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Practice Areas

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Francisco Müssnich, or Chico, as he likes to be called, is one of BMA's founders. He has unparalleled experience in a wide range of corporate matters and in highly complex M&A transactions. He acts in both national and international arbitrations, and provides strategic advice in hostile takeovers and corporate disputes. He has represented clients, all leaders in their sectors, in historic transactions in Brazil over the last two decades.

In 2014, Chico was named one of the 15 most powerful lawyers in Brazil.

MEMBERSHIPS

Francisco Müssnich lectures in Corporate Law at the law school of the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro – PUC/RJ since 1981, and at the law school of the Fundação Getúlio Vargas – FGV since 2005. He is one of the faculty in the International Mergers and Acquisitions course at Vanderbilt Law School since 2010, and a member of the Editorial Board of The M&A Lawyer. Chico is also a member of the Board of the WWF and of the Brazilian Symphonic Orchestra – OSB. He acts as arbitrator on the Court of Arbitration for Sport – CAS and is the lead attorney for the Local Organizing Committee for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil.

He is a member of the Brazilian Bar Association in the Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo and Federal District sections (OAB/RJ, OAB/SP and OAB/DF).

He was invited to represent the "Fondation pour le Droit Continental" in Brazil.

RECOGNITION

Chico is frequently recognized as a leading lawyer in his area by Chambers Latin America, Chambers Global, Latin Lawyer, Who's Who Legal, The Legal 500 and International Financial Law Review – IFLR.

"Francisco Müssnich is a highly regarded corporate lawyer and is increasingly active in the field of arbitration. He is renowned for his combative style and sources say he is 'one of Brazil's most brilliant lawyers.'" **Chambers Latin America**

"Francisco Antunes Maciel Müssnich is singled out for his corporate and arbitration expertise. Sources laud him as an 'exceptional strategist with a firm yet sensitive approach to negotiations.'"

Chambers Global

"Corporate and M&A expert Francisco Müssnich is commended for his determination in pursuing clients' interests, with one interviewee saying: 'He is highly effective in negotiations – his performance impressed me greatly.'"

Chambers Latin America

EDUCATION

LL.M., Fundação Getúlio Vargas – FGV (2015).

LL.M., Harvard Law School (1979).

JD, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro – PUC (1976).

LANGUAGES

Portuguese; English; French; German

BAR ADMISSION

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