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PRACTICE AREAS

- Intellectual Property
- Licensing & Technology Transfer
- Litigation
- Patents
- Prosecution
- Trademark, Trade Dress & Publicity Rights Matters
- Unfair Competition

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English
- German

BIOGRAPHY

Ms. Mendes joined Licks Attorneys' Rio de Janeiro office as a paralegal in 2017. She became an attorney at law in 2020 and was promoted to partner in 2025. She focuses on intellectual property litigation, especially patent disputes, and holds a Ph.D. in Procedural Law from UERJ. Having experience at trial and appellate level in lawsuits involving the pharmaceutical products, medical devices, computer systems, telecommunications, and other industries, Ms. Mendes advises multinational clients in cross-border intellectual property disputes. She has also experience with administrative proceedings before government agencies, such as the BRPTO.

Affiliated with the German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR), Ms. Mendes has played an active role in recent years in fostering commercial relations between German and Brazilian companies.

In addition to her legal practice, Ms. Mendes holds a PhD (2024) and a Master's Degree (2022) in Procedural Law, both from the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ), where she is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Procedural Law.

Ms. Mendes currently serves as Vice President of the Special Committee on Federal Justice of the Brazilian Bar Association – Rio de Janeiro Section (OAB/RJ) and is also a member of its Civil Procedure Studies Committee and the Committee on Copyright, Intangible Rights, and Entertainment Law.

In 2022, Ms. Mendes was featured as a speaker on panels concerning online hearings both at the Brazilian Bar Association (OAB/RJ) and the Rio de Janeiro State Attorney's Office (PGE-RJ). In 2024, Ms. Mendes was featured as a speaker on the IP & Patent Summit, in Berlin, where she provided an overview of Brazil's patent and judicial systems, highlighting their predictability and reliability for German companies seeking to assert patent rights.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Legal 500 Latin America – Intellectual Property (2027, 2026).

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Represented a foreign company in the first-ever patent assertion case involving automotive connectivity technologies in Brazil, leading to a global patent licensing agreement within less than two months from the filing of the lawsuit;
- Represented a foreign pharmaceutical company in a landmark case concerning the deadline for filing divisional applications in Brazil, resulting in the first decision by the 1st Specialized Panel recognizing the possibility of filing divisionals at the appellate stage before the Brazilian Patent and Trademark Office (BPTO);
- Represented several foreign companies in the enforcement of implementation patents, successfully achieving favorable global settlements;
- Represented a major veterinary company in a patent dispute with global effects. The case was settled.

AFFILIATIONS

- Vice President of the Special Committee on Federal Justice, member of the Civil Procedure Studies Committee, and member of the Committee on Copyright, Intangible Rights, and Entertainment Law – Brazilian Bar Association – Rio de Janeiro (OAB/RJ);
- Member of Civil Procedure Committee – Brazilian Bar Association – Barra da Tijuca (OAB/Barra);
- Member of the Collective Civil Procedure Law Committee – Federal Judicial School for the Second Circuit (EMARF);
- Brazilian Institute of Procedural Law (IBDP);
- Member of the German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR).

EDUCATION

- Post-Doctoral candidate in Law, focused on Procedural Law, Rio de Janeiro State University – UERJ;
- Doctor's Degree (Ph.D), Procedural Law, Rio de Janeiro State University – UERJ (2024);
- Master's Degree (M.Sc), Procedural Law, Rio de Janeiro State University – UERJ (2022);
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro – PUC-Rio (2020).

PUBLICATIONS

- A vinculação do árbitro aos precedentes judiciais e o cabimento da ação anulatória de sentença arbitral. Revista Eletrônica de Direito Processual, 2024;
- Acesso à justiça: em busca de um processo efetivo. Revista Eletrônica de Direito Processual, 2023;
- Direito Processual Romano. Revista Eletrônica de Direito Processual, 2023;
- O Acesso à Justiça (Digital) na Justiça Contemporânea. Revista Eletrônica de Direito Processual, 2023;
- Biotechnology/pharma patent litigation in Brazil: an update on preliminary injunctions, Kluwer Patent Blog, 2022;
- Direito Processual Comparado, Teoria Geral do Processo e Precedentes. In: Estudos em Homenagem a Cândido Rangel Dinamarco, JusPODIVM, 2022;

- As Class Actions e as Últimas Mudanças na Regra 23 do Estatuto Processual Federal Norte-Americano, Revista Eletrônica de Direito Processual, 2021;
- Reflexões para o direito processual coletivo no panorama mundial e nacional do século XXI à luz das recentes reformas nas class actions norte-americanas. In: Ação Civil Pública após 35 anos, Revista dos Tribunais, 2020;
- O Direito Processual Coletivo e o novo Código de Processo Civil: Estudos em homenagem ao Professor, Jurista e Ministro Luiz Fux. In: O novo processo civil brasileiro: temas relevantes – estudos em homenagem ao professor, jurista e ministro Luiz Fux: volume 1, Editora GZ, 2018;
- O Direito Processual Coletivo e o Novo Código de Processo Civil, Revista da EMERJ, 2018.