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PRACTICE AREAS

- Antitrust Matters
- Counseling and Transactional
- Data Protection
- Industrial Designs
- Intellectual Property
- Internet Privacy Law
- Internet, E-commerce & Software
- Licensing & Technology
- Litigation
- Patents
- Technology, Media & Telecommunications
- Trademark, Trade Dress & Publicity Rights
- Unfair Competition

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English
- Chinese

BIOGRAPHY

Carolina Souza joined Licks Attorneys' Rio de Janeiro office as a legal intern in 2021 and became an attorney at law in 2023. Her practice focuses on complex cases in intellectual property, including patent consulting and litigation in the telecommunications and pharmaceutical industries. Prior to joining Licks Attorneys, Ms. Souza gained experience through internships at other prestigious Brazilian law firms specializing in IP.

Ms. Souza was recognized by the Brazilian Patent and Trademark Office (BRPTO) with a fourth-place finish in its 2021 Hackathon, the Office's inaugural innovation competition. The event brought together professionals across various fields to develop technological solutions aimed at improving services, fostering a culture of innovation, enhancing protection strategies, and expanding the use of databases within Brazil's intellectual property system.

In 2023, Ms. Souza was awarded third place in the "Minister Guilherme Palmeira Award" competition, organized by the Brazilian Federal Court of Accounts (TCU), for a co-authored paper on consensual dispute resolution within the Public Administration.

Her professional and academic background also reflects a commitment to strengthening legal, political, economic, financial, and cultural ties between Latin America and East/Southeast Asia, with particular focus on Brazil-China relations.

AFFILIATIONS

- Brazilian Bar Association – Rio de Janeiro Section (OAB/RJ);
- Legal Director, Observa China 观中国.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro – PUC-Rio (2023).

PUBLICATIONS

- [Rio de Janeiro IP Courts solidify understanding on which issues should be considered in SEP disputes: FRAND to be assessed based on concrete and empirical evidence instead of biased models | Licks Attorneys](#), Lexology, 2026;
- [Brazil: A High-Leverage and Reliable Jurisdiction for Chinese Patent Owners](#), IP Forefront, 2026;
- [Brasil e China na Era das Tecnologias Críticas: Governança, Reindustrialização e Soberania Digital, Carta Brasil-China](#), Conselho Empresarial Brasil-China, 2025;
- [Notas sobre Patentes Essenciais: por que a China importa nesse cenário?](#), Revista Sinóptica 提纲, Observa China 观中国, 2025;
- [Inteligência Artificial, Mediação e Smart Contracts: Proposta para a Solução de Conflitos oriundos da Lex Cryptographica](#), In: Inteligência Artificial e Direito: Aplicação prática e responsabilidade – Volume I, Editora PUC-Rio, 2025;
- [Strategic Alliances in Tech: The Evolution of Brazil-China Relations in Semiconductors and Telecommunications](#), Macau Journal of Brazilian Studies, 2025;
- [Um é pouco, dois é bom, três é demais? Para se requerer exame de um pedido de patente, três anos é muito melhor](#), Migalhas, 2024;
- [Digital Currencies in the Developing World: Coordinating and Sandboxing CBDCs](#), T20 Brasil, 2024;
- [Cooperação Brasil-China - Uma nova página para a indústria de telecomunicações?](#), Observa China 观中国, 2023;
- [O Direito de Dano e a Proteção de Dados Pessoais em Perspectiva Comparada](#), CONPEDI, 2022;
- [A Lei de Proteção de Informações Pessoais \(PIPL\) e o Papel do Direito numa China Hiperconectada](#), Observa China 观中国, 2021.