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Barbosa Müssnich & Aragão, one of Brazil's largest firms, started as an M&A boutique 14 years ago. It is now a full-service firm with 240 lawyers in four Brazilian cities. The firm's competition team is led by Barbara Rosenberg, former head of competition at the Secretariat for Economic Law. Rivals say she has transformed the practice since she joined, and that it's now among Brazil's very best.

Who's Who nominee Rosenberg says the firm's competition practice has grown substantially in the past few years. There are five full-time associates assisting her and the team is also supported by a part-time partner and an associate in Brasilia.

Rosenberg and her team advised Inbev on its US\$52 billion acquisition of Anheuser-Busch in July, in a transaction that creates the world's largest brewer. They also counselled Bovespa, São Paulo's stock exchange, on its merger with commodities and futures exchange BM&F, which created the only exchange in Brazil.

In November, Barbosa Müssnich was chosen to provide antitrust advice to Unibanco on its tie-up with Itaú, which is certainly one of Brazil's most significant deals of the year.

Rosenberg says the team does as many as 40 deals a year, though it spends an equal amount of time on compliance work and is involved in all major Brazilian cartel cases and several abuse of dominance investigations.

Other clients include Globo, Bayer, Continental, Alcan, Mitsubishi, JBS Swift, Philips, GP Investments, Gávea, Astrazeneca, Sanofi-Aventis, Embratel, and Tenaris/Techint.