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## PRACTICE AREAS

- Patents
- Prosecution
- Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)
- Post-Grant Review  
Opposition before the BRPTO
- Interference before the BRPTO
- Litigation
- Counseling

## LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English
- French

## BIOGRAPHY

Catia Gentil is a Partner at Licks Attorneys at its Rio de Janeiro Office. Attorney at law with a Metallurgical Engineering background, she has 40 years of experience in patent law. Catia started her career as a patent examiner at the BRPTO's. Prior to joining the firm, she served as a senior patent examiner, head of art group, the head of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), as well as the head of the board of administrative appeals and nullity proceedings at the BRPTO. Catia was a member of the BRPTO group responsible for the regulations of the Brazilian Patent Statute 9,279 of 1996.

Catia often gives lectures related to Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) matters. She has regularly attended the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (PCT/MIA) in several Contracting States and the PCT Working Group (PCT/WG) at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) as a BRPTO delegate.

Catia is regarded an expert in PCT, patent acquisition and invalidity proceedings.

## PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Leaders League – Patent Prosecution (2022, 2021);
- General Coordinator of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) at BRPTO 2010-2020.
- Member of several Brazilian delegations before the WIPO 2007-2019.
- Technical Patent Coordinator at BRPTO 2006-2010.
- Substitute Head of Patent Division of Mechanical Engineering 1995-2005.
- Patent Board Advisor 1991-1994.
- Member of the group responsible for the regulation of the current Brazilian Patent Statute Law 9.279/96. 1990-1991.

## AFFILIATIONS

- Brazilian Bar Association – Rio de Janeiro Section (OAB/RJ).

## EDUCATION

- Extension Course in Intellectual Property, Federal Rio de Janeiro University (UFRJ), 2006;
- LL.B, Estácio de Sá University, 2001;
- MSc in Industrial Property and International Agreements, Strasbourg University, 1990;
- Graduate Specialization in Industrial Property, Center for International Intellectual Property Studies, Strasbourg University, 1987;
- Specialist in Intellectual Property, WIPO and the United Nations Development Programme (PNUD), 1978;
- BSc in Metallurgical Engineering, Pontifical Catholic University (PUC/RJ), 1977.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Lectures:

- “BRPTO and PCT System” - Regional Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for countries in Latin America (USPTO/WIPO, 2018);
- “Entry into the National Phase” - Sub-Regional Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty for Portuguese Speaking Countries in Africa (WIPO-BR Office, 2018);
- “Experiences from the use of PCT as a tool in establishing a national system of innovation” - PCT ISA/IPEA Program (USPTO Academy, 2011);
- “The Brazilian experience in the PCT from the founding State to the Administration in charge of the international search and international preliminary examination” - Regional Forum on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (AMCHAM Uruguay, 2008);
- “The Brazilian path in the PCT: from the founding State of the PCT to the Administration in charge of the international search and preliminary examination” - Regional Seminar on Patent Cooperation Treaty (OCPI/WIPO, 2007).