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#### PRACTICE AREAS

- Patent
- Geographical Indications
- Computer Programs
- Topographies of Integrated Circuits

#### LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English

#### BIOGRAPHY

Elvira Andrade is the co-head of Licks Attorneys' telecommunications patent practice team. She joined Licks Attorneys as a technology specialist in 2013 after a successful, decades-long career at the BRPTO, where she started as a patent examiner, having occupied several high-profile positions in patent examination, including deputy of all patent examination of telecom, computer, and electronics arts, now under DITEL and DICEL art units. Ms. Andrade was responsible for the BRPTO's position on patentability of computer-implemented inventions. She was also the head of the Division of Computer Program Registration and Acting General Coordinator of Other Registrations, which included computer programs registers. Ms. Andrade also worked in the board of appeals, post-grant oppositions, and invalidity proceedings on behalf of the BRPTO. When responsible for patentability of computer-implemented inventions, Ms. Andrade lectured and participated in the BRPTO working group that created BRPTO's examining guidelines for these arts. At Licks Attorneys, she works with drafting and prosecuting of patent applications, patent infringement, and invalidity litigation. Ms. Andrade is considered Brazil's top expert on BRPTO invalidity opinions as well as third-party submissions. She is also the only person in the country that issues expert opinions to determine if patents are Standard Essentials Patents (SEPs).

#### PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Leaders League – Patent Prosecution (2025);
- Acting Head of the BRPTO's Patent Division of Physics, Electronics, and Electricity of (DIRPA) from December, 1999 to October, 2005;
- Head of the BRPTO's Division of Computer Program Registration from September 2005 to July, 2011;
- Acting General Coordinator of Other Registrations of the BRPTO from May, 2008 to November, 2010;
- Acting Head of the BRPTO's Patent Division of Physics, Electronics, and Electricity (DIRPA) from December, 1999 to October, 2005;

- Visiting Scholar at United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in patent, copyrights, and geographic indications areas.

## EDUCATION

- Graduate Program, Intellectual Property Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro – PUC-Rio (2005);
- Graduate Program, Telecomputing, Estácio de Sá University – UNESA (1986);
- Specialization in Industrial Property, World Industrial Property Organization (WIPO) and United Nations Development Programme – UNDP (1980);
- Bachelor's Degree (B.Sc), Electronic Engineering – Telecommunications, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro – PUC-Rio (1979).

## PUBLICATIONS

- Intellectual Property in Software: what can we learn from international experience?, Brazilian Magazine of Innovation, 2009;
- Patentability criteria on business methods, ABPI Magazine #62, 2003.