

**PROFESSIONAL****Valter Silva Couto**

Valter Couto is an engineer and intellectual property agent, holding a postgraduate degree in intellectual property (IP) and competition law from MIPLC (Germany) and training at the Japan Patent Office (JPO).

LANGUAGES

Portuguese, English, French

INFORMATION AND CONTACT

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 Resume

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Practice Areas

Intellectual Property

Professional experience

He has been working in the field of intellectual property since 2008, with additional experience in corporate IP management for a global manufacturer and supplier of steel products for the industry, based in the Netherlands. At BMA, he specializes in various technology areas, including metallurgy and materials, industrial, agricultural and construction equipment, oil and gas, packaging, electronic devices, polymer additives, and more.

Valter is involved in patent and industrial design registration processes, including drafting applications, analyzing and preparing responses to office actions and technical opinions. He also manages intellectual property assets and develops protection strategies. His responsibilities extend to conducting prior art and freedom-to-operate searches, preparing invalidity and infringement analyses, and filing petitions for examination, appeals against unfavorable decisions, and nullity actions, both in administrative and judicial instances.

Education

LL.M. Intellectual Property and Competition Law - Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC), Germany (2018).

Chemical Engineer - Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Brazil (2010).

Bachelor's degree in Media & Communications - Fluminense Federal University (UFF), Brazil (2005).

Associations

Regional Council of Chemistry (CRQ), 3rd region (Brazil).

Regional Council of Engineering and Agronomy (CREA), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

Recognitions

Valter is recognized as a Notable Practitioner by the international guide IP Stars.