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Leandro is a Foreign Legal Advisor and a member of the firm's Latin America practice. He joins us from one of the major Brazilian law firms. He concentrates his practice on mergers and acquisitions, and corporate law, and has experience in the energy and renewable energy sector in Brazil and Latin America. Leandro has experience drafting and negotiating commercial contracts, purchase and sale agreements, shareholders' agreements and other corporate documents, transaction structuring, and coordination of due diligence processes. Leandro also has a background in civil and corporate disputes. He is a native Portuguese speaker and fluent in English.

Key Matters

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

- Advised **Inspired Education**, the leading global group of premium schools, in the acquisition of 100% of **Eleva Global Educação**, a group of 9 premium schools held by Eleva Educação, the biggest basic education company in

Brazil. This is the largest transaction in the history of the Brazilian Schools Industry.

- Advised **Banco Bradesco** in its investment through a PIPE in **Zanite** (a SPAC) in the context of the business combination between Zanite and Eve, a subsidiary of Embraer S.A. and a leader in the development of Urban Air Mobility. Such deal was shortlisted for “M&A Deal of the Year 2022” by *The Latin Lawyer*.
- Advised the shareholders of **Carta Fabril** in the sale of 100% of the shares of Carta Fabril, a leading tissue paper company in Brazil, to Softys, a global tissue paper company, consolidating Softys as the tissue paper leader company in Brazil.
- Advised **Copagaz**, a leading Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) company, in the acquisition of 100% shares of **Liquigás**, the second biggest Brazilian LPG company, owned by Petrobras (the biggest Brazilian state-owned company) and object of a sale competitive process held by Petrobras. As result of this transaction, Copagaz become the biggest Brazilian LPG Company. Such deal was appointed by the media as one of the three most important 2019 transactions in Brazil.
- Advised **Copagaz** and its shareholders in the investment of Itaúsa (the holding company of Itaú Unibanco Bank’s shareholders) in Copagaz, by which Itaúsa acquired approximately 49% of Copagaz.
- Advised **CCPR**, the biggest Brazilian dairy cooperative company, in the sale of 100% of the shares of **Itambé Alimentos to Lactalis Group**, the biggest dairy group of the world, which after the transaction also become the leader in Brazilian Market. Between signing and closing, a former shareholder of Itambé started litigation (judicial court and arbitration) in order to void the transaction, which was settled by the parties. This dispute was awarded *Latin Lawyer’s* “Deal of the Year 2019 – Disputes” award.

Credentials

EDUCATION

In 2023 Leandro graduated with an LL.M. from Duke University School of Law. In 2017 he received an MBA from the Instituto Brasileiro de Mercado de Capitais in Brazil, and in 2013 he received his JD equivalent from the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco in Brazil.