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PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Patents

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English

BIOGRAPHY

Estela Alves has been an attorney at law at Licks Attorneys' Rio de Janeiro office since 2025, focusing her practice on patent litigation in the pharmaceutical and life sciences industries. Prior to that, Mrs. Alves gained experience as an attorney at a well-known Brazilian law firm specialized in intellectual property, in which she handled highly complex disputes involving patents, plant variety, and regulatory law. She also has extensive background in both patent infringement and nullity lawsuits, as well as in providing legal advice for clients in administrative proceedings before Anvisa (Brazil's FDA) and MAPA (Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture) concerning drug law and agribusiness matters.

AFFILIATIONS

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

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B – Summa Cum Laude), Federal University of Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ (2024).

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- UFRJ's San Tiago Dantas Award for Best Undergraduate Thesis in Law – Nominee (2024).

PUBLICATIONS

- [Ter ou não um mecanismo de recomposição de ajuste no prazo de patentes? Porque o 'não' do INPI é um argumento para o 'sim'](#), Migalhas, 2026;
- [To Have or Not to Have a Patent Term Adjustment Mechanism? Why the BRPTO's "No" Is an Argument for "Yes"](#), Lexology, 2026.