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PRACTICE AREAS

- Patents
- Copyright
- Anti-counterfeiting
- UPOV
- Trademark, Trade Dress & Publicity Rights Matters
- Trade Secrets & Regulatory
- Data Protection
- Licensing & Technology Transfer
- Internet, E-commerce & Software
- Food & Drug Law

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English
- Spanish

BIOGRAPHY

Otto Licks is a partner at Licks Attorneys, a Brazilian law firm with over 270 people among its offices in Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Brasília, Curitiba and Tokyo as well as a French and German Desk. Otto is an expert on complex litigation and policy making, with over 23 years of experience representing international clients in life sciences (small molecules, biologicals, agrochemicals and medical devices), telecom, electronics and internet. He has established a reputation as a trial and appellate practice specialist, focusing on preliminary and permanent injunctions and monetization (damages and licensing), advising clients primarily on patent, trade secrets, unfair competition and regulatory data exclusivity, government procurement, food and drug and regulatory of telecom and internet. He has been the first chair in over 100 cases, from TROs and ex-parte injunctions up to leading cases before the Brazilian Supreme Court. Otto has published extensively in his areas of expertise and has been recognized by some of the most important international rankings. He is Vice Chair for the Global Series Committee (FCBA) and is an accomplished speaker in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Chambers Brazil Contentious: IP: Patent (2023, 2022, 2021);
- Leaders League - Civil and Commercial Litigation (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018);
- Chambers Global - IP, Brazil (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018);
- Best Lawyers - 'Recommended' Intellectual Property Law (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019);
- Best Lawyers - 'Recommended' Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020);
- Best Lawyers - 'Recommended' Litigation (2023);
- Best Lawyers - 'Lawyer of the Year' IP and Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice (2021);
- Análise Advocacia – Most Admired - IP (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015);
- Análise Advocacia – Most Admired – Regulatory (2022, 2020);

- Análise Advocacia – Most Admired – Pharmaceutical (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015);
- Análise Advocacia – Most Admired - Health (2022);
- Análise Advocacia – Most Admired – Rio de Janeiro (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015);
- Análise Advocacia – Most Admired – Eletronics (2021);
- LACCA ‘Approved’ Intellectual Property (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019);
- Who’s Who Legal – “National Leader - Brazil” IP - Patents – (2022, 2021);
- Who’s Who Legal – “National Leader - Brazil” Life Sciences – (2022, 2021);
- The Legal 500 Latin America - ‘Recommended’ IP Practice (2023, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017);
- The Legal 500 Latin America - ‘Recommended’ Life Sciences Practice (2023, 2022);
- Who’s Who Legal – “Global Leader” IP - Patents – (2022);
- Who’s Who Legal – “Global Elite Thought Leader” IP (Patents) – Only attorney recognized from Latin America (2022);
- IAM Patent 1000- ‘Leading Expert’ (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016);
- Leaders League - Patent Litigation and Life Sciences (2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017);
- Leaders League - Technology and Trademark Litigation (2022, 2021, 2019, 2018);
- Leaders League - Patent Prosecution (2022, 2021)
- Chambers Brazil Industries & Sectors: Life Sciences (2022, 2021);
- WIPR Leaders (2022, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017);
- IP Stars- ‘IP Star’ Patent Star (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019);
- Who’s Who Legal – IP (Patents) & Life Sciences (Patent Litigation): (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014);
- IAM Global Leader- ‘Global Leader’ Patents (2022, 2021);
- Benchmark Litigation - ‘highly recommended’ IP (2021);
- Chambers Latin America- ‘Recommended’ IP & Life Sciences Brazil (2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017);
- LACCA Approved - ‘leading private practitioner’ IP (2020, 2019);
- Benchmark Litigation – ‘Litigation Star’ (2020, 2019, 2018);
- Chambers Latin America- IP “an amazing litigator, especially in patent-related matters.” Life Sciences “able to develop new theories and understand complex problems.” (2020);
- Benchmark Litigation – ‘Recommended’ Intellectual Property (2019, 2018);
- Chambers Latin America- “(...) one of the great names in our market”; “a very combative litigator” and “a leading lawyer for both patent and regulatory issues” (2019);
- Benchmark Litigation- ‘Recommended’ Appellate (2018);
- Chambers Latin America- ‘best individual lawyers’ IP & Life Sciences Brazil, “highly capable of handling technical matters” and “a reference in Brazil” (2017);
- Leaders League- ‘EXCELLENT’ IP Litigation (2016);
- Chambers & Partner- “commended by sources for his knowledge of the pharmaceutical industry” (2015);
- IAM Patent 1000- “an immensely tough competitor. In huge cases, he knows how to give the opposing party a really hard time and is always prepared for battle” (2015);
- PLC Life Sciences- ‘highly recommended’ Life Sciences (2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006);
- PLC Intellectual - ‘highly recommended’ IP (2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008);
- Which Lawyer- ‘highly recommended’ IP attorney, Life sciences (2009, 2008).

AFFILIATIONS

- Admitted to the Brazilian Bar Association – Rio de Janeiro and Distrito Federal;
- Member of national and international associations such as ABPI, ABAPI, AIPLA, AIPPI, BIO, IBA, IPO, etc;
- ITechLaw (International Technology Law Association).

EDUCATION

- Fellow, Chizaiken - Institute of Intellectual Property (1997);
- Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D) program, George Washington University Law School (1996);
- Master of Laws (LL.M) Intellectual Property, George Washington University Law School (1994);
- Master of Laws (LL.M) International Law, George Washington University Law School (1993);
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (1993).

ARTICLES

- [Ajuste de prazo de patentes é essencial para proteger inventor](#), Folha de S. Paulo, 2022;
- [Projeto de Retomada do Trabalho Presencial](#), Correio Braziliense, 2022;
- [Otto Licks comenta os vetos à nova lei do licenciamento compulsório](#), O Globo, 2021;
- [Não existe extensão de patente no Brasil](#), Estadão, 2021;
- [Dia decisivo para o futuro da inovação](#), Estadão, 2021;
- [A hegemonia da técnica e o papel do Supremo Tribunal Federal na ADI nº 5.529](#), Conjur, 2021;
- [A hegemonia da técnica e o papel do STF na ADIn 5.529](#), Migalhas, 2021;
- [A hegemonia da técnica e o STF no debate sobre patentes](#), O Globo, 2021;
- [Thousands of patents at risk of cancellation in Brazil](#), IAM, 2021;
- [Brazilian Supreme Court Sets an earlier date to decide the fate on the 10-Year Patent Term](#), BRICS & Beyond, 2021;
- [Em pedido ao STF, PGR mira Covid-19, mas acerta na economia nacional](#), Jota, 2021;
- [O crescimento do Brasil depende de um sistema de patentes confiável](#), Justiça & Cidadania, 2020;
- [A estreia da propriedade intelectual no STF: ADI 5529 e seus impactos sistêmicos](#), Jota, 2020.