



# Environmental Law

# Sustainability in business

Our environmental law specialists have the knowledge and experience needed to assist clients from economic sectors that involve intensive use of renewable and non-renewable natural resources. We also advise on implementation and review of business practices for conformity with environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria. Taking advantage of our full-service firm's capacity for innovation, we look for integrated solutions that optimize our clients' results.

- ▶ SPECIALIZED ADVISORY SERVICES. Environmental liability, regulation of renewable and non-renewable natural resources, environmental compliance, public environmental policies, GMOs, basic sanitation, water resources, solid waste, contaminated areas, payment for environmental services, forest concessions, and nature conservation unit concessions.
- ➤ SPECIALIZED LITIGATION SERVICES. Regulatory enforcement proceedings and litigation before the courts, including the investigatory phase, consensual resolution of disputes, negotiation of administrative settlements and programs for conversion of fines and substitution of penalties.
- ► ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE STANDARDS. ESG standards in corporate governance, sustainability and compliance in relations with environmental authorities, service providers, traditional communities, indigenous peoples, and other social agents. Human rights.

- ► CRISIS MANAGEMENT. Critical events and incidents, involving the structuring of containment plans, assistance in negotiations with government authorities, legal structures for carrying out reparations, and management of environmental liabilities and risks.
- ▶ ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING. Environmental liability, regulation of renewable and non-renewable natural resources, environmental compliance, public environmental policies, GMOs, basic sanitation, water resources, solid waste, contaminated areas, payment for environmental services, forest and nature conservation unit concessions.
- ► CLIMATE CHANGE. Decarbonization projects, carbon market, renewable energy, biofuels, climate risk management, and climate change litigation.
- ► MARKET TRANSACTIONS. Mergers and acquisitions (due diligence and negotiation of environment-related clauses). Environmental risks in financing agreements and concession projects. Green bond issuances.

## Our diverse experience

- ► TAILINGS DAMS. Legal support in reparation of the impact of dam ruptures in Minas Gerais, involving licensing of construction work and programs for environmental reparation and compensation in Alto Rio as Velhas.
- ► CONTROL OF INVASIVE SPECIES. Counsel to the foreign-based owner of a FPSO chartered by an offshore oil concessionaire, in a dispute involving liability for management of sun coral, and in litigation before the courts over liability for the sun coral bioinvasion.
- ► RENEWABLE ENERGY. Counsel in litigation over the licensing of a wind farm in the state of Rio Grande do Norte and the farm's transmission line. Legal support in the licensing of a biogas energy project generating carbon credits.
- ▶ **ESG.** Negotiated mechanism for allocation of water use rights in the Rio das Velhas basin in Minas Gerais, through the creation of a partnership between our client and other stakeholders, and revised governance focusing on climatic and water risks. Negotiation of agreements involving traditional communities, including programs to mitigate the effects of the pandemic on local health and the economy. Legal support in financing agreements and contracts with third parties, focusing on human rights.
- ► MINING. Legal support for an ore processing project in a nature conservation unit in the state of Pará (National Forest of Carajás).

- ► INFRASTRUCTURE. Legal support in the duplication of the Tamoios Highway in the State of São Paulo. Counsel in litigation involving a port terminal in São Luis.
- ▶ **O&G.** Counsel to an investment fund in an O&G project in the decommissioning phase, involving reutilization of marine facilities, among other projects for divestment and transformation of assets in the energy sector. Legal support in an offshore oil and natural gas project. Licensing of a thermoelectric plant and LPG port terminal in Pará.
- ▶ **GENETIC RESOURCES.** Counsel to an international company in accessing Brazilian genetic heritage and benefit sharing (use of carnauba wax as an excipient in a mediation). Counsel to a Brazilian company in an international agreement for production of a GMO in Brazil.
- ▶ **RENOVABIO.** Legal support in the implementation of the National Biofuel Policy (RenovaBio), with generation of decarbonization credits (CBIOs), for an ethanol producer in São Paulo.
- ▶ BASIC SANITATION. Legal support in a water infrastructure project to increase water resilience in the metropolitan region of Belo Horizonte. Counsel in the licensing process for solid waste disposal in greater Rio de Janeiro, and in related litigation.

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