

Environmental law and Climate change

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Mattos Filho's environmental team is specialized and qualified to meet all client's demands relating to Brazilian environmental law.

Our activities include:

Environmental litigation and alternative dispute resolution

Legal representation in administrative and court proceedings involving analysis of different strategies and possible results for conflict resolution;

Preparation of administrative defenses, legal opinions, participation in meetings and monitoring expert and technical assistant.

Environmental licensing

Specialized monitoring and oversight of complex environmental licensing processes in different areas and for different companies, monitoring environmental technical studies, planning and implementing environmental programs, participation in public hearings and consultancy for implementation of environmental management systems.

Contaminated areas

Guidance on complex matters related to management of contaminated areas;

Assessment of contractual and non-contractual environmental liabilities involving real estate purchase and sale;

Analysis of properties for real estate investment funds;

Environmental due diligence and definition of action plans for compliance with the current legislation and mitigation of environmental risks, liabilities and contingencies.

Solid waste

Representation of clients before government agencies for implementation of the National Policy on Solid Waste, definition of negotiating and litigation strategies, preparation of agreements between various companies in the same sector and recommendation for compliance with legal requirements relating to post-consumer waste management.

Environmental Assets (Forests, Biodiversity, Water Resources, Carbon Market)

Biodiversity-related guidance, access to genetic heritage, related traditional knowledge, benefit sharing agreements, negotiation and preparation of agreement between various companies in the same sector, and agreements with indigenous and traditional communities;

Guidance on complying with the rules for the new Brazilian Forest Code, registration in the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR), Recovery Plan for Degraded Areas (PRAD), and preparation of documentation for requests for transformation of administrative fines into environmental services;

Advice on adaptation and mitigation measures for climate change, REDD+, due diligence for carbon projects, negotiation, preparation and review of carbon credit sales and purchase agreements in the regulated market (Clean Development Mechanism) and voluntary market, in accordance with VCS, CCB and Gold standards, among others;

Identification of sustainable business development opportunities, environmental services payment, low carbon programs, and environmental assets (forests, biodiversity, water resources and carbon).

M&A and financial transactions

Analysis and mitigation of environment-related risks arising from mergers and acquisitions and financial market transactions, as well as issuance of green securities.

Socio-environmental responsibility of financial institutions

Analysis of compliance risks related to regulations concerning socio-environmental responsibilities by financial institutions and companies to adjust to the

new requirements issued by the Central Bank of Brazil for granting loan and credit; legal advice on the preparation and review of socio-environmental policies of financial institutions; and due diligence for companies and institutions focused on environmental issues;

Consultancy services on environmental laws, legal advice for compliance with government authorities rules and financial institutions.

Infrastructure

Representation of oil and gas companies in upstream, midstream and downstream business activities in advisory and litigation roles;

Structuring, drafting and negotiation of infrastructure agreements allocating environmental liabilities; Support in environmental licensing for implementation of infrastructure projects focused on stakeholder mapping, social sensitivity assessments, and interaction with relevant bodies;

Representation of companies in the energy sector in generation activities, including renewables, distribution and transmission in advisory and litigation roles.

Awards and recognition



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