



OUR FIRM

Castro, Barros, Sobral, Gomes is one of Brazil's most traditional and respected law firms, having been established in the 1950s. Since then, it has advised corporate clients and adapted its practice to Brazil's many economic cycles, oftentimes having foreseen changes and preparing its clients for them. The firm has a solid background in all practices of business law, and is capable of providing a wide range of advisory services to its clients, irrespective of the legal issue involved, during all phases of a company's life.

We provide our services from our offices in Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo and Brasília. Rio and São Paulo are large business centers, and, as such, most of our lawyers are based in such cities, and from Rio and São Paulo we cater to our clients' needs in the whole of Brazil. Brasília is the seat of Brazil's appellate and superior courts, in addition to the National Congress, most of the federal regulatory agencies and all the executive branch ministries.

Additionally, because of its many years of service and diversified practice, the firm has built a strong network of professional relationships in Brazil, in Latin America and in the main business centers worldwide, thereby enabling CBSG to advise its clients in the pursuit of international business development.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW

This area assists Brazilian and foreign construction companies, engineering and architectural firms, financial institutions and investment funds in the areas of construction of public projects and provision of public services at the federal, state and local levels. The team has extensive experience with large projects, such as highways, railways, ports, airports, water and sanitation systems, logistics facilities, waste treatment and disposal installations, etc.

The main activities include:

- Structuring, modeling and analysis of infrastructure projects
- Assistance in tender procedures, including analysis of invitations to bid and the respective draft contracts, participation in public hearings and consultations, preparation of questions and challenges, negotiation and drafting of consortium agreements, incorporation of SPCs and negotiation and drafting of investment and shareholder agreements, as well as administrative and judicial litigation, together with the Litigation and Arbitration area.
- Representation with federal, state and municipal regulatory agencies and other oversight entities, including public account audit tribunals, in investigations and efforts to reestablish the financial balance of government contracts.
- Representation, together with the Litigation and Arbitration area, in public civil suits and class actions and suits to reestablish the financial balance of government contracts.
- Negotiation, analysis and revision, together with the Banking and Financial Markets, of all project finance instruments, including bond/debenture prospectuses and indentures.
- Negotiation, analysis and preparation of all types of construction agreements and contracts for supply of equipment and services and operation of projects.
- Assistance to owners and builders in monitoring the performance of construction agreements.

COMPLIANCE AND BUSINESS ETHICS

This area provides legal assistance to national and foreign companies in all sectors, along with investment funds and financial institutions, for the development of measures and procedures to prevent, detect and combat fraud and other violations of the rules governing business activity and to assure observance of values and guidelines on good conduct.

The main activities include:

- Evaluation of corporate risks and development and implementation of specific compliance programs based on the nature of the business and the risks identified.
- Preparation or revision of corporate codes of conduct in harmony with Brazilian legislation and international standards.
- Conduction of compliance audits to support internal investigations, as well as assistance in the implementation of anticorruption controls and development of denunciation channels.
- Training of employees regarding ethical conduct.
- Conduction, together with foreign law firms, of due diligence examinations in processes for acquisition of corporate holdings and risk analysis of local subsidiaries, to identify possible violations of anticorruption rules, in particular the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and/or the UK Bribery Act.

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