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Personal Information

Nationality: Brazilian

I am a Brazilian lawyer and researcher focusing on the promotion of social rights through the functioning of institutions within States. My master's degree in Law and Development (research focus "Institutions of the Democratic Rule of Law" and "Political and Social Development") is from the Law School of Sao Paulo of the Getulio Vargas Foundation (DIREITO GV – FGV), and my PhD in Public Law is from the University of Sao Paulo (USP), both in Brazil. In my PhD dissertation, I analysed how the public policy on public basic education is designed in two Federal States (Brazil and Mexico) in order to identify their positive and negative implications on the promotion of national standards of access to good quality education. In Norway, I have been working for CMI since 2012 with several tasks related to the Angola Programme.

Professional experience

Aug. 2013 – / Jun. 2012 – Jan. 2013. Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen, Norway (Research Assistant, Angola Program)

- Organized and maintained updated a database of Angolan newspapers;
- Conducted quantitative and qualitative research on Angolan newspapers (using NVivo10 software program) for the research project *Media and political opposition* and other different research projects;
- Analyzed survey data and the Angolan Constitution for the research project *Local government and taxation*;
- Translated reports and surveys (English/ Portuguese);
- Liaised with project partners in Angola – *Centro de Estudos e Investigação Científica* (CEIC) of the Catholic University of Angola (UCAN);
- Contributed to the organization and text of the new website for CEIC;
- Contracted as simultaneous translator (Portuguese/English) at the seminar *Growth, Development & Inequality – What Role for Norway* (Dec., 2012).

Sep. 2013 – Mar. 2014 Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen, Norway (Portuguese teacher)

- Researched the best available methodology and material for teaching Portuguese to foreigners;
- Created a teaching program adapted to the specific needs of the group;
- Combined traditional methods of classroom teaching with selected use of modern technology, such as presenting with dynamic Smart Notebook 10, and introducing the students to efficient use of vocabulary learning software (Anki).

Mar. 2010 – Dec. 2011 Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV), Sao Paulo, Brazil (Assistant editor for the institution's publishing series (GV/law Series) (<http://www.editorasaraiva.com.br/produtos/show/id:749559/>))

- Responsible for the process of publishing books containing contributions from multiple authors;
- Coordinated authors' work and controlled publishing deadlines;
- Conducted research in property and tax law;
- Reviewed and edited articles submitted for publication.

May 2010 – Apr. 2011 Secretariat of Higher Education of the State of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Assistant II)

- Drafted law proposals and justifications for public contracts;
- Assisted the conduct of audit exercises for contracts engaged by the Secretariat (in support to the members of the Court of Auditors of the State of Sao Paulo).

Sep. 2001 – Feb. 2008 Freire, Fraga & Trigo Associate Lawyers, Salvador/BA, Brazil (Lawyer)

- Provided legal advice and assistance in several areas (e.g. tax law, real estate law, consumer protection law, among others);
- Drafted contracts of a great variety of scopes;
- Drafted defenses and consultancies in tax administrative proceedings;
- Prepared defenses in tax lawsuits before lower and superior courts;
- Maintained contact with administrative authorities and direct communication with judges;
- Gave oral submissions in tax administrative proceedings and in tax lawsuits before courts;
- Appeared in court on behalf of clients in several areas.

Education

2010 – 2013 PhD in Public Law

Institution: Faculty of Law of the University of Sao Paulo (USP), Sao Paulo, Brazil

Title: Federal States and Equality on the Right to Public Basic Education

Recipient of scholarship from CAPES (*Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior*) (Apr. 2012 - Jun. 2013)

Teaching assistant for the disciplines *Theory of the State I* and *II* at the *Program for Teaching-Improvement* (<http://www.usp.br/prpg/pt/interna1/pae.html>) (2010-2011) awarded with the grade A (excellent)

Feb. 2008 – Jun. 2010 Master in Law and Development

Institution: Law School of Sao Paulo of the Getulio Vargas Foundation (DIREITO GV-FGV), Sao Paulo, Brazil

Title: The Public Prosecutor Service and the Defense of the Right to Education: a Case Study of the Actions of the Public Prosecutors of the Metropolitan Area of Sao Paulo

Program for Teacher Training for the discipline *Arts and Law* (Jan./Jun. 2009) awarded with the grade 9,0 (grades go from 0,00 to 10,00)

Jan./Jun. 2008 Extension Course on International Economic Law

Institution: Catholic University of Sao Paulo (PUC), Sao Paulo, Brazil

2002 – 2003 Graduation course in Tax Law

Institution: Brazilian Institute for Tax Studies (IBET), Salvador/BA, Brazil

Feb. 1995 – Jan. 1999 Law Degree

Institution: Faculty of Law of the Catholic University in Salvador (UCSAL), Salvador/BA, Brazil

Publications

Two book chapters in reputed academic publications in Brazil and one article in a Brazilian academic law journal.

Other experiences

Volunteer at the Red Cross – Bergen, Norway

Frivillig ved Vitalitetsenteret BA Frivilligsentral, Bergen

Further qualifications

Languages:

Native Portuguese. Fluent in English and Spanish (C1). Good knowledge of Norwegian (B2).