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

She has experience in a wide range of complex environmental matters, from due diligence on hydroelectric plants and thermoelectric stations, transmission lines, mines, and chemical facilities to legal support in the environmental licensing of major infrastructure projects, development of renewable energy ventures, and legal management of contaminated properties.

Miriam's experience in managing environmental crises includes representing an Anglo-Australian mining company in its Brazilian JV's dam collapse accident; coordinating the legal response to week-long fire that burned through a fuel and chemicals storage facility near the Port of Santos in April 2014; 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.

Miriam has advised clients on risk management and the allocation of environmental liabilities in the context of domestic and cross-border transactions, including equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate restructurings, infrastructure projects, and financing transactions. Her Brazilian practice also included environmental litigation, risk assessment, and corporate sustainability programs.

Before joining B&D, Miriam was a partner at 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 recently 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 *Chambers Latin America*, *Latin Lawyer*, and *Legal 500*.

Miriam is admitted to practice only in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. She is not engaged in the practice of law in the District of Columbia at this time.

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

- Rio de Janeiro
- São Paulo

Professional Affiliations

- NYC Bar International Environmental Committee, 2017-present
- American Bar Association Environment, Energy, and Resources Law, 2015-present

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

Languages

- English
- Portuguese
- French
- Spanish

Representative Matters

Prior results do not guarantee future outcomes.

Miriam's experience includes:

- Serving as environmental legal counsel in the context of the 2015 dam burst at a mining facility in Brazil.
- Serving as environmental legal and crisis advisor to Grupo Ultra, for its Brazilian operations, including during the 2014 fire at the bulk liquids storage facility it operated near the Port of Santos.
- Advising Rhodia Solvay Group 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 the Raízen Energia S.A., 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 the Aviation fuels business originally pertaining to the ExxonMobil Group in Brazil.
- Advising Shell during a sensitive corporate crisis, including (i) environmental contamination at the divested chemicals business' manufacturing plants in Saõ Paulo and a TAM airliner crash in Saõ Paulo over a Shell-branded service station.
- 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 Advent International in the acquisition of 50% capital stock of TCP -Terminal de Containeres de Paranagua SA, Brazil's second-busiest container port.
- Counseling Advent International before and after the acquisition of Cataratas do Iguacu, the largest concessionaire operating in Brazil's national parks.
- Advising Vision Brazil Investments on the development of new agricultural ventures in the Amazon region.
- Advising Renova Eólica on Brazil's largest project finance transaction in the renewable energy sector.
- Counseling Agence Française de Développement on environmental matters related to a \$206 million loan to BNDES to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects related to greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

- Counseling Brazilian International Banks Association (ABBI "Associação Brasileira de Bancos Internacionais") on public consultation for legislation imposing environmental compliance to financial institutions.

Publications

February 1, 2019

Latin American Environmental Regulatory Tracker

Beveridge & Diamond

January 1, 2019

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