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PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Regulation
- Food & Drug Law

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English

BIOGRAPHY

Having worked on every major lawsuit concerning ICT (Information and Communications Technology) patents in Brazil, Rodolfo Barreto has gained one-of-a-kind expertise in high-stakes patent litigation and cross-border disputes. He is also prominent in legal and administrative matters involving antitrust and Standard-Essential Patents (SEPs). Mr. Barreto is the go-to litigator when key intellectual property assets are involved.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Represented a foreign company in a dispute with the leading consumer electronics manufacturer that resulted in a global patent licensing agreement in less than a month after the case in Brazil was filed;
- Represented a foreign company in a case that resulted in the first ever injunction granted in Brazil for a video-coding patent;
- Represented a foreign company in the first ever patent assertion case against streaming services in Brazil;
- Represented several pharmaceutical companies in a novel proceeding that positively impacted the validity of dozen Brazilian patents held by clients;
- Asserted standard-essential and implementation patents in the first ever multi-front patent enforcement case in Brazil, which resulted in seizure of infringing goods at the borders;
- Developed from scratch a strategy to preemptively defend patents against infringement claims in a leading case;
- Developed from scratch a strategy to expedite the prosecution of patents pending at the patent office that resulted in a permanent injunction issued in record time after filing a writ of mandamus;
- Acted as a legal consultant of the Brazilian Confederation of Industry on the preparation of the “5G and SEPs: The role of intellectual property on the development of digitalization” guide;
- Represents a pharma company on a lawsuit seeking to revert the highest antitrust fine ever applied in Brazil for unilateral practices.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Legal 500 Latin America – Intellectual Property (2027, 2026, 2025);
- IAM Strategy 300 (2026);
- Leaders League – Civil and Commercial Litigation (2026, 2025);
- IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders (2026, 2025);
- IAM Strategy 300 (2025, 2024);
- WIPR Leaders (2025);
- Client Choice Award 2022 - Litigation in Brazil (2022).

AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Council of the Brazilian Bar Association – Rio de Janeiro Section (OAB/RJ) for the 2025–2027 term;
- Chair of the Information and Communication Technologies Committee of OAB/RJ.

EDUCATION

- Master of Laws (LL.M), Economics of Intellectual Property and Innovation, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ (2024);
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), Federal University of Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ (2014).

PUBLICATIONS

- Brazilian Court-appointed expert reports demonstrate SEP owners' FRAND compliance: Comparable licenses can lead to evidence-based preliminary injunctions, IP ForeFront, 2026;
- Brazilian Court-appointed expert reports demonstrate SEP owners' FRAND compliance: Comparable licenses can lead to evidence-based preliminary injunctions, Lexology, 2026;
- 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;
- A antecipação da prova pericial em ações de infração de patente: A interface do contraditório com a eficiência, Migalhas, 2026;
- InterDigital wins Brazilian PI against Transsion over two 5G SEPs: court-appointed expert report confirmed essentiality, FRAND compliance of offer, ip fray, 2026;
- Lessons from DivX: a model for ensuring patent protection in Brazil, Lexology, 2026;
- Chambers Global Practice Guides: Patent Litigation 2026, Chambers, 2026;
- Struggle overcoming licensing video streamers possible with flexibility, IAM, 2025;
- InterDigital's Brazilian double whammy against Disney: preliminary (but merits-based) injunction over two streaming patents, ip fray, 2025;
- OAB/RJ instaura Comissão de Tecnologias da Informação e Comunicação, Migalhas, 2025;
- Standards, inovação e concorrência, Teletime, 2025;
- Why Brazil stands out as a key jurisdiction for SEP enforcement in 2025, IAM, 2025;
- Brazil: SEPs and FRAND – litigation, policy and latest developments, IAM, 2024;
- Justiça manda Amazon acelerar abandono de tecnologia por trás do 4K no Brasil, O Globo, 2024;
- Após derrota com liminar no Brasil, Amazon diz que vai parar de usar tecnologia por trás de vídeo ultra HD e 4K no país, O Globo, 2024;

- Brazilian court hands down first tech permanent injunction to Netflix, as SEP litigation continues to rise, IAM, 2024;
- Nokia assina acordo com chinesa e encerra disputa por patentes, Veja Mercado, 2024;
- DivX: The video processing company taking on streaming giants, IAM, 2024;
- Netflix first to be permanently enjoined over Brazilian standard-essential patent; Lenovo hit with preliminary injunction, ip fray, 2023;
- Brazil: SEPs and FRAND – litigation, policy and latest developments, IAM, 2023;
- Availability of preliminary injunctions makes Brazil an attractive litigation venue for SEP owners, IAM, 2023;
- Brazil's STJ allowed Ericsson to enforce preliminary injunction against Apple over FRAND-pledged standard-essential patent, Foss Patents, 2023;
- Ericsson vence disputa contra a Apple no STJ, diz jornal, Valor Econômico, 2022;
- Na disputa por patentes do 5G, Ericsson obtém vitória contra Apple no STJ, O Globo, 2022;
- Brazil: SEPs and FRAND – litigation, policy and latest developments, IAM, 2022;
- 5G e patentes essenciais: O papel da propriedade intelectual no avanço da digitalização, CNI - Confederação Nacional da Indústria 2022;
- Brazilan preliminary injuction and protection of IP rights, The Legal 500, 2020.