

Intellectual Property Newsletter: electoral period in Brazil, medical cannabis and more highlights

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Superior Court of Justice decides about parody based on Erasmo and Roberto Carlos' song for campaign purposes

The month of August, which inaugurated the campaign season until the 2022 elections, has already started with a news broadcasted by the Brazilian Union of Composers – UBC that the PL (Liberal Party) would have a new version for the song "The Gate" (from the popular chorus "I came back, now to stay. Because here, here is my place"), by Erasmo and Roberto Carlos, to campaign for the re-election of Congressman Tiririca by São Paulo.

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Medical Cannabis regulation and related patents in Brazil

In recent years, several studies have been published worldwide regarding the efficacy of the use of medical Cannabis in the treatment of a number of diseases. Current scientific research is mostly focused on the active compounds present in *Cannabis sativa*, the so-called cannabinoids. In addition, more than forty countries already have specific regulations for the import, manufacture and marketing of Cannabis-based drugs and products.

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Federal Court issues new decision on the IPHONE trademark battle (Apple v. Gradiente)

The 13th Federal Court of Rio de Janeiro recently decided two lawsuits that deal with registrations for the IPHONE mark before the Brazilian Patent and Trademark Office ("Brazilian PTO"). The lawsuits refer to registrations in the name of the American company Apple Inc. and the Brazilian company IGB Eletrônica S.A. (owner of the GRADIENTE mark for electronics) and were decided in favor of the former.

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