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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Patent
- Geographical Indications
- Computer Programs
- Topographies of Integrated Circuits

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- Portuguese
- English

### BIOGRAPHY

Ms. Elvira Andrade is the co-head of Licks Attorneys' telecommunications patent practice team. She joined Licks Attorneys as a technology specialist in 2013 after a successful, decades-long career at the Brazilian Patent and Trademark Office (BRPTO), where she started as a patent examiner, having occupied several high-profile positions in patent examination, including deputy of all patent examination of telecom, computer, and electronics arts, now under DITEL and DICEL art units. Ms. Andrade was responsible for the BRPTO's position on patentability of computer-implemented inventions. She was also the head of the Division of Computer Program Registration and Acting General Coordinator of Other Registrations, which included computer programs registers. Ms. Andrade also worked in the board of appeals, post-grant oppositions, and invalidity proceedings on behalf of the BRPTO.

When responsible for patentability of computer-implemented inventions, she lectured and participated in the BRPTO working group that created BRPTO's examining guidelines for these arts. At Licks Attorneys, Ms. Andrade works with drafting and prosecuting of patent applications, patent infringement, and invalidity litigation. Ms. Andrade is considered Brazil's top expert on BRPTO invalidity opinions as well as third-party submissions. She is also the only person in the country that issues expert opinions to determine if patents are Standard Essentials Patents (SEPs).

### PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Acting Head of Patent Division of Physics, Electronics, and Electricity of the National Institute of Industrial Property (DIRPA) - December, 1999-October, 2005;
- Head of the Division of Computer Program Registration of the BRPTO – September 2005-July, 2011;
- Acting General Coordinator of Other Registrations of the BRPTO – May, 2008-November, 2010;

- Acting Head of Patent Division of Physics, Electronics, and Electricity, National Institute of Industrial Property (DIRPA) – December, 1999-October, 2005;
- Visiting Scholar at United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in patent, copyrights and geographic indications areas;
- Co-author of article “Patentability criteria on business methods”, ABPI Magazine #62, Jan-Feb, 2003;
- Co-author of the article “Intellectual Property in Software: what can we learn from international experience?”, Brazilian Magazine of Innovation 2009;
- Speaker in the International Seminar on the Promotion of Innovation and Intellectual Property in Information Technology, promoted by OMPI, BPTO, TECPAR and BNDES;
- Author of the part related to the registration of computer program of the course DL101/Br (WIPO).

## EDUCATION

- Graduate Specialization in Intellectual Property Law, Pontifical Catholic University (PUC/RJ), 2005;
- Graduate Specialization in Telecomputing, Estácio de Sá University, 1986;
- Specialist in Industrial Property, World Industrial Property Organization (WIPO) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 1980;
- BSc in Electronic Engineering – Telecommunications, Pontifical Catholic University (PUC/RJ), 1979.