Bar Association (RAK Hamburg)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH | Hamburg, Germany

ASSOCIATE AT THE COMPLEX DISPUTES TEAM

Jan/2022 – Present

Advises and represents clients in complex legal disputes, especially in international commercial and investment arbitration proceedings, with an emphasis on investor-state disputes in the energy sector under the relevant international rules (such as DIS, ICC, ICSID).

Borris Hennecke Kneisel | Cologne, Germany

SENIOR FOREIGN ASSOCIATE

Aug/2016 – Dez/2021

Practiced in international commercial arbitration proceedings, acting as arbitrator, party representative and secretary of arbitral tribunals, in disputes involving commercial and corporate law (e.g. post-M&A, joint ventures and international sales contracts), powerplant construction (notably hydroelectric power stations, solar and offshore wind parks), in the energy and infrastructure sectors (e.g. oil and gas projects or long-term supply contracts). Was involved in arbitration proceedings and in dispute adjudication boards both ad hoc and institutional, under the arbitration rules of the ICC and the DIS, conducted in English and in German, seated in various jurisdictions.

Engevix Engenharia S.A. (Energy, Industry and Engineering) | Florianópolis, Brazil

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Mar/2013 – Aug/2015

Drafted and analyzed contracts (FIDIC, EPC, NDAs MOUs, turnkey, supply, etc.) for the design, construction and development of energy power plants – hydroelectrical, wind, solar and thermoelectrical – in the Portuguese, Spanish and English languages. Provided legal advice to managers and engineers in commercial negotiations with companies in Latin America and in Africa. Acted before government bodies, drafting administrative claims and defenses. Managed the progress of cases and supported external counsel in arbitration and court proceedings.

EDUCATION

LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS)

UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA AND GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES | Geneva, Switzerland

Sep/2015 – Sep/2016

LL.M. Thesis: *Experts as Arbitrators: Is Expert Determination still so different from arbitration?*
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Thomas Schutz

Specialization in Business and Corporate Law

COMPLEX OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF SANTA CATARINA – CESUSC | Florianópolis, Brazil

Oct/2013 – Aug/2015

Article: *The Cooperation Duty in Business Contracts*
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Orlando da Silva Neto

Bachelor of Laws

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CATARINA – UFSC | Florianópolis, Brazil

Aug/2007 – Feb/2013

Thesis: *Arbitrators' Ethics in International Commercial Arbitration*
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Arno Dal Ri Jr.

Bachelor in Business Administration

STATE UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CATARINA – ESAG/UEDESC | Florianópolis, Brazil

Aug/2006 – Aug/2012

Thesis: *Case Study of Financial Restructuring*
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ruth Rossi

Exchange Program in International Law

WESTFÄLISCHE WILHELMS-UNIVERSITY MÜNSTER | Münster, Germany

Aug/2010 – Aug/2011

Courses attended: *International Commercial Arbitration (EN); EU Law (DE); Introduction to Comparative Law (DE); German Law for Foreign Students (DE); Private International German Law (DE); German Law of Succession (DE); American Constitutional Law (EN); Common Law of Torts (EN).*

PUBLICATIONS

TDM Special Issue on Non-Legal Adjudicators in National and International Disputes | TDM 2 (2017) ISSN : 1875-4120 Issue : Vol. 14, issue 2
MORE DEFERENCE FOR EXPERT DECISIONS?

May / 2017

Revista Justiça do Direito | V. 30, N. 1 (2016)

BREVES NOTAS SOBRE O CONTEÚDO E A EXTENSÃO DO DEVER DE COOPERAÇÃO EM CONTRATOS EMPRESARIAIS (*Brief Remarks on the Content and Extension of the Cooperation Duty in Business Contracts, published in portuguese only*)

Jan / 2016

LANGUAGES

Portuguese – Native Speaker

English – Full working proficiency **German** – Full working proficiency

Spanish – Full working proficiency **French** – Limited working proficiency

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

- German Institution of Arbitration (DIS) and DIS40
- Brazilian Arbitration Association (*Comitê Brasileiro de Arbitration* - CBAr)
- CAM-CCBC NewGen
- ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF)
- ASA des Jeunes Practiciens de l'Arbitrage (ASA Below 40)
- European-Latin-American Arbitration Association E.V (ELArb)
- Latin American Arbitration Practitioners (LATAP)
- Arbitral Women

Founding Member of the ARBinBRIEF video series on practical arbitration issues.

Coach of the VIS Moot Court Team of the Federal University of Santa Catarina since 2017.

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