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Dispute Resolution: Track Record & CV

QUALIFICATIONS

- Brazil (Advogado)
- Germany (Member of the Berlin Bar)

CASES HANDLED

- As Counsel: 50+
- As Secretary to the Arbitral Tribunal: 2
- Governing Laws in Cases Handled: Belgium, Brazil, CISG, England & Wales, Moldova, UAE
- Places of Arbitration in Cases Handled: Berne (Switzerland), Brussels (Belgium), Dubai (UAE), London (United Kingdom), São Paulo (Brazil), Vancouver (Canada)
- Sectors and Practice Areas in Cases Handled: Construction & Infrastructure, Commerce, Contracts, Corporate, Banking & Finance, Real Estate, IP, Competition, Telecommunication, Defense & Security, Biopharma

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Served as Secretary to the Tribunal in an *ad hoc* arbitration proceeding under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules concerning the rehabilitation of roads in Moldova, with Moldovan law as the governing law and Berne, Switzerland, as place of arbitration

Served as Secretary to the Tribunal in a DIAC-administered arbitration proceeding concerning the construction of a residential complex in Dubai, with UAE law as governing law and Dubai, UAE, as place of arbitration

Represented a minority shareholder against the Brazilian Federal Government as the majority Shareholder in a multi-billion Euro arbitration proceeding concerning damages arising from corruption practices inside a Brazilian petroleum company

Represented a main contractor in an arbitration against the electromechanical assembler subcontractor regarding the construction of a chemical recovery boiler in a pulp and paper plant in Brazil

Advised a multinational B2B technology and service provider in a dispute with investors arising out of a debt/equity swap with a view to settling the dispute

Represented a seller in a post-M&A arbitration against the buyer regarding the breach of a non-competition obligation and undue withholding of earn-out amounts in the real estate sector in Brazil

Represented a French buyer in a post-M&A arbitration against the Brazilian sellers regarding breach of representations and warranties in the purchase of a pharmaceutical company in Brazil

CAREER MILESTONES

Prior to joining BODENHEIMER, João Costa worked for 5 years as an associate with the Disputes Resolution practice group of a large full-service law firm in São Paulo, Brazil.

MEMBERSHIPS (SELECTION)

German Institution of Arbitration (DIS), DIS 40

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

João Costa holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) diploma in International Dispute Resolution from Humboldt Universität Berlin, having been granted a “Best Student” award for outstanding academic performance. He also holds a Postgraduate specialization diploma in Civil Procedural Law and a bachelor’s degree in law. He is a graduate from the University of São Paulo (Brazil).

LANGUAGES

English | Spanish | Portuguese

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