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PRACTICE AREAS

- Antitrust
- Patents
- Industrial designs
- Trademarks
- Unfair competition
- Policy making

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English
- French
- Spanish

BIOGRAPHY

Nuno Pires de Carvalho joined Licks Attorneys as a partner, in 2016, to strengthen the firm's IP, Policy Making, and Competition practices. Before joining Licks Attorneys, he was the Director of the Intellectual Property and Competition Policy Division of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in Geneva, Switzerland. In his 16-year tenure at WIPO's International Bureau, he acted in three main areas: protection of traditional knowledge and genetic resources, legislative assistance to a significant number of developing countries as regards the implementation of TRIPS-related obligations in the field of industrial property as well as to implement their obligations under multilateral, and free trade agreements and the interface between intellectual property and competition law and policy.

In addition, Mr. Carvalho was a Counselor with the Intellectual Property Division of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, for three years (1996-1999). In that capacity, he assisted the TRIPS Council and helped developing countries to implement their TRIPS obligations. In his Brazilian practice, Mr. Carvalho was the in-house attorney in charge of intellectual property matters of a Nippo-Brazilian steel company, USIMINAS, based in Minas Gerais, Brazil, for 20 years (1976-1995). Since 2019, Mr. Carvalho has been a member of the International Advisory Board of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property.

Mr. Carvalho is known worldwide for his work as a published author of several books, chapters of books and articles on Intellectual Property. His last four publications, with Wolters Kluwer, consist of sourcebooks that explain how Intellectual Property has evolved, and continues evolving since Antiquity to today in various fields such as medicines, textiles, fashion, food, and hospitality. He is also a novelist and published poet. His literary works are available at the Kindle Store.

Mr. Carvalho holds an LL.M degree and a SJD degree from the Law School of Washington University in St. Louis (MO, USA). He also holds a JD degree, an LL.M degree, and an SJD degree from the Law School of the Federal University of Minas Gerais (Brazil).

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Best Lawyers – ‘Recommended’ Intellectual Property (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020);
- Legal 500 Latin America – IP Practice (2018);
- Legal 500 Latin America – IP Practice (2017).

AFFILIATIONS

- Advisory Board Member of the Portuguese Association of Intellectual Law (APDI);
- Federal Circuit Bar Association (FCBA);
- Brazilian Bar Association – Minas Gerais (OAB/MG);
- Brazilian Bar Association – Rio de Janeiro (OAB/RJ).

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.), Washington University in St. Louis – WashU (1993);
- Master of Laws (LL.M), Washington University in St. Louis – WashU (1991);
- Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.), Federal University of Minas Gerais – UFMG (1990);
- Master of Laws (LL.M), Catholic University of Portugal – UCP (1989);
- Master of Laws (LL.M), Federal University of Minas Gerais – UFMG (1988);
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), Federal University of Minas Gerais – UFMG (1980).

PUBLICATIONS

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- [From Babylon to the Silicon Valley – The Origins and Evolution of Intellectual Property: A Sourcebook](#), Wolters Kluwer, 2020;
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- [Propriedade Intelectual em Mercados Regulamentados: Os Casos das Indústrias Farmacêutica e Automotiva](#), Juruá Editora, 2013;
- Patently Outdated: Patents in the Post-industrial Economy – The Case for Service Patents, Kluwer Law International, 2012;
- Toward a Unified Theory of Intellectual Property: The Differentiating Capacity (and Function) as the Thread that Unites all its Components, 15 The J. of World Int. Prop. 251, 2012;
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- [200 Anos do Sistema Brasileiro de Patentes](#), Lumen Juris, 2009;
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- “From the Shaman’s Hut to the Patent Office: A Road Under Construction,” in Charles McManis (ed.), Biodiversity and the Law – Intellectual Property, Biotechnology & Traditional Knowledge, Earthscan, 2007;
- “Repression of Unfair Competition as Regards Pharmaceutical Test Data – From the Paris Convention to the TRIPS Agreement and Beyond,” in KIPO, Learned Papers on Intellectual Property: Korean Intellectual Property Office 30th Anniversary Publication, KIPO, 2007;
- [The Trips Regime of Antitrust and Undisclosed Information](#), Kluwer Law International, 2007;
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