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Miriam is a Brazilian lawyer-in-residence with experience in project development, permitting, contaminated sites, and transactional environmental law.

She is a Brazilian native, licensed in Brazil, with twenty years of experience in a wide range of complex environmental matters, from due diligence pre-acquisition to strategic legal support in the environmental and construction permitting of major infrastructure projects in Brazil. Miriam also advises clients on legal issues related to contaminated sites, risk management, and contractual allocation of environmental liabilities in domestic and cross-border transactions.

Miriam's experience includes representing Fortune 500 companies in their interests and investments in Brazil, from risk assessment to permitting and post-acquisition compliance advice, advising a mining company during the first months post a dam collapse accident with major environmental repercussions; coordinating the legal response to a week-long fire that burned through a fuel and chemicals storage facility near the Port of Santos, and managing administrative, criminal, and toxic tort litigation related to deactivated crop protection chemical's facilities from the Brazilian subsidiary of Anglo-Dutch Royal Dutch Shell Plc in São Paulo.

Before joining B&D, Miriam was a partner at BMA, a private law firm in Brazil, where she led the environmental practice, serving Latin American, European, and US-based companies with business in Brazil. Prior to that, she worked for six years as an in-house legal manager with the Brazilian subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell Plc in Rio de Janeiro, where she coordinated environmental legal services and provided transactional and crisis legal advice. In her in-house capacity, Miriam served as the lead environmental attorney supporting the formation of Raízen Energia S.A., a JV between Royal Dutch Shell and Brazilian biofuel major Cosan S.A., the third-largest Brazilian energy company by revenue and the fifth largest in Brazil.

Miriam graduated from the Pace Law School LLM program with a degree in Comparative Legal Studies, focusing on environmental law. She also holds an MBA in Environmental Management from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (COPPE/UFRJ). Miriam won the 2015 "Client Choice Award" from the International Law Office and is ranked by *Latinvex*, *Chambers Latin America*, *Latin Lawyer*, and *Legal 500*.

Education

- Rio de Janeiro Catholic University (LL.B., 2002)
- Rio de Janeiro Federal University (M.B.A., 2003)
 - Environmental Management
- Pace University (LL.M., 2018)
 - Comparative Legal Studies with a focus on Environmental Law

Bar Admissions

- New York, Foreign Legal Consultant
- District of Columbia, Special Legal Consultant
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Honors & Awards

- 2015 International Law Office "Client Choice Award" in the Environment & Climate Change category
- *Chambers and Partners – Latin America*, 2013-2016
- *The Legal 500*, 2013-2016
- *Latinvex*, 2021

Languages

- English
- Portuguese (native fluency)
- French (proficiency)
- Spanish (high proficiency)

Representative Matters

Miriam's experience includes:

- Serving as environmental legal counsel in the context of a 2015 dam collapse at a mining facility in Brazil.
- Serving as environmental legal and crisis advisor to a client for its Brazilian operations, including during a fire at one of its bulk liquids storage facilities.
- Advising on environmental assessment and strategies, permitting, audits, as well as on environmental aspects of M&A and project finance in Brazil.

- Serving as environmental in-house counsel for the negotiations that led to the formation of a JV between Royal Dutch Shell and Brazilian biofuel major Cosan S.A.
- Counseling on risk assessment and contractual allocation of environmental liability in the acquisition of a fuels business.
- Advising a client during a sensitive corporate crisis, including a plane crash and environmental contamination at the divested chemicals business' manufacturing plants.
- Advising a multinational chemical manufacturer on environmental issues regarding its activities in Brazil.
- Advising on the contract negotiation and environmental permitting needed to secure Brazil's bid to host the 2014 FIFA World Cup.
- Advising on the environmental permitting and contract drafting on the installation of an undersea communications cable connecting Florida and Brazil.
- Counseling a client in the acquisition of 50% capital stock of Brazil's second-busiest container port.
- Counseling a client before and after the acquisition of the largest concessionaire operating in Brazil's national parks.
- Advising a financial client on the development of new agricultural ventures in the Amazon region.
- Advising a client on Brazil's largest project finance transaction in the renewable energy sector.
- Counseling a public financial institution on environmental matters related to a \$206 million loan to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects related to greenhouse gas emissions reduction.
- Counseling a client on public consultation for legislation imposing environmental compliance to financial institutions.

Includes work done at prior firm.